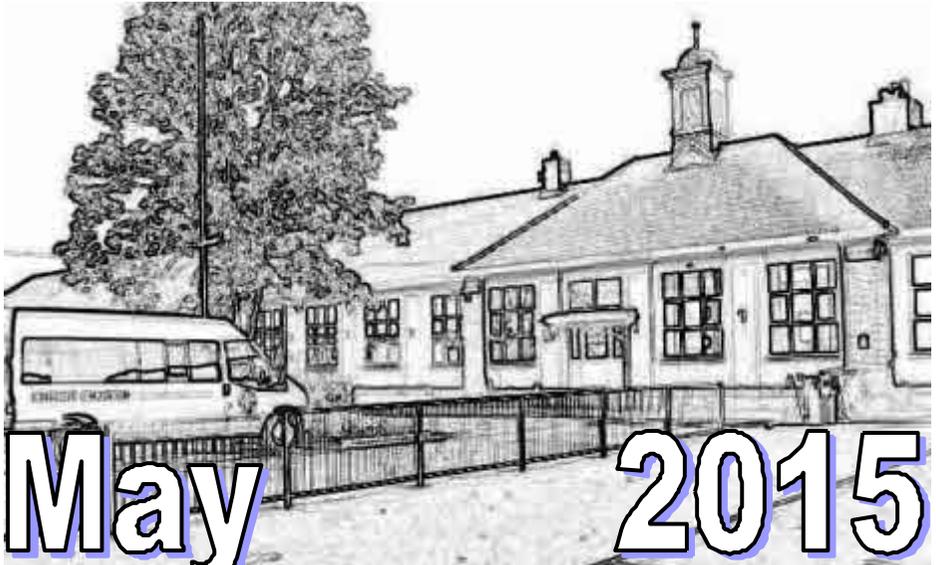


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(see page 17 for details)

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Fri	1		
Sat	2	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	3	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Lev 3 "Peace offering" (Psalm 85) Gospel Identity course
Mon	4		
Tue	5	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	6	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	7	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	8		
Sat	9		
Sun	10	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Lev 4 "Sin offering" (Psalm 22) Gospel Identity course
Mon	11	9:30am 6:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	12	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	13	6:00pm 7:30pm	KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting
Thu	14	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	15		
Sat	16		
Sun	17	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Lev 6 "Trespass offering" (Psalm 69) Gospel Identity course

Mon	18	9:30am 6:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	19	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	20	6:00pm	KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	21	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	22		
Sat	23		
Sun	24	9:15am 6:00pm	Family service Acts 2:1-41 "Lord and Christ" Gospel Identity course
Mon	25		
Tue	26	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29		
Sat	30		
Sun	31	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Acts 3 "The author of life" Gospel Identity course

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on May 24th

If you were given one job.....

It is often said that success breeds success. There is an element of truth to this in that we like to be part of something that is flourishing. Just think of your social life or sporting activity. At face value it looks like this is the case in the Church of England. It has a small proportion (just over 1%) of its churches which are ‘larger’ than others (350+ attendance) and are growing more than other churches. The trend since 1989 if it continues, leads to the forecast that in 10 years time that one-sixth of everyone going to an Anglican church will attend this small group of churches! Yet in many cases they grow by transfer from other churches, rather than through conversion of new people. The churches we may consider ‘successful’ face exactly the same challenge: to make disciples. Jesus said to his followers: *“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you”* (Matthew 28:18-20). Yet the great commission so often becomes the great omission! It is not a suggestion, or one option among many possible lifestyles, but a command. The person who follows Jesus is to be involved in making disciples of Jesus.

Discipleship isn’t easy. It is true that forgiveness is a wonderful gift through faith in Jesus. But discipleship will cost us our lives: *“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”* (Luke 9:23-25). To be a disciple of Jesus means that our lives are no longer our own—they are His.

Discipleship isn’t a solitary pursuit, but relational. Jesus’ followers are to grow in a relationship with him, be an active part of his work to make disciples and be part of a community of believers. As lives are shared we learn how to love the Lord and each other, allowing others to disciple us by letting them challenge us and encourage us in our walk with God: *‘As iron sharpens iron, so one sharpens another’* (Prov 27v17). We need one another as we grow to become wholehearted disciples of Jesus.

