

Christ Church and People

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

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(see page 21 for details)

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contributions for
the May
magazine to us by
15th April

Cover Story:- Radford Street

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Wed	1	7:30pm	Lent Course in the Centre
Thu	2		
Fri	3	9:30am 2:00pm 6:30pm	Christ Church First School Easter service in church Christ Church Middle School Easter service in church Breathe
Sat	4	8:30am	Prayer meeting: breakfast in the Centre at 9:00am
Sun	5	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Luke 19:28-48 "The king's verdict" Communion at Oulton Daniel 11 "Pride comes before a fall"
Mon	6	9:00am 7:30pm	Prayers for schools and young people Standing Committee
Tue	7	10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	8		
Thu	9	7:30pm	Maundy service at Moddershall
Fri	10	10:00am 10:00am 10:40am 7:30pm	Good Friday procession starts from St. Michael's Children's Easter crafts in the Centre Family Service, Christ Church, followed by hot cross buns in the Centre Informal meditation "Passion of Christ"
Sat	11		
Sun	12	9:15am 6:00pm	Easter Day Communion Luke 24:1-35 "Long live the king" Evening Prayer at Oulton Daniel 12 "The book of life"
Mon	13		
Tue	14	10:00am 10:30am 1:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service "Knights Quest" holiday club
Wed	15	1:30pm	"Knights Quest" holiday club
Thu	16	1:30pm	"Knights Quest" holiday club

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Fri	17	1:30pm	“Knights Quest” holiday club
Sat	18		
Sun	19	9:15am 6:00pm	“Knights Quest” holiday club service Luke 24:36-49 “The king’s witnesses” Communion at Oulton Mark 6:1-13 “The profit without honour”
Mon	20	9:00am 7:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	21	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before service Midweek service Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	22	10:00am 7:30pm	Men’s Fellowship Annual Parochial church meeting
Thu	23	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	24	6:30pm	Breathe
Sat	25		
Sun	26	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion: 2 Timothy 1:1-7 “The Spirit’s work” Evening Prayer at Oulton Mark 6:14-29 “The king without scruples”
Mon	27	9:00am 7:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	28	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before service Midweek service Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	29	7:30pm	Standing committee
Thu	30	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly

In my stead

A recent tragic incident in Northern Ireland has caused great sadness. As a group of soldiers took delivery of takeaway pizzas in Antrim they were killed in a hail of bullets when terrorists ambushed them. It has been a devastating shock to the families of the two young soldiers. It has also been a bitter blow to the peace enjoyed to date. Politicians from across the spectrum were quick to condemn what took place. Another solemn procession wound its way through the town.

Yet in the midst of this sad news something stood out. One of the two unarmed soldiers was credited with saving the life of a 19 year-old delivery boy, by laying on top of him as the killers in cold blood shot their victims again as they lay on the ground. A soldier died in the delivery boy's place by taking the bullets. The bereaved families will proudly remember this selfless courage for the benefit of one life.

Such an outstanding action points us to the self-sacrificial love shown by Jesus. His death on the first Good Friday was for us. The apostle Paul wrote about the unusual nature of Jesus' death: *'very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die'* (Romans 5v7). In ordinary life to lay down your life for another is an exceptional event. But he goes on to explain how this was also a unique event, as it was Jesus, the Son of God, who died for others: *'but God demonstrates his own love for us in this - while we were still sinners, Christ died for us'* (Rom 5v8). Jesus died for sinners – people like you and me who have rebelled against his royal rule and so are his enemies! Jesus died in our stead in order that when we put our trust in his sacrifice for us, we can be reconciled to the Father.

Easter helps us to remember that Jesus died for us. We can never graduate beyond what Jesus did for us on the cross, as the cross reveals the essence of God's love. We are however to deepen in our understanding of it. His resurrection from the dead demonstrated that his sacrifice defeated sin and death, and that he alone is able to grant the gifts of forgiveness and the promise of resurrection life.

Join us for our Easter celebrations: that the one who died in my stead is the one who rose again and is alive forevermore.

Paul Kingman.



Caring for our Family

Knowing and obeying Jesus makes a difference to every part of our lives. Basic Christian belief is this: “Jesus is Lord” and, if you forgive me pointing out the obvious, this means that he is Lord and you are not. His teaching (whether directly or in the rest of the Bible) is there to be believed and obeyed.

