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Details of our services are given on pages 2 and 3.

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(see page 18 for details)

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# January 2014

Wed	1		
Thu	2		
Fri	3		
Sat	4	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	5	11:00am	United benefice Covenant service. Communion 1 Kings 8:22-53 "Solomon's prayer of dedication"
Mon	6		
Tue	7	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	8	6:00pm 7:30pm	KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	9	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	10		
Sat	11		
Sun	12	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer 1 Kings 12:1-24 "A kingdom torn in two" A Passion to witness 9; How to push the boundaries of our church
Mon	13	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	14	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	15	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	16	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	17		

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on January 26th

Sat	18	8:30am	Ecumenical prayer meeting, followed by breakfast Christ Church
Sun	19	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion 1 Kings 18:16-46 "Elijah on Mount Carmel" Families at Four CTiS - Christian Aid, speaker Sally Haydon
Mon	20	9:00am 6:30pm	Prayer meeting (for schools) Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	21	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Christ Church Academy governors' meeting Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	22	12:00am 6:00pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	CTiS service, St Saviour's Church, Aston KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting Taize worship, St. Dominic's Church
Thu	23	10:30am 1:20pm	CTiS Communion, St. Michael's Church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	24		
Sat	25		
Sun	26	9:15am 2:30pm 6:00pm	Family service. 2 Kings 4:1-7 "Elisha and the widow" Autumn House service The course of your life! (8 sessions) 1. Getting started
Mon	27	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 9-13
Tue	28	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	29	6:00pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Thu	30	10:00am 1:20pm	MGP - What is our Mission? Monyhull Church, Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	31		

## Another year of what?

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The advertiser proclaims: “New Year. New you!” The phrase is used to sell us cream to smooth out wrinkles, diets to help us get trim, exercise regimes that enable us to become fitter, or new techniques to help us perform better.

The reality is more like: “New Year. Same you!” We may be pleased that our skin looks a bit better, that we can now wear a favourite item of clothing, run for the bus and recover before we need to get off again, or even have confidence to give an important presentation at work. But, if the truth were known, we behave in the same way and struggle to be the sort of person we really want to be, let alone the sort of person God wants us to be! Yet, with God, change is possible.

The Bible teaches us that there is one key relationship that changes us for good. This relationship also opens up the future to become the sort of person God wants us to be. Having described Jesus as being like light shining in a dark world, with many rejecting him, there is an amazing change in those who receive the light of Christ into their lives: *‘Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God’* (John 1v12-13). Those who believe and trust in Jesus begin a new life and a real relationship with him. Such people have been given a new birth to become the children of God. It means we can speak to God as our Father in heaven. This new life is neither the result of being born into the right family or ethnic group, nor a reward for something we have done. It’s a gift that we don’t deserve. We are spiritually born as rebels, so new birth is a gift from the One who loves to give!

Those who have become God’s children are to accept his loving words of encouragement, instruction, discipline, correction and wisdom. We can’t live as we once did. We can become people who are being changed to be the sort of people God wants us to be. Can I invite you to explore the idea of saying: “New Year. Changed you!” as we come under the rule of Jesus? Now that would make this year something special!

*Paul Kingman*



## A message to ponder

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So there we are! The shepherds have returned to the hillside, the wise men are on their way home and the decorations are on their way back to the attic. The fanfare of Christmas 2013 is slowly receding into the distance. 2014 has begun!

But as the treadmill of life cranks up again and growing children, complicated family situations and new targets at work compete for our energy and attention, let me take you back to that Bethlehem hillside for a moment. Luke tells us that the shepherds did two things on their way back to the sheep.

1. They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child (2v17)
2. They glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen (2v20)

The shepherds had good news and they wanted to share it and respond to it. Of course the treadmill of life continued much as it had done for the last 20 years; the sheep still needed worming and checking for ticks, they still needed constant watching, protecting and leading to new pastures. But as a result of that first Christmas night and their encounter with Jesus the shepherds had a new focus and perspective on life. Their praise and their message rang out.

Luke tells us that people *were amazed at what the shepherds said to them* (2:18), but he doesn't tell us what the longer term impact was.

Was their amazement a nine-day wonder? A message that induced a period of festivity a trip or two the synagogue, a celebratory meal, but was ultimately all forgotten once the baby in the manger had disappeared. Or perhaps it really did spark a fresh renewed faith and on-going commitment to God - that is until the soldiers butchered baby Matthew next door in their hunt for Jesus. Or maybe some of them, like Mary pondered and treasured the news in their amazement and like the shepherds responded in praise and an overwhelming desire to pass it on. We simply don't know! But what we do know is that all of those are still responses to the shepherds' message today. As 2014 gets underway with all its hopes and dreams, struggles and troubles, how amazed and affected will you allow yourself to be at the good news of a Saviour being born to you? I hope it's something you'll ponder and treasure every day of this New Year!

