

Christ Church and People

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(see page 18 for details)

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July 2015

Wed	1	9:25am 6:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	2	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	3		
Sat	4	10:00am 12:00 noon	“Everybody Welcome” coffee morning “Stone Rocks” Music, stalls, refreshments Christ Church Academy
Sun	5	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Matthew 9:9-17 “Forgiveness at the heart of the Gospel” Stephen Bell visiting
Mon	6	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	7	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service. Service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	8	9:25am 6:00pm 7:15pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting
Thu	9	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	10		
Sat	11		
Sun	12	9:15am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Matthew 18:21-35 “Forgiveness to the max!” Autumn House Gospel Identity 10 “Grow Forward and Outward”
Mon	13	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	14	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service. Service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13

Wed	15	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	16	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	17	9:30am 10:45am	Christ Church First School Leavers' service (at school) Christ Church Academy Leavers' service (in church)
Sat	18	2:00pm	Trains in the Garden (ask Pete for details)
Sun	19	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Luke 17:1-10 "Forgiveness as part of basic discipleship" Bible study course
Mon	20		
Tue	21	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	22		
Thu	23		
Fri	24		
Sat	25		
Sun	26	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Genesis 45 "Forgiveness as an act of faith" Bible study course
Mon	27		
Tue	28	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	29		
Thu	30		
Fri	31		

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on July 26th.

Lex Rex (Law is King)

This year marks the 800th anniversary year of the signing of the ‘*Magna Carta*.’ It was the barons who rebelled in May 1215 and an army was gathered to confront the King. They forced King John to grant the ‘*Magna Carta*’ (Great Charter). The charter of liberties placed the King under the law. It was agreed by John in 1215 at Runnymede meadow and confirmed in its final form by Henry III in 1225. This peace treaty is a crucial document for England’s history. It only remained in this initial form force for 10 weeks, followed by various reissues. Yet it stands as one of the best known of all documents surviving from medieval England and has continued to influence our nation.

The limitations it imposed on a ruler is summarized in a key paragraph: “*No free man shall be taken or imprisoned, or dispossessed or outlawed or exiled or in any way ruined, nor will we go or send against him except by the lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land*” (extract from Ch.39).

The charter assumed that the laws and rulers should be subject to God’s laws. The Bible teaches that God’s law is ‘*written on their hearts*’ (Romans 2v15). We call this the conscience, which acts as a restraining force on our conduct although it is imperfect as we are all sinners. This means that we need instructing and correcting in order to uphold God’s laws. We also need forgiveness and assistance if we are to follow God’s good and perfect will.

The impact was to guard against tyranny. The King was subject to the Law and ruled in conjunction with a group of peers who had the power to judge and led to the principle of trial by jury. It permitted the freedom of religion so that that church was self-governing. It granted the right to private property. It also ensured representation for any proposed government taxation and so it that led to the establishment of Parliament.

The bottom line was that the King is subject to a higher authority, which brought moral principles into play. It has since proven important to the protection of life, freedom and property through the ages. This alone ensures true freedom. For the Bible is total truth, providing a framework for all aspects of life.

Paul Kingman



Sermon series on Forgiveness

<p>June 28th Genesis 44-45</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Gen 44 do the actions of Joseph's brothers show a real change in them? How does this compare to their behaviour towards their father and another son in 37v18-31. 2. Judah takes the lead during the second trip to Egypt. What do we learn of his character in 44v18-34? How does this teach us that we are not to despair of others? (see 37v26-27; 38v1 <i>cf</i> Ps 119v59). 3. What were the reasons for Joseph's intense feelings in 45v1-15? What was his attitude to the sufferings that came before reconciliation? What does this highlight about God's desire to reconcile His sinful creatures, at whatever the cost? 4. What blessings did the restoration of the family peace bring?
<p>July 5th Matthew 9:9-17</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the challenge that Jesus brought when he first announced the good news in 3v12-17? How did the first followers respond in 3v18-22? 2. What was shocking about Jesus' teaching in 9v1-8? What does this teach about Jesus' power to deal with the deepest trouble of man? How does the sign prove Jesus' claim? 3. What is revolutionary about Jesus' ministry in 9v9-17? What does this teach us about the character of God (v13), and the way the Christian is to live amongst sinners?
<p>July 12th Matthew 18:21-35</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do we learn about the way of reconciliation in 18v15-20? What does this tell us about the nature and ministry of the local church? 2. Why was Jesus' reply to what Peter asked such a surprise (v21-22)? 3. How does the parable of v23-35 answer Peter's question of v21? Think about what we learn about (a) the king; (b) the first servant; (c) the second servant. Why is v35 so important?
<p>July 19th Luke 17:1-10</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What four characteristics of a true disciple are presented in these verses? 2. Can you summarise these characteristics in just four words? 3. What is Jesus' caution about personal application (v3,10)? What steps can we take to increase such qualities (v5)?