Some parts of the Bible's teaching on how to live are widely recognised and we try to put it into practice, although never perfectly. Some parts seem to be almost entirely ignored. How about this one:

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8)

In context, Paul is writing especially about caring for widows and the elderly. If someone in need has Christian children or grandchildren, “these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God” (verse 4). The question I have is: If this is true, and so many people claim to be Christian, why are there so many elderly people in nursing homes?

Okay, some qualifications are needed. There will be times when hospital or nursing homes are the best option. Neither is this giving permission to scrounge off your family: if someone is able to work, Paul writes elsewhere that they should do so (2 Thessalonians 3:10). That said, the sheer numbers of people in nursing homes is an indication of serious failure by society – and we who are Christians *must* demonstrate a better way. Caring for relatives is not something to be left to the State or handed over to professionals.

This month we will celebrate life – the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. Life flowed to us freely, at the cost of Jesus' death. Christians will imitate Jesus by pouring life into others: our families, our neighbours, the lonely, the disabled. It will be costly and sacrificial – as was Good Friday – yet this is the path we walk. Otherwise we deny the faith.

Tim Vasby-Burnie
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GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS 2009 - April 10th

**10.00 am Assemble for service at
St Michael's.***

****(10.00 AM CHILDREN ASSEMBLE AT
CHRIST CHURCH CENTRE
FOR EASTER GARDEN CRAFT TIME)***

**10.20 am PROCESSION OF WITNESS
to Market Square in High Street**

**10.40 am PROCESSION OF WITNESS
to Christ Church for service.**

and

Drinks and Hot Cross Buns

**Please come and be part of This
most important event**

Bishop calls for more effort in celebrating “50 days of Easter”

A few weeks ago we were observing Lent as a time for giving up things in order to make space for God. It is a good thing to do each year. Our lives are too cluttered. God has to break through our busyness to reach us. It is strange that we put so much effort into the forty days of Lent but so little effort into the fifty days of the season of Easter. Yet during this month of April we are invited not only to feast and to celebrate, but to be transformed. We are challenged not just to remember the events of Easter, but to be transformed by them. As Augustine put it, ‘We are an Easter people and “Alleluia” is our song’.

Augustine reminds us that resurrection is not just a doctrine which we affirm in the creeds each week, but a reality to be lived each day. It requires as much effort, imagination and practice as does the observance of Lent. As St Paul put it, ‘If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on the earth’. Perspectives and aspirations need to re-focus.

In the lead up to the Lambeth Conference journalists are already sharpening their pencils with glee at the thought that there may be some public show of disagreement over human sexuality. It is as if the only thing that Christians are interested in is condemning others’ behaviour. Yet the strange thing is that the hallmark of the first Christians was the explosion of love and practical care that was detonated as a result of Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection. Their extraordinary displays of generous love and care – not just for their own people, but for everyone – confounded their critics and spoke powerfully of the presence of a loving, forgiving God. This tidal wave of resurrection love swamped the misunderstanding and hatred of so many people and swept them back irresistibly to God.

So how might we be an Easter people this year? How might we ‘live the resurrection’? Well, how about looking out for an opportunity to bring about some resurrection each day, either at home, work or leisure? It might be through some hidden act of generosity or kindness, or of practising the discipline of thanksgiving for someone or some situation that you find difficult. It might be by campaigning for a better world. Above all, the hallmark of ‘living the resurrection’ is joy. So this month let’s be an Easter people and let ‘Alleluia’ be our song’.

Alan Smith, Bishop of Shrewsbury

Bishop of Lichfield's Lent Appeal 2009

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year, as in previous years, will support community projects overseas and in this Diocese; with the focus on helping the elderly, particularly elderly poor people.

Shirley Hallam has leaflets (which give more details of the recipients) and Gift Aid envelopes to make your donation, however small, worth that bit more by reclaiming income tax. If you want to make a donation by cheque please make it payable to "Christ Church PCC" and mark the back "Bishop's Lent Appeal". Please ask Shirley for information and return any monies (with fully completed Gift Aid envelopes) to her as soon as possible after Easter.

Thank you and Goodbye from Richard and Maureen Lamb

We are at last moving at the end of March to Milton Keynes, into temporary accommodation with our children. We would like to thank all the members of Christ Church for their friendship over the past 24 years. It has been a joy to worship at Christ Church, we would like to wish you all happiness for the future.

Richard and Maureen Lamb

And I'm sure I speak for all at Christ Church in wishing Richard and Maureen every happiness, we will miss them at Christ Church. DB

EASTER FLOWERS

The Flower Guild would be most grateful for donations towards the purchase of flowers for Easter. There will be a plate at the back of church for two weeks before Easter, or donations could be left at the Parish Office. If you wish to have a name entered into the Book of Remembrance please let know before Sunday 5th April.