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Discipleship isn't self-driven, but comes from knowing Jesus. As we develop our understanding of the Bible, so we come to know the depths of his wisdom; as we develop a pattern of prayer, so we will enjoy his presence. The Apostle Paul wrote to his younger colleague: "*What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also*" (2 Timothy 2:2). The Bible reveals God's character and will, so it provides all that we need to grow.

As we focus on the priority that Jesus gives, so we will become the people he wants us to be and the church will become what he wills it to be. Disciple making is to be our priority, just as Jesus commands, and we hope you will be a part of it.

Paul Kingman

Our Sermon series in May

Mornings at Christ Church, Stone & Oulton: '*Five offerings fulfilled in Christ*'

(Leviticus 1-6). Sacrifice and offerings, promises and warnings. It's all here in Leviticus! But why was it taught in the Jewish Sunday school? God revealed that he is a holy God - radically distinctive in his moral purity. The sacrificial system enabled sinners to approach the holy One in safety. We will look at just a short section thinking about how Jesus fulfilled various offerings for us.

Moddershall & midweek: '*A gospel centred church*'

(I Thessalonians). In this letter to the church in Thessalonica we discover key principles for the church to be gospel centred *i.e.* how its life is to be based on the good news of Jesus Christ.

Evenings at Christ Church: '*Gospel Identity – discovering who you really are.*'

The gospel has power to transform Christians. This set of studies deepens our understanding of our need for Jesus, the blessings given through our new identity and new life in Christ, but also how these gifts change us and move us outward.

Questions for personal or group reflection

26th April Lev 2: Meal offering

The cereal offering represents a blameless life

1. What does the offering emphasise (v1,11)?
2. What does this offering provide that the worshipper lacks? How is this fulfilled in Jesus in Heb 7v26; I Jn 2v6?
3. In Psalm 16 what are (a) the marks of a believer (v1-4); (b) the privileges (v5-8); (c) their prospects (v9-11)?

3rd May Lev 3: Peace offering

The peace offering speaks of communion.

1. What is this based on (v1-2) and how is this expressed (v5)?
2. Is this relationship with God something you truly know and are satisfied by?
3. In Psalm 85 (a) what is the basis for the Psalmist's prayer in v1-7 and why? (b) What is God's promise in v8-13?

10th May Lev 4: Sin offering

1. What distinguishes the sin and guilt offerings from the burnt, meal and peace offerings (see v2,13,22)?
2. What is God's provision that is assured?
3. In Psalm 22 (a) what sufferings are mentioned and why are they made harder to bear (v1-21)? Compare with Jesus in Mt 27v35-46; (b) What are the consequences of these sufferings (v22-31)? See also Heb 2v12.

17th May Lev 6-7: Trespass offering In addition to the private burnt offerings of the people there was a daily public sacrifice

1. What lessons are to be learnt from the fact that neither the sacrifice nor the fire were to fail? See also Heb 6v11-12.
2. In 7v11-21 the peace offering was offered to God as a spontaneous gift of love. What three kinds of peace offerings could be brought?
3. What about us? See also Heb 13v15-16.
4. In Psalm 69 what does (a) the Psalmist pray and expect v1-28? See also Luke 23v34; (b) What is the consequence?

Who is my neighbour?

In the month of the General Election, Bishop Mark considers how Jesus' demands that we should be involved with making the world as God intends means we can't avoid grappling with political issues.

‘When people say that the Bible and politics don’t mix, I ask them which Bible they are reading’. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

God hates injustice. The Old Testament prophets held up God’s word as a mirror to the nation and took on the powerful. They reminded the people that God calls us to have compassion on the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the poor. Jesus identified himself with those on the margins and was never afraid to ask the hard questions and tackle unjust systems and actions.

As Christians, we are, therefore, called to follow in his footsteps and try to embody his teaching by the way we live and act. Living generously is one way and I see that in our churches across the Diocese. Christians (and others) are trying to serve their neighbours through difficult times. I think of Soul Purpose in Shrewsbury, Café Connect raising money for Shrewsbury Ark, the Foodbanks in Whitchurch, Telford and Oswestry, the debt counseling services in Wellington and Market Drayton ...you name it, we’re at it, trying to build the world that God intends for us, where justice and faith prevail.