*Andy Cranston*

## An Evening with Phil and Arthur

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Saturday 1st March at 7pm in the Centre

Something for Everyone

Sale of plants and pots of spring bulbs

Have a guess at some games – 50p a go  
with great prizes to be won

Be part of a team in a light-hearted quiz

Refreshments

Proceeds to the Church general fund

Tickets £2 from Phil or Arthur, or from Irene and Kate in the office

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### Families @4

Families@4 is a twice monthly Sunday afternoon service in Christ Church Centre with cake, craft, stories and songs and most of all lots of fun! Starting at 4pm and finishing by 5pm, we are currently working our way through **the Jesus Storybook Bible** which shows how every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name! This term we'll continue to see how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament whisperings and prophecies about God's desire to rescue his people!

The dates for this term are:

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>19 Jan</b> –  | <i>How to pray</i>                   |
| <b>2 Feb</b> –   | <i>The Singer</i>                    |
| <b>16 Feb</b> –  | <i>The Captain of the Storm</i>      |
| <b>2 Mar</b> –   | <i>Filled full!</i>                  |
| <b>16 Mar</b> –  | <i>Treasure hunt!</i>                |
| <b>6 April</b> – | <i>The friend of little children</i> |

We love welcoming new comers so we do hope you can join us!

For more information contact Andy Cranston on 818983 or  
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# Churches Together in Stone

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

***Christ Church at 8.30am***  
Ecumenica Prayer Meeting  
followed by Breakfast

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

***Christ Church at 6.00pm***  
United Service  
Speaker Christian Aid Co-ordinator Sally Hayden

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

***Christ Church 9.00am***  
Prayer Meeting (for Schools)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

***Christ Church 10.00am***  
Coffee followed at 10.30am by  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

***St Saviour's Church, Aston 12 Noon***  
Short act of worship together  
followed by simple lunch

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

***St Dominic's Church***  
Taize Worship at 7.30pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

***St Michael's  
Church at  
10.30am***  
Holy Communion  
followed by Coffee



## A Twittering Bishop

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I had to be persuaded to go on Twitter... and then I needed a lot of help. First problem: I couldn't recall my Apple ID. Just too many passwords connected to different appliances for one butterfly-brained bishop to remember. After the kind and patient Diocesan Director of Communications sorted out my password issues, I still had to get over my technophobia. My daughter, Fran, came to my aid. Seeing how I used my smartphone only for texts, emails and phone calls, she sighed: 'Dad, you are a *Luddite* when it comes to technology. Why don't you swap your iPhone 4 for my iPhone 3. You're only using 5% of what that phone does...here, let me show you...'

Then I was concerned about the matter of substance: 'Why would I want to go on Twitter? I'm bound to say something to embarrass the family.'

'Nothing new there!' Fran replied, all too quickly.

'But I might get carried away. I'll tweet something stupid, let down the Church and then have to apologise profusely.'

'Ditto', she said.

'It is only 140 characters. I suppose, I won't need to say much,' I offered. Fran smiled: 'Yes, you're good at that.'

So, I ran out of excuses and now I'm a 'newbie'. You need a profile. Mine is: '@shrewsbishop: follower of Jesus, husband, father, c-of-e bishop, left-handed, right brained, lover of cricket, Chelsea FC, fisherman and country boy.'

Like learning to swim with my big toe on the bottom bouncing me along, I am only a tentative tweeter. But I'm becoming a more avid watcher and listener. And I have noticed a few things:

1. Twitter is the first for news now. The News Corporations follow Twitter to catch what is going on around the world. If you are linked to Twitter you seem to be in touch with a global community. For Christians, called to be part of growing God's Kingdom on earth, here is a vehicle for connecting directly with God's world.

2. It's a great place to learn stuff. There are links from people's tweets to articles, photographs and blogs. Twitter looks good for networking, research and as a learning tool. Following the right people on Twitter means we can pick up distilled wisdom. Followers of Jesus are called 'disciples' and Twitter looks to be a hub where we can enhance our learning as pilgrims in God's world.