Sermon series on Forgiveness

<p>July 26th 2 Cor 2:5-11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at the context of this passage by reading I Cor 5 and now compare with our passage here in II Cor 1v23-2v11. Paul had postponed his visit in the hope that his letter would achieve its purpose. This had been the case. 2. What does Paul now counsel the church to do (2v5-11)? What can we learn from the spirit with which Paul administered discipline? What do we learn from the instructions given to those at Corinth? 3. In what ways can a scandal in church life give Satan an advantage?
<p>August 2nd Ephesians 4:17-5:2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what ways does Paul's description of the Gentile world (v17-19) apply to the unbelieving world today? How should the life of the Christian (v20-24) contrast with this? 2. How would you help another Christian to apply this given that there are some the definite acts ('put off/on') and also an ongoing process ('made new/being renewed')? 3. What does Paul exhort us to do (v25-32)? Why is this important? 4. What incentive is given that we take this teaching seriously (5v1-2)? 5. What warnings are given to those who disregard the teaching (5v3-7)?

Soul Survivor

At the end of this month thousands of young people will again descend upon the County Showground in Staffordshire for the annual Soul Survivor Festival. Many of our own parishes will be represented and we owe a debt of gratitude to all who will be giving up their time to take groups – especially those camping with them. Pray for fine weather this year!

The atmosphere is amazing and the days filled with opportunities for teaching, worship, making new friends and having great fun – it has even been known for some to get a few hours of sleep during their stay!

Supported by friends, many young people 'come out' as Christians at Soul Survivor and even those not yet ready to make such a declaration or from a totally different Church background, find the experience helpful for their spiritual journey.

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We are indeed blessed that such an event happens in our Diocese and I am personally grateful for the opportunity this provides to greet and meet young people from all over the Midlands and further North – also from our Link Diocese in Germany.

It was while worshipping with 4,000 young people last summer that I became particularly conscious of how diverse the Christian Church has become. Many of these young people would describe themselves as ‘Christian’ rather than having a strong allegiance to a particular denomination. Their concerns focus on issues of justice and transformation of society and the ‘agendas’ for their meetings are very different from those of the average PCC. Yet they are not at all rejecting of more traditional ways of ‘being Church’ and many that I spoke to are members of local congregations especially if their families worship. But at the local level many were the only teenage members and felt quite isolated especially as their concerns never really featured in Parish life.

It was because of this that I suggested that the Stafford Episcopal Area use some of the money being offered by the Central Church for mission to fund a Diocesan Online Pastor.

We are living in the age of social media and at Soul Survivor you are constantly aware of this as you see young people messaging each other all the time. To have a trustworthy person to be responsible for linking young people who attend our Churches in the Diocese so that they no longer feel isolated seems a very natural way of supporting our young Christians.

To offer nurture through prayer and teaching via social media in a way that is easily accessible and comes as second nature to those for whom it is aimed seems totally right. This is not to replace face to face contact or lure young people away from their local church but rather to supplement the teaching they already receive and encourage them in their faith. It is about helping them relate to the Gospel in matters that are a concern to them rather than expecting them to be interested in the matters that concern the rest of us and which so often dominate our agenda to the exclusion of other issues. The Online Pastor will help keep the younger members of our Churches informed about things that are happening that will be of interest to them and will enable them to have a greater sense of ‘belonging’.