We are also called to speak out at injustice. This is where the Church gets it in the neck for being ‘political’. Remember the Brazilian bishop, Dom Helder Camara: ‘when I give food to the poor they call me a saint; when I ask why they are poor they call me a communist’. Our faith demands us to be involved with all that helps to make this world as God intends and resist all that may prevent that Kingdom being established.

The election is taking place this month and a new government will be formed. We cannot stand aloof from this process, yet discerning how to vote and how to be involved is not simple. A ‘Cops and Robbers’ approach to politics will not suffice. ‘Socialist=good and Capitalist=bad’ thinking is far too simplistic. For we know that wealth creation is vital to provide the taxes that pay for local services. Having a thriving economy is part of providing good care in the community. Having people in work and paying taxes is crucial if we want to keep the NHS. In fact, paying taxes is a bit like the way the parish share system works in Lichfield Diocese.

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Who is my neighbour *(cont)*

It's about mutual support. It's the way we demonstrate that we do love and care for our neighbours.

Welfare bills have increased massively over the last decade - the amount this country spends on welfare has risen from 70 billion to 110 billion pounds. This has to be paid for and I believe it is right to tackle the deficit; right to try to stop us going into more and more debt – one trillion and counting. We cannot expect our children and grandchildren to bear our burdens, to pick up the tab for us.

Mind you, the Gospel has something to say about tax evaders and avoiders, too. It is noteworthy that Jesus never made any distinction between the deserving and undeserving poor. When people tell me anecdotes about scroungers, I don't disbelieve them, but I do ask, "What about wealthy scroungers?" and "what about the rich who pay no taxes? How are they loving their neighbour?! As a society, I believe we need to press for tax justice. That people should go hungry, when surrounded by such wealth, leaves the stain of shame on us all.

The Bible calls us to work and pray for a just and transformed world – the Kingdom of heaven here on earth. The House of Bishops has written a report: 'Who is my neighbour?' It calls for a new direction that we believe our political life might take; to create the sort of country that better reflects the values of the Kingdom of God.

As a General Election takes place and as a new government is established, I commend the Bishops' report to you.

Mark Rylands

Bishop of Shrewsbury

The keys points of the Bishops' report and a link to the full document can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2015/02/house-of-bishops'-pastoral-letter-on-the-2015-general-election.aspx>

Darkness to Light

From Darkness to Light is a phrase we usually use at Advent so it was fitting that the sodium light that illuminated the West wall of the church should be repaired in the week after Advent Sunday last year. It had been out of action for quite a few years, many of us had forgotten what the West end looked like lit up!!! If you're in town after dark take a look, the church looks great now. At the same time the big tree (I'm sure it has a proper name!!) by Christ Church Way was pruned & fitted with a few 'uplighters' & a couple to light up the South side. The tree was lit for Christmas but we've decided to keep the lights on throughout the year via a timer, aiming for dusk to midnight. Many years ago the Town Council installed lights in the tree for Christmas illumination but over time they became damaged & they too haven't been working for years. Lack of funds has meant that the Council were unable to replace them. The decision was taken not to re-install tradition 'string' lights because of the difficulty/cost in getting them up into the branches. Particular thanks to Pete Mason for all his hard work on this project. *Phil*

PCC News

The PCC. met on 19th March 2015 and the following matters were discussed:

- The PCC agreed to look into the costs involved in improving the comfort of the congregation by providing pew cushions
- The money raised by Phil and Arthur's Quiz Night has been used to provide some much needed additional tables for the church centre
- The work of the youth leader is continuing to provide a valuable link between the church and the young people in the area. The youngsters attending the various Youth Groups are attentive during the talks and provide thoughtful questions and observations. However the youth ministry requires regular financial support to continue its valuable work. The PCC asks that anyone who feels able to provide financial support to the ministry please contact the Christ Church office

The next PCC meeting will be on Wednesday 13th May 2015

Adventure Cruise

Another year, another Holiday Club. Once again a team of dedicated church members put a great deal of time and effort in to preparing for the Club, making banners, cutting out and painting seagulls, fish and dolphins!!! Then there's the rehearsing for the drama, always a hit with the children. The Club took place in the church and centre over 4 days following Easter Monday. This year's theme was an imaginary cruise around the 5 seas of Choice, Courage, Call, Change and Commitment, using stories of Jesus from St Luke's gospel for the Biblical teaching. The 'corners' (a base for each small group) were given the names of actual islands or groups of islands and decorated to reflect the things associated with them. The children who attended had a fantastic time and participated enthusiastically in all the activities.