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## A Twittering Bishop *(cont)*

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3. There are a lot of people out there in ‘Twitterland’, engaging with one another, making connections and creating networks. Christians are called to be missionaries and here is an entire new mission field. How is the love of Christ best revealed, shared and embodied amongst the inhabitants?

4. Twitter is ideally a conversation not a broadcast. The most effective tweeters don’t just megaphone their message to everyone but listen to others, respond to their ideas and engage naturally. They seem to share directly and concisely what they think without imposing it. Called to an incarnational mission, we must understand the context we inhabit, learn the language and dialects, listen and engage with people where they are. You cannot build a community without being good neighbours.

5. Twitter is good for sharing information about community services and events that then get retweeted around various networks. Here in Shropshire, One vicar with one tweet managed to reach over 900 people within two hours concerning latest details about the local Food Bank and a Christingle for the Children’s Society. Called to create community in often remote rural areas, here is a way for the Church to be good news, draw people’s attention to resources available for the common good and bring folk together.

So here I am like a stranger in a foreign land. So much to learn – geography, customs and language. Feeling less like bold St Paul and more like the Mark who wanted to leave and go home, I wonder if there are some Barnabas- like friends to encourage me on this journey?

My daughter has got me started but @shrewsbishop definitely needs help.

*Mark Rylands,  
Bishop of Shrewbury*



Saturday November 23 was a still, autumnal day, and Fred rested on my workbench. The original Fred was a tiny light aircraft designed and built by a Stoke school teacher, Eric Clutton. After three months of building my red and white, scale model was due for its first flight. It is a faithful replica of the prototype and reminds me that we are all made in the image of God. My time and creative skills have been put into "Fred", and I wonder if I reflect the qualities that God has invested in me in the same way?

Before the flight, I had to check that the radio control was working. Was Fred picking up the signals that I was transmitting? By the same token, am I tuned in and attentive to the signals that God is giving me?

Ready to go, and Fred waited on the flying strip. First flights are always nerve wracking. Some models insist on going their own way, usually with disastrous consequences! Although God desires to steer us through life, He still gives us free will. When we do not listen and try to obey his commands, we soon get in a spin and crash!

The real moment of truth came when I opened the throttle. Under power Fred came to life. Christians are filled with the life giving power of God, through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said "I am going to send what my Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke24:49ff) The power of the Holy Spirit really enables us to take off, as Christians.

Flying free and responding to my controls, Fred was in his element. But all was not well - it rarely is on a first flight like this. Fred was not behaving as I really wanted. Left to its own devices the model tried to climb too quickly and turn ever more steeply in one direction. So the next crucial phase was to trim the aircraft.

The Radio Control Transmitter has tiny sliding switches, which can make small adjustments to the way the model flies. I suspect that most of us have experienced those subtle nudges in our hearts to behave in a slightly different way. The Lord is continually, trying to sensitively "trim" our lives, so that we move in His direction.

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## **Fred's first flight** *(cont)*

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After five minutes, which seemed like a lifetime, I called out “Landing!” to warn other modellers on the field that I was about to fly low and close. Aero modellers have a saying “Take-offs are optional, but landings are mandatory”. You might say it’s a matter of some gravity, that eventually every flight will come to an end! This forces me to face a very personal question “will my landing be safe?” Will we land in “The place I have prepared for you” as Jesus promises in John 14:1ff, or somewhere “far out of the field”.

Fred, I am glad to say, safely touched down where I intended. Without my creative love he would not have existed, without my control he would have crashed, and without power he would never have flown.

But you will say why “Fred”? It’s a funny name for an aeroplane. Back in the sixties Eric Clutton named his creation Fred. It was an acronym for “Flying Runabout Experimental Design”! *Roger and Fred*

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### **11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Covenant Service and bring & share lunch**

Jesus spoke of a new covenant in his blood. The word covenant describes a relationship, the way of approaching the holy God, which is based on his prior commitment to us. In the light of this grace, shown to us in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to trust and obey him. At the start of a new year we have an opportunity to do this. Please note the service time at 11.00am followed by a bring and share lunch [CC, Stone savoury; O & M desserts].

This year our guest preacher is Revd Philip Sowerbutts. Philip is married to Claire and they have two teenage children Jamie and Annie. He has been vicar of Castle Church in Stafford for the last 7 years. Before ministry Philip was involved in Primary education, both as a teacher and in teaching teachers! As a musician he has, on several occasions, been in bands leading the music at Spring Harvest and both the London and Northern Men's Conventions. Philip is on the Lichfield Diocesan Training Team and is involved in Curate formation and teaching modules on Music in ministry, biblical church leadership and preaching. He is also a visiting lecturer at Oak Hill Theological College, in London, teaching music and Spirituality.