Thanks Marylyn Hillman



**CHRIST CHURCH STONE INVITES YOU
TO A
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB**

Games-Songs-Bible stories-Craft-Drama-Refreshments

14th - 17th April

1:30-3:30pm

£1 per day

Christ Church Centre, Stone

Reception - Year 6

Holiday Club Service: Sunday 19th April
Contact Church Office for booking forms:

01785 811990

Youth Groups

Breathe

If you are in year 6, 7 or 8, Christ Church is the place to Breathe on Friday nights! From the first club on February 6, Breathe has picked up momentum and is going full-steam ahead! With an average of about ten young people each week and a solid team of leaders, we have enjoyed an encouraging beginning to this new youth club. The evening is packed with games, music, crafts, sweets and a series of talks from Adam on the Kingdom of Heaven, all between 6:30-8:30pm. If you know anyone within this age group, please tell them about Breathe. Everyone between years 6-8 is more than welcome to attend! They are the reason we've started the club.

Please pray for the leaders, Giles, Tom, Jacqueline, Angela, Enid, Dave, Adam and Helen Clare. Also, please pray for a deepening of relationships between the young people, leaders and most importantly, Jesus.

Cornerstone

Cornerstone enjoyed an insightful and inspiring evening at the Bell's on Monday, March 9 as Steve Bell gave a talk on his family's mission work in Croatia. They all came back challenged and excited by his report. Hearing of the Bell family's active work in living for Jesus and furthering His Kingdom in Croatia was a great encouragement! This term in Cornerstone we have been challenging the young people to think about how they can be more like Jesus. We have been discussing how to develop a routine and new habits to make this a reality. Each week, the youth have been feeding back to one another with the practical ways in which they have made these changes. We have all been encouraged by some great victories!

Helen Clare and Adam

"RADIANCE"

An opportunity not to be missed:

Saturday 25th April at Lichfield Cathedral
10.00a.m.-4.00p.m.

In January's magazine there was an article by Bishop Jonathan on the importance of prayer in our Christian life, both as individuals and in the life of the church. He mentioned the importance of resources that nourish this prayer life and "build the transforming friendship which is our invisible relationship with the Lord."

"Radiance" will be just one such resource. The keynote address will be given by Esther de Waal, an internationally renowned author and lecturer on the traditions of Christian spirituality. Having heard her talk, and read several of her books I would certainly recommend her as being someone well-worth going to hear.

Apart from the keynote address, there will be workshops exploring Franciscan, Celtic and Ignatian spirituality, time and space for private prayer, an opportunity for prayer ministry, and a Communion Service at the heart of the day.

Admission will be £5.00 and you can get further details from the Rev. Paul Thomas, tel:01785 258796.

Within our Christian heritage we have great treasures to be discovered - this day will be an opportunity to discover some of these resources which can be incredibly helpful in our Christian journey. Do book the date now in your diary and try and go. I shall certainly hope to be there. Sally Vaughan

Andrew Butterworth with Oasis in Cosmo City

It is my dream that at Oasis we can carry out an integrated approach: combining HIV education with testing facilities, treatment, while combating the underlying causes such as poverty and if it works scaled up across sites throughout the country. To get the ball rolling I am meeting all the church leaders in Cosmo City (the region we currently work in) next month to see if they would be willing to run prevention programmes in their churches. I am also meeting a Tearfund representative who is interested in funding the whole project (she has been away for a month but I think I have finally arranged a meeting). Oasis currently offer HIV testing but we would need to scale this up as well as find a way of increasing access to treatment. We have also approached another charity called Hope for a Child (www.hope.gg) who have successfully run poverty relief programs in a number of African countries to see if there is a possibility of going into partnership. It would be great to be able to run an integrated project and see if it could have a measurable effect on HIV prevalence.

Please pray that if this is the right strategy that everything falls into place!

Andrew



Lent Course 2009

Grace that Transforms

1. What is God's plan for my life?
2. What am I aiming for?
3. How does God change me?
4. How does God form community?
5. How can we bless the world?

Wednesday Evenings:

7:45 – 9pm (7pm coffee and desserts) Christ Church Centre

Tuesday Afternoons:

2 – 3.15pm Oulton Church

Lent Course 2009

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-- --the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Titus 2:11-14

Good Reasons NOT to come:

- n Your best evangelistic opportunities are on Wednesdays.
- n You are showing Christ-like love and commitment to someone or some people on Wednesday evening.