Here are a few of their comments when asked what they enjoyed most.
Emilie : Kieran doing the games and the activities on stage (these seemed to involve lots of water being squirted over the children.....who loved it!!)

Imogen : The drama (about a family called the Watts, involving pirates, a kidnapped granny and a suitcase containing a very precious item)

Harriet : Making the crafts

Alex : Probably the Watt family drama.

Adam : It was ALL really really good.

Corey : The funny stuff and activities.

Zachary : Having the biscuits and drinks while doing the puzzle sheets and discussions.

Albert : Making the lighthouses in the craft activity.

Oliver : The games.

As you can see, the children had lots of fun, but we helpers and older participants hope and pray that some of the songs and Bible stories will remain with the children to encourage them to find out more about Jesus. It was lovely to see so many children with their parents at the Holiday Club service.

Thanks to Sue Kingman for organising the club once again.

Diana Tunstall

Sales - April 2014 – March 2015

Fairtrade sales at Christ Church and Oulton (with a few additional sales elsewhere) were £3,798. Ruth donates 10% of our annual sales to Traidcraft's own charity – Traidcraft Exchange. With the additional donations, she has been able to send £470 this year.

Fair Necessities Appeal

This appeal was launched by Traidcraft Exchange in January and finished on 3rd April. The government match funded the donations. The aim is to help the world's poorest smallholder farmers escape poverty and build better lives enabling them to afford life's essentials. The Benefice raised £345 for the appeal. This year Ruth has been able to match fund the annual donation, making a total of £815 for the appeal (£1,630 match funded).

Two projects where our money may be used.

1 Tea Farming – N Bangladesh

In N Bangladesh the land is very poor for growing sugar cane and vegetables (the two main crops in the area) but it is perfect for tea. Smallholder farmers joining the project receive training and advice and starter saplings on credit, to pay back when they make a profit. Hundreds of farmers have already been helped – often doubling the income earned from sugar cane, benefiting their families and communities.

£10 = 250 tea saplings – your support will help to continue and expand this project.

2 Green Beans – Kenya

60% of Kenya's production is imported into the UK, but the growers, pickers and packers are not benefiting. 73% of the pack-house workers are women, they have no job security and are poorly paid. The project will initially benefit 300 suppliers and 3,000 pack-house employees. Traidcraft will set up representative bodies for the employees and make them aware of their rights. Working agreements will be made between the Kenyan suppliers and the UK companies to ensure a fair, transparent and balanced supply chain.

Sheila

12 JIGSAW Literacy Programme for street children

Literacy is a right for all children and a build-ing block that breaks cycles of poverty. (UNICEF 2015) In November 2014 Jigsaw opened its Visayas avenue centre for children exposed to street life. One of its main goals was to start literacy classes for children living in or of the streets. Judith our literacy teacher and the support staff excitedly planned the project and set a date to get the classes under way. The journey had began but the classes were harder to get

going than we had thought they would be. Judith explains that although they were inundated with children and families excited and enthusiastic to learn to read and write by the third class attendance dropped till almost zero. The transient and challenging life styles of living on the streets made the security and structure needed for the children to attend 3 classes a week for the 35 week program too much of a challenge for most children. But Judith wouldn't give up and after asking for prayers from 'Friends of Jigsaw' she and the team continued on. They started to teach literacy informally in the centre, building precious relationships with the children and their families/groups sharing the importance of literacy. After 4 months of building daily relationships with the children and street communities our hearts are now overflowing with joy as the hard work empowered by prayer is bearing fruit

and flourishing with 2 literacy classes that have been going for 5 weeks with full attendance. God in his way is uniting and building community in love and care. As we reflect on the children's lives that are being transformed by Gods love; the loving words of our wonderful friend and former Jigsaw UK trustee—the late Jim Dearden refreshes my soul, “God takes intricate care of the minute detail” . He most certainly does. Hallelujah! Praise God.’