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Soul Survivor *(cont)*

This is an innovative post as mission and communication have not been brought together like this in many other Dioceses – indeed, we know of only one other Diocese that has such a post. We were blessed with a strong field of Candidates and were delighted to appoint Ros Clarke who worships at Castle Church in Stafford. She was Commissioned in May. Please pray for Ros and for all our young Church Members. They are a real blessing to us and living proof that in Lichfield Diocese we proclaim our faith afresh in each generation.

+Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford

Tearfund Collection 2015

Wanting to raise money for a Tearfund water project, one man walked from John O'Groats to Land's End. To raise funds for their chosen project a father and son took part in a 5 day ride around Ireland..... on a tandem!!! If you've ever been involved in the Christian Aid Week envelope collection then either of the tasks I've mentioned may, at some time, have seemed a better choice than knocking on doors asking for the envelope that you delivered only days before but now cannot (or doesn't want to be) found!!!! But, amidst all the unanswered calls, the disinterest and the returned empty envelopes there has been once again an amount collected that wouldn't be possible without the door to door leg work. It is, after all, a few hours out of one week and I'm sure the hungry, the homeless or the disadvantaged wish their problems could pass just as quickly. This year's total for the parish is £1353 75p. (Gift Aid will add £190 to this)

This is a fantastic amount, particularly when only half of our parish is covered and only a third of the envelopes delivered are returned with money in them!!! Many thanks, on behalf of the recipients far and wide, to collectors and givers alike. *Phil Tunstall.*



Important Notes

Congratulations to Tom Woodhead and Abigail Wassell on their engagement! Later this year Tom will go to Bath University for a PGCE course.

“Everybody Welcome” free coffee morning in the Centre 10 am July 4th.

“Stone Rocks” Christ Church Academy 12 noon July 4th.

Stephen Bell visiting 6 pm July 5th.

Trains in the Garden! Saturday 18th July from 2 pm at Pete and Liz’s.

Keep Watching

‘Keep watching, you never know when it will happen, it might be today?’ These words came from a BBC2 presenter during a ‘Springwatch’ programme which this year came from the RSPB reserve at Minsmere in Suffolk. The viewers were then asked to send in their predictions as to when the bird chicks would fledge. They had survived wind and rain but their parents kept it together with their nests warm and dry. One nest not only had their parents bringing in the food but a ‘helper’ who was usually an extended family member.

One of our most common garden birds is the Blue tit. It is estimated there are 15 million UK residents and the ten Minsmere chicks will soon be joining them in the wide world.

I was in Stone library recently and I noticed that there was a display by the Stone & District U3A Photography Group. One picture caught my eye. There were four recently fledged chicks in a row with their yellow beaks wide open with the caption ‘Hallelujah’. The job done, the watching and waiting over, the predictions had come and gone.

One day *Jesus*’ disciples came to him with a question concerning the End of the Age. ‘when will this happen’ to which *Jesus* replied ‘I am the Christ’. ‘Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come’. *Jesus* will be back and the waiting will be over but now it is time for *Jesus*’ followers to work as witnesses of the Kingdom of God to begin, and for us to decide: ‘God’s way or mine?’. God has given us His helpers:-

His Family - the Church *His Spirit - to guide us into all Truth*
His Love - in His Son who came to save us *His Word - the Bible*

Bible references from Matthew’s Gospel chapter 24

Ann Butler

The PCC met on 13th May 2015 and the following matters were reported:

- The Church's Mission Action Plan has been updated detailing the evangelical work currently undertaken by the church and the proposals for the future
- Christ Church Academy is planning a Rock Music event. Look out for details
- Due to recent damage, caused to a window in the centre, a review of the safety and security of the church was carried out. It was agreed to proceed with installation of CCTV cameras at the back of the church and in the foyer. This will provide added security to office staff when the centre is open, as they will be able to see who has entered the building, and a deterrent to vandalism at the back of the building.
- We are looking into the possibility of being involved in some way with the church service with the Stone Puppet festival (8-9th August).

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 8th July 2015.