## Safely landed in Senegal

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Hello,

We have arrived safely in Senegal! All our luggage, including Adam's guitar also made it here and we got our visas no problem at the airport. Thanks for all your prayers.

We have been welcomed by the WEC workers here and well looked after by them. We have been exploring the dusty streets of Dakar, visiting local markets and other places, eating Senegalese food, and learning about the culture and life here. Dakar is a big city, full of life and noise, and many sights that you wouldn't see in the UK!

Our programme for the next few weeks is to continue with orientation and adjusting to life here. Soon we will start looking for a flat or a house to live in. (At the moment we are staying in the WEC guest house) Please pray that God would help us find the right place to be our home. It is important we find somewhere safe, with a landlord we can trust and friendly welcoming neighbours. We want somewhere that will be a place of rest and refreshment for us. We are also praying that we can find somewhere that is walking distance to the House of Hope, the project where we will be working.

Thanks for praying with us, and coming with us on this journey!

*Sarah and Adam*

P.S If you would like to write to us or send anything our postal address is:

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CP 12523  
Dakar Fann  
Senegal



## A series of presentations for the John Young Foundation by Roger Vaughan

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For over forty years I have been involved in the Christian Ministry of Healing. These four talks attempt to deal with some of the issues which are related to this ministry which have had to be faced from time to time.

**The sessions are to take place at Christ Church Centre, Stone**

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### **Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm –Healing and the “authentic voice of God”**

This deals with discernment and how we can begin to work out if the "nudges" we get are really from God or not. What guidelines can Scripture give us, and what common pitfalls should we be trying to avoid?

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### **Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.-The healing power of forgiveness**

Christian forgiveness is a painful path, but a glorious way. Because it is painful and difficult we often try to short cut the process, for example, by using simplistic and unhelpful phrases like “Just forgive, and it will be fine”. This presentation seeks to address the difficulties, and outlines some practical steps to help us to become “forgiving people”.

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### **Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm-“All will be well” - healing and death.**

This is a "head on" look at prevailing attitudes to death, and the way we use "semi-Christian" ideas in popular culture to cover up the enigma of death. An attempt to give simplistic answers has to be avoided. However, we all need to face the challenge of our death and set it against the background of our Christian Faith.

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### **Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm-“Breaking the mould” – Healing false thought patterns.**

In today’s noisy, bustling and frantic world we face some serious questions. How free are we to live the life God intended for us? How often do we allow our lives to be moulded by the pressures of society, and our hidden desire for approval? Romans 12:2 would make a very good alternative title for this presentation!

*Roger M Vaughan*

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Cost £7.50 per session or £25 for all four sessions

To book, contact the John Young Foundation

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## Bows and Arrows

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*(news from the Beesigomwes in Botswana)*

Dear Partners at Christ Church;

Greetings in the most precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We trust that the Lord has continued to be your all in all and a blessing at home and work.

### **Ministry news**

Because of your commitment to keep us in the mission field, and God's faithfulness and grace, the Lord has continued to touch some groups and individuals in Botswana with what is increasingly becoming more visibly necessary for all - Family Life and Character Education. This was evidenced by the number partnerships formed. Churches and Schools used over 100,000 age specific and relevant books of hope that will last a few years donated by our partners - OneHope.

Believers Destiny Academy gave us an opportunity and support to not only teach about 1120 children in the school key character skills but also to reach out to other schools through peer educators. Teaching the same class one lesson per week made growth and follow up a joy for both teachers and learners. We also partner with Fair Grounds Holdings to run parenting, Marriage Fitness and Youth Empowerment meetings using their wonderful facilities at no cost.

In addition, God gave us twelve young Batswana that are slowly but surely learning to share the burden of reaching their country with the message of Hope on a part time basis. Some of them are potential missionaries. We are trusting God to provide consistent financial support that does not only cover transport but personal needs as well for them.

We also partner with Pumpkin Punch Pre-school to share moral and Spiritual character education. You need to see how much joy Robinah adds to the 2 - 5 year old children and the joy they add to her. She is amazed at how easily children can understand spiritual things when taught by someone who is able to go down to their level and use their style of learning.

We believe teaching children to change without targeting their significant other won't go very far. In October we launched the Family Programme to churches to use. It take 8 weeks in a church and or family setting to go through the programme. We provide for free both parent books and teachers' guide.