Jigsaw Thanks God For a New Washing Machine

In January friends of Jigsaw UK provided a grant to buy a washing machine for our Survivor Kids project to wash the children's clothes. Jigsaw provides 2 sets of clothes for the children coming from the streets and now with the brand new washing machine the older children are being taught to wash the spare set of clothes for all of the other children. It is also being used to wash the literacy children's school uniforms. Praise God. Thank you for your gifts that have contributed to the washing machine.

Jigsaws Kids Clubs update

Places of community, security, significance, creativity and boundaries— Places to BELONG, PLAY, LEARN AND GROW, to develop in well being and in Faith, Hope and Love.

Jigsaw 0– 6 kids clubs (278 attending in 5 clubs) team leaders share the success of the inclusion of both literacy and numeracy activities in their kids clubs and the joy that is radiating through the baking of birthday cakes for each child's birthdays. Jigsaw 7– 12 kids clubs (198 attending in 5 clubs) The good news is some children who went missing are now back in the kids club, in January they focused on the stories of Jesus praying and learnt the Lords Prayer as a prayer template. Budget was used to increase food as many children are malnourished. Jessica joined Ellen as team leader. Solid rock youth clubs ages 12—18 (68 attending in 4 centers) Aaron our solid rock leader reports that many of the 68 attending solid rock are growing in a deep faith in Jesus which is transforming their lives and those around them. They continue with bible study, games and life skills, linking the young people to our school sponsorship and employment programs. Jigsaw play clubs ages 0-6 & 7-12

(220 attending in 4 play clubs in four areas twice a week) Jigsaws foundation is to grow safe places for children living in extreme poverty to play and Beth the play coordinator shares how important these are to so many children. Children come into the culture of Jesus, she shares. Out of the pain and suffering which poverty brings into a place where they are welcomed in Jesus name, known by name and the greatest in the Kingdom. Playing grows community and relation-ships of love bringing healing and growth; Beth describes children playing as 'Gods way of doing things.' In January the 0-6 children were learning the letter sound D and made dinosaurs, learnt new songs and watched Tom and Jerry; 7-12 children made a yarn doll and ate 'Maja Blanca' Beth said the smiles filled the room. All the children enjoyed their free time to play with the toys, Praise God.

Jigsaw UK's calling has two focuses;

1. To 'Share the Good News of Jesus' through the work of Jig-saw Kids Ministry Philippines.
2. To empower a family of supporters called 'Friends of Jigsaw' to enable the work in the Philippines through Prayer, Gifts, School Sponsorship & Advocacy.

¹Be the answer to Loko's prayer this Christian Aid Week

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.' Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her children will starve. She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says. Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko. From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko. Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid. This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Christ Church 10 years ago

Lol Barnes reported on her visit to churches in East Germany; she visited a church in Lübeck

"The pastor, Lutz, told us how his church has grown from 13 people to 130 plus in only 10 years! Unfortunately we didn't get to meet any of his congregation, but we saw pictures of all of them",

and the Free Evangelical Church in Rostock

"Michael, the pastor told of his time under the communist regime and how difficult it had been for him. His testimony was very moving"

Mandi Mason wrote about her stay of almost a year in Mexico, working with WEC

"Amigos del Rey (friends of the King) - a children's programme in a poor suburb of the city. We ran monthly children's services in the town square and a week-long summer school"

"Amigos sin fronteras (Friends without borders) - a team of medical professionals who travel to poor towns offering medical and dental treatment, providing clothes, as well as conducting outreach activities".

"Centro Cristiano - the church I went to in Cuernavaca is the fastest growing church in the city, and it is incredible to see what God is doing there. There were five services each Sunday"

Christ Church 130 years ago

THE BAZAAR.

We are glad to place on record that this effort, which for so long a time occupied the energy of our lady friends, has proved a complete success. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Easter week will be long remembered as the days of Christ Church Bazaar. Though days of toil for many of us, they were, we feel sure, days of sincere enjoyment. The weather on the opening day was not very propitious. The town, however, presented quite a gay appearance. In addition to the decorations within, many handsome flags were exhibited. The bells of Old S. Michael's rung merrily to tell of its opening, and the lively strains of the Dresden Reed Band gave a spirit of enthusiasm to all outside. Within all was bright and gay. The hall was tastefully decorated, and each stall was arranged with the utmost care and neatness.