"So slow to learn"

I sometimes wonder why I am so slow to learn, but recently this was brought home even more strongly than ever. For the last 50 years I have always assumed that shaving with my electric razor was more effective before washing my face. However, for some reason which I can't remember, I tried doing it immediately after washing and to my astonishment it gave a much cleaner shave. What a long time it took me to learn the best way to do a simple thing!

This has caused me to wonder how many other things I don't do by the best method. In particular, I thought about learning from God, hearing what he has to say to me and knowing I've got it right. So now, I hope, I'm being more open to different ways to connect with him in my day to day experience. It will take time but I hope it will be beneficial in my Christian journey.

Jesus said to his disciples ... "Why do you not understand? Because you are unable to hear what I say" (John 8:43) *Dave Rowlands*

Greetings Cecilia and all at Christ Church, thank you for your continued love prayers and gifts for Jigsaw it is changing children's lives.

Prayer and Praise

§ Thank you for your prayers for Enna a street girl who has cataracts on both eyes, please continue to pray as the Jigsaw team continue to try to find a way for her to have operations for these to be removed.

§ Thank you for your prayers for Tim who continues to have major respiratory problems, he has seen a respiratory specialist whose speciality are African and Asian respiratory conditions and they have isolated the issue to be related to a severe and aggressive asthmatic like problem, they have been carrying out tests for a month now and Tim is due to go back to the consultant on Friday June 26th. This is really affecting Tim and continued prayers are really needed, thank you.

§ Thank you for your prayers for Jogie and we praise God that through the power of prayer there has been an amazing recovery; last week she wanted to return to her work in Jigsaw but Lendehl had to make her take one more week off to have the full month leave requested by the Doctor. She will return to work on Monday and that is amazing.

§ Praise God for Jigsaw Bible week which touched the lives of over 1000 of the most needy children in the last week of May – a full update of this will be included in the Jigsaw news letter due out in first week of July.

§ Please pray for Micha a small girl in Jigsaw; she was bitten by a rabid cat last week and through Jigsaw is undergoing rabies treatment which is very painful; she is very sick and needs our prayers and care.

Jigsaw works in 8 communities in 4 geographical areas of Manila and Angles Pampanga. One of the poorest areas is a small squatter/slum area on the banks of a disgusting and polluted river in Visayas Avenue called 'Fisheries.' Jigsaw has worked here for the last 12 years and many of its children attend Jigsaw kids clubs, SEN program, literacy project and survivor program. Yesterday Lendehl emailed us that the government has begun to bulldoze this community, Lendehl said there is panic, fear and trauma as people are losing all that they have and are becoming homeless, Jigsaw staff are very worried and upset as they have such close relationships with so many children and families in this area.

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Please pray for God's intervention that although their lives are seemingly being destroyed in fact by God's power they will get better. We cannot imagine how this will happen but God can. This has only just begun to happen and Jigsaw is now assessing the situation and getting involved so we will keep you updated on what is happening.

The children, families and communities that Jigsaw ministers with are in such need of renewed life in the way that only Jesus can bring; thank you so much for your love and prayers which help bring the power for change, healing and love which is so vital. Despite so many difficulties we Praise God as Love is growing and lives are being transformed day by day, hallelujah.

With thanks and love,

Lendehl, Tim, Jolly, Jenalyn and all in Jigsaw

Ride on a train on July 18th, and help raise money for Jigsaw! 2pm, Pete and Liz's house. Speak to Pete for more details, or if you want to drive a train yourself.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Support

Last month in the church magazine there was an article telling you all about the PCC and what it does. This month we would like to tell you about the Christ Church Pastoral Support Group and the Prayer Circle.

Within a large church such as Christ Church there is a huge amount of Pastoral and Prayer support that goes on informally – we are a church family so people help and care for each other, pray for each other, do visiting and offer practical help. It is great that congregation members care for each other so well – asking after people who are not there, visiting the sick and befriending those who are lonely. Much of this support seems to happen naturally which is how it should be – we all need to watch out for each other and be Christ's hands and feet in our ministry to others.

However there is also a need for some more formal work to happen and so the Pastoral Support Group is a small group which meets regularly to ensure that the more formal aspects happen as they should.