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## **Our Family Programme** (*Beesigomwe news cont*)

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Critical themes are addressed each week as part of the pastors message and or in a weekly meeting to help parents or guardians lead the daily family discussions. Major Themes: Our Family, We are All Special and Unique, Our Different Roles, Learning from Each Other, Having Fun Together, Our Larger Family, Making a Difference in Our Community, Our Family's Future.

### **Family News**

We are happy to announce the arrival of Samantha Beesigomwe who came on 10 October 2013. This was about a year since Elijah and Prisca Beesigomwe got married. We felt an overwhelming homesickness but there was nothing we could do. Thank God for Skype. At least we can share in the beautiful sound of a crying baby. The three really sound happy. Our Names have since changed to grandpa and grandma and we can let our grey hair show with pride.

The University students are doing well by God's grace. Hannah finishes this December and hopefully plans to continue. Joel finishes next year and Martha in two years time. Ebenezer - thus far has the Lord brought us. Hallelujah!

Timothy and Jonathan Jr. are quite helpful around the house and enjoy their peer educator and students roles respectively. Nicholas is studying Music and teaches in a school in Zimbabwe. He visited us last August.

### **Pray and Praise**

- ✓ Thank God for government recognition of the work of Family Connections by renewing our permits again for the next five years.
- ✓ That God will continue to be glorified in His work as he touches more people in Botswana.
- ✓ That the Lord will keep the peer educators provided for so they remain a blessing to this nation through the Why wait Programme.
- ✓ That God will provide tickets for us to go and see the new dad and Mom and the baby.
- ✓ Being the President of the Associations of Ugandans in Botswana has added many responsibilities to my wife and I. She is not just the first lady but also vice secretary. But we thank God for the privilege to serve Ugandans this way.

May the Lord continue to reward you for your love. Merry Christmas

*Beesigomwes*

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

31st October	Colin Thomas Nevitt	Age 85
1st November	Robert Hawley	Age 85

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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5th January	D. Pickles J. Rowlands	D. Wilson V. Ledward
12th January	C. Wilding P. Roberts	K. McKnight G. Holden
19th January	D. Davies V. Ledward	K. Woodward K. Thompson
26th January	P. Hipkiss G. Lugg	J. Abrahams D. Wilson



## FLOWER ROTA

5th January	Flower Guild
12th January	Flower Guild
19th January	Flower Guild
26th January	Flower Guild



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## ROADS FOR PRAYER

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### 5th January

Mount Road  
Mount Street  
Old Road  
Stonefield Court

### 19th January

Alma Street  
Bromfield Court  
Dominic Court  
Granville Terrace  
King's Avenue

### 12th January

Stonefield Square  
Victor Street  
Victoria Street  
Whitebridge Lane

### 26th January

Longton Road  
Margaret Street  
Newcastle Street  
Newcastle Road



## Costa Coffee Advent Window

The Lady Mayoress and her husband were welcomed and thanked by our Curate Andy Cranston. Some of us had bought drinks before the unveiling at 11 am - the various drinks were enjoyed by everyone who tasted them. There was a group of approximately thirty people, with more people inside. The carol we sang was "The First Nowell", and the six verses were sung enthusiastically by everyone present. The window was covered by a full length "Happy Christmas" sheet, which was unveiled at 11 am to reveal a sparkling and shiny number 1. A cheer went up!

*Angela Burton*

# Happy New Year

# Groups and Activities

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**Deanery Synod Reps** Mrs S Hallam, Mr R. Brandon, Mr D. Rowlands  
**P.C.C. Members** Mrs I. Gassor, Mr G. Donaldson  
 Mrs K. Latham, Mr P. Mason, Mrs D. Hazlehurst  
 Mrs A. Burton, Mrs M. Hillman,  
 Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs E. Woodhead  
 Mrs S. Sanders

**Secretary** Shelagh Sanders  
**Treasurer** Kevin Reynolds 850135  
**Envelopes, Gift Aid** Richard Latos

## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>Climbers 3-7 years</b>	Sandra Morray.....	286093
<b>Explorers 7-11 years</b>	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
<b>Pathfinders 11-14 years</b>	Enid Bell.....	815775
<b>Banner Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
<b>Church Missionary Boxes</b>	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936
<b>Men's Fellowship</b>	Mike Thompson.....	813712
<b>Missions Secretary</b>	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
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**Young People's Activities** take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

*Climbers* 3-7 years      *Explorers* 7-11 years      *Pathfinders* 11-14 years

The following activities take place every week week in the Centre during term time.

*Monday Toddlers*      9.30 am

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