The Vicar, in calling upon Lady Stafford to formally declare the Bazaar open, referred to the efforts which had been made in connection with the Church Restoration, by the ladies of the congregation. £1050 had been raised by voluntary subscriptions, and £450 remained yet to be paid. The efforts made for this object had resulted in the present Bazaar. In offering to the Marchioness of Stafford a sincere and hearty welcome to Stone, the Vicar said he knew he was only expressing the feelings of those present, and of the town generally.

Lady Stafford then, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure it gave her to be present, and in declaring the Bazaar open, trusted it would be in every way successful.

On the proposition of Archdeacon Stamer, seconded by Dr. Fernie, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Marchioness for her patronage and presence. The band played the National Anthem, and the sale commenced. Lady Stafford then proceeded to each stall, and by her kind manner, and words of sympathy, did much to encourage our many workers.

The total receipts were slightly over £400.

Among the amusements were a Punch and Judy show, and a Ventriloquial Entertainment, a Fine Art Gallery, for the loans to which we were indebted to the kindness of several local friends. Each evening, too, we had a Parcels Post, presided over by Messrs. Ravenscroft, Harris, and Hamnett.

Registers and Rotas

Sidespersons Rota

AM

3rd May	K. Thompson D. Shemilt	J. Bowes D. Davies
10th May	D. Pickles G. Holden	K. McKnight D. Wilson
17th May	J. Abrahams P. Tunstall	K. Woodward C. Wilding
24th May	J. Bowes P. Roberts	D. Davies K. Thompson
31st May	D. Shemilt D. Pickles	K. McKnight G. Holden



Flower Rota

3rd May	Mrs S. Vaughan
10th May	Miss A. Butler
17th May	Mrs M. Jones
24th May	Mrs A. Illidge
31st May	Mrs V. Ledward



ROADS FOR PRAYER

3rd May

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road

24th May

Lotus Court
Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross

10th May`

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive

31st May

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square
York Street

17th May

Airdale Grove
Airdale Road
Airdale Spinney
Cross Street



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Envelopes, Gift Aid	Richard Latos	

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers 3-7 years	Sandra Morray.....	286093
Explorers 7-11 years	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
Pathfinders 11-14 years	Enid Bell.....	815775
Banner Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Church Missionary Boxes	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
Flower Guild	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936
Missions Secretary	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
Prayer Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
3rd Stone Brownies (Mon 6:00-7:30pm, First School)	Janet Smith.....	815939

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 **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday 6:30 pm

Youth Club (years 9-13) Tuesday 7:00 pm **Kingzone** (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

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Christ Church welcomes you!

Whether you are new to the Stone area or have been living here for some time you are welcome to come to this church. The church is made up of adults and children who want to know more about the living God, who has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and continues to speak to us through His Spirit-inspired word, the Holy Bible (which can be read online at www.biblegateway.com and we recommend a modern translation e.g. the New International Version or English Standard Version).

We are a Christian church, because at the heart of what we believe is the fact that to know God personally we must put our trust in Jesus' death for our forgiveness so that we can be reconciled to God. We are part of the Anglican church, the basis of its Trinitarian belief is summarised in the Book of Common Prayer with its 39 articles, though we unite in Christ irrespective of denomination. We are an Evangelical church, as we see that the Bible is God's word for us and so is to inspire all that we do. This church was established with the help of the renowned Charles Simeon.

Our church meetings help us to grow in our understanding of what the Bible tells us about God, and this is something that we encourage others to investigate especially through our *Christianity Explored* course (see details on the national website www.christianityexplored.org). If you would like details of when the next local course is starting then please contact the church office.

We have children's and youth activities running during the Sunday meetings and also during the week, such as our Tuesday evening youth club. Adults may be further involved through small groups which meet for Bible study and prayer, a midweek communion service and a monthly prayer meeting.

Our community involvement includes links with the local schools: Christ Church First, Oulton First, Christ Church Academy and Alleyne's High.

We also have links with the Church in India, The Philippines, Croatia, Botswana and Pakistan.

This magazine and the church website concern Christ Church in Stone, but we are linked with the churches in Oulton and Moddershall (see separate magazine and website).