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The group arranges for cards to be sent on the 1st anniversaries of formal occasions – after baptisms, weddings and funerals to remind people that even though they might not be regular attenders we are still thinking about and praying for them and we can give support when needed. Follow up phone calls are made to the recently bereaved to check if they need our help in any way. The group also reviews the prayer list (read out in church most Sundays) to check if it up to date and if any follow-up visits or phone calls are needed to stay in touch, especially with those who have been on the prayer list for a long time, due to long term health issues. At the group we also offer prayer for any current situations. This group also takes an active part in the annual Christ Church service for the recently bereaved and their families – this is a quiet reflective service held in the Autumn each year – those who have been bereaved in the last 12 months are invited to give thanks for their loved ones and support each other through prayer and quiet time, followed by tea, cake and a chance to talk.

The Pastoral Group is also responsible for our Prayer Circle. The Prayer Circle is a pro-active and quick response group that respond to immediate prayer needs quickly and with great energy. Any acute need for prayer is telephoned around a group of 25 prayer volunteers. Anyone in the circle can initiate the prayer request – the request is passed by telephone to the next on the list, who then passes it on until it completes its way around the full circle. This means that 25 people are praying into the situation, which has to be good news! I was overwhelmed by the support in prayer we had when our daughter was severely injured in an accident last year – I have told here many times that her recovery was enhanced by the prayer support she received. The prayer situation is confidential to the members of the group and we do not need to know all the details, just a name and what prayer is wanted – a short message gets round the circle more effectively! If anyone would like to be part of this prayer circle then have a word with one of the **Pastoral Group Co-ordinators - Ann Butler on 818160 or Jeanette Rowlands on 816713**. If you have a prayer need and would like the members of the circle to pray than please get in touch with Ann or Jeanette.

Church intercessions are also very important - If you would like (with their permission) for someone to be on the prayer list, which is read out in the morning service, then get in touch with Irene or Kate at the church office on 81990. Prayer is powerful! God bless, *Helen B. (Reader)*

“Everybody Welcome”

This is the title of a course which our home group studied during 2014. The aim is to make church members think “Welcome” to anyone new in church, or indeed anyone to whom they have not spoken before. A number of things have already occurred as a result: cushions available for people who need them and a meeting for sidespeople to emphasise what an important ministry this is. We have a number of other ideas which we would like to be implemented in due time.

To help to welcome new people into our building in a more relaxed atmosphere we are planning a

Free Coffee Morning **on Saturday 4 July** **at 10:00am .**

We will be leafleting people at the **Farmers’ Market** and having free refreshments and an open church, with group members around to welcome all those who come. This is primarily for new people but of course “Everybody Welcome” does include you too – but please be prepared to talk with strangers or people you know who are not churchgoers.

We would like to enlist the help of the whole church family in two ways: firstly, to pray for the event and specifically that those who come will want to come again; and secondly, we are planning to have cakes as well as tea, coffee and squash and would welcome any offers of cakes. Please speak with Sally, Dilys or myself if you can help with this.

Thank you, Shirley Hallam

Christ Church 10 years ago

Dominic, Clare and Erica Joscelyne set off on July 26th to start work at Hebron School in India, after spending a year at Regents Theological College. On 17th July, we gave thanks for the birth of Erica and commissioned Clare and Dominic with prayer.

“The Shed” was first opened for fortnightly study groups on July 7th.

Christ Church applied to become a Fairtrade Church.

Attendance at “The Rock Drop-in” reached 40 on Friday evenings.

£1049.11 was collected for Christian Aid

Sign of the times?

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted the sprouting of some small CCTV cameras around the Church, covering the rear of the church and the Centre, as well as the front and front entrance.

The PCC has decided to install these cameras, along with a recorder, to provide a deterrent to the catalogue of minor interference with the fabric of the church and grounds, the most recent of which was three broken windows in the annexe, costing £250 to replace, only some of which was covered by the insurance.

We have also had lumps of the dry-stone walling at the rear removed and, quite deliberately, placed on the path to Bromfield Court, and last year persistent damage to the wooden cellar hatch meant we had to spend nearly £1000 on a secure metal replacement to ensure that no one came to harm falling down the hole! Some coverage to the lower roof levels will also provide some reassurance given the problems some churches continue to experience with lead thefts.

The lack of local Police Officer or PSCO patrols with downgrading of Stone Police Station and reduction in police numbers, means that we have little choice but to provide additional security.

The cameras can be monitored from the office, which also gives Irene and Kate a little more security if people come to the door or enter the building.

The wonders of technology mean that the cameras can alert a mobile phone to unexpected activity and the cameras viewed remotely.

We hope this moderate investment will serve as a deterrent, make users of the church and centre a little safer, and, if something does happen, will provide us with the necessary evidence to establish who the miscreants are.

Andy Stone, Churchwarden

Christ Church 130 years ago

On Thursday, July 23rd, a Confirmation Service was held at Christ Church, by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. Eighty-four candidates were presented—twenty from Aston, three from Blurton, twenty from Tittensor, forty-one from Christ Church. A large congregation assembled to take part in this most impressive service.

Mother's Excursion

For months past about twenty members of the Mothers' Meeting have been subscribing small sums weekly for a "day by the sea." On Monday, July 13th, the Vicar, Mrs. Thompson, and the mothers left by the first train for Liverpool. Before crossing the river to New Brighton, the Art Gallery was visited, and some time spent in admiring the rich collection of paintings.

The Band of Hope

The young people belonging to the Christ Church Branch of Hope went for their annual picnic again to Darlaston Park, on Saturday, July 11th. The children, accompanied by our Band of Hope Workers, met at the School at 2 p.m., and, after a few words from the Vicar and Mr. Jenkinson, started on their way, headed by our beautiful banner. Games were begun at once, and carried on with much enjoyment during the remainder of the afternoon. About eighty children sat down to tea. The kindness of several members of the congregation enabled us to add many little items to the children's pleasure. The total expenses were £1 17s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of 2s.

Brazil Impact Trip *(news from Stephen Bell)*

We are asking the Lord, for...

- 25 new missionary evangelists to arrive in 2016,
- forming 9 evangelism and church planting teams,
- serving in Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Hungary
- Another 20 new missionaries to come by 2018

This is the reason 15 European church and mission leaders will be travelling to Brazil October 1st-19th, collectively holding over 100 meetings in 4 major cities, sharing the missionary needs of the Balkan region. The team is made up of Croatians, English, German, Hungarians, Serbians, Belgian, Americans, Ukrainians and Spanish.

The 15 European leaders have all bought their air-tickets. Please pray as we re-vamp the website and prepare and upload the vision plans of the 9 churches involved. Preparing a 30 page folder for each Brazilian leader. All must be translated into Portuguese. Vision Brochure and Prayer Manual, together with powerpoints also need doing

Finances: As missionaries accept the call, they need financial support. Pray that God's people would commit to continual monthly support to enable the Gospel to go forth.

Stephen

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

FUNERAL

26th May Iris Carter Age 99

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

5 th July	G. Holden	J. Bowes
	M. Hillman	P. Kelly
12 th July	D. Davies	K. Woodward
	D. Pickles	G. Latos
19 th July	K. McKnight	P. Roberts
	J. Abrahams	D. Shemilt
26 th July	C. Reeve	K. Thompson
	D. Wilson	K. Rein



FLOWER ROTA

5 th July	Mrs J. Rowlands
12 th July	Mrs A. Brandon
19 th July	Mrs S. Hawley
26 th July	Mrs D. Pickles



ROADS FOR PRAYER

5th July

Albert Street
Alexandra Street
Arthur Street
Berkeley Street

19th July

Kent Grove
Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent

12th July

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Terrace

26th July

The Crescent
End Granville Terrace
Millers Gate
Hartley Drive



Groups and Activities

Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes, Helen Kennedy	
P.C.C. Members	Kate Latham, Irene Gassor, Phil Tunstall Shelagh Sanders, Pete Mason, George Holden Angela Burton, Marylyn Hillman, Pam Shields Kevin Reynolds, Estella Woodhead, Rob Shields	
Secretary	Shelagh Sanders	
Treasurer	Kevin Reynolds	850135
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 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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