Bad Reasons not to come:

- n A Lent Course isn't your thing.
- n "Sunday mornings are sufficient, thank you."
- n "My walk with Jesus is fine."

Good Reasons to come:

- n You have been baptised.
- n You want to walk in step with the Spirit
- n The World needs Christians who love like Christ.
Jesus is Alive!

For more information contact Tim Vasby-Burnie:

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The PCC met on Wednesday 21 January 2009 and the following matters were reported on, discussed and/or decided.

- Thanks were expressed to the group of willing volunteers who stayed on after the December Saturday morning prayer breakfast to prune the trees and shrubs in the churchyard.
- Work to address the church wiring, as identified by the Quinquennial inspection, has started and should be completed in a couple of months. In addition the Wardens have been looking into our electricity consumption and have installed the LED spotlights in the church centre. They have also looked at the wall lights in the church, replacing them with the low energy bulbs, thanks to special offers in the local supermarket.
- The Wardens have also been monitoring the temperature in and outside of the church building during the winter months. This has shown that the coldest days have invariably occurred on a Sunday. The main problem is with the heat distribution system. Reflective insulating material has been installed underneath the heating pipes that run along the side of the centre aisle and behind the radiators. This helps to reflect the heat up into the church building.
- It was agreed that the legacy from the estate of the late Doreen Price should be kept separate from the building project to improve the access between the church and the centre. It was suggested that some of the legacy could be used to fund our youth work.
- There are plans to start a younger children's Christian club for 11 to 13 year olds. This will meet on a Friday evening from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Depending on the success of this new club, we may then set up a club for the younger First School age group.
- Planning for the children's holiday club, to take place over the Easter holidays, has started. The title this year, is the Knight's Quest. Anyone wanting to be involved in either the preparation beforehand or during the actual running of the club should speak to Sue Kingman.

The African Pastors' Fellowship is an interdenominational fellowship of churches and individuals concerned for the growth of the Christian Church in Africa. It seeks to help through enabling and servicing pastors and their spouses to be more effective in their ministry. With the support of Christians in the UK, we provide local training courses, related literature in relevant languages and basic equipment for ministry such as books and bicycles. We aim to motivate the indigenous church to provide essential welfare and support for all pastors.

Many pastors in East Africa face real problems in getting on with the task God has called them to do. APF seeks to find ways to help them overcome these problems in the areas of transport, training, pastoral support, and literature

God is still working amongst and through His people. Take Pastor Ignatius for example. We met him in August, pastoring a small church at Kipushi, 90 minutes drive from Lubumbashi in SE DR Congo. Due to the lack of salaries for mine workers in his town, the average offering each Sunday is between 80p and £1. His family's daily expenses are about £3. To bridge this gap he has two enterprises - collecting charcoal from neighbouring Zambia and selling it and working in a local quarry breaking stones.

His normal routine is -

5am service in church

7am - 3pm work in quarry 3 - 5 km away.

4-6pm visiting Christians

Tuesday- afternoon service in church

Wednesday- afternoon MU service

Friday- Bible study

Sunday- Morning service - afternoon visiting absentees

Ignatius has 9 books including two Bibles (Swahili and Chiluba) a hymn book and a prayer book. The remaining books are all in French. Over the last year he has seen his Sunday congregation grow from 40 to 60 - 50% growth. He is still a deacon and not yet 'priested' so also studies at the Bible school in Lubumbashi.

Ignatius and his wife and young family of six children are typical of so many hundreds of pastors of all churches who feel God's call and are committed to serving God whatever happens. They deserve our prayers.

News from the Humphreys

(Hebron School, South India)

Owen's Bible Studies with the Tibetan Monks

Sadly these have come to an end. One monk (Loodoop) returned to North India late November to work on a publishing project. The most enthusiastic, Choedak will have returned to North India by time you have received this. The third Monk (Lo-Tu) will return by the end of March. In conversation it is clear that none of the 3 monks want to return to the Monastic lifestyle. **Please pray** that the attraction they have experienced for the person of Jesus would remain and grow within them. We hope to visit them in North India in late June.

Family News

During the next ten weeks the older art students, doing external exams, will have to produce a large amount of Coursework. This is theirs, and Tracy's busiest period. **Tracy requests prayer** for her and Christina (the other Art teacher) that they would have wisdom, strength and grace. They are also praying for another Art teacher to be appointed for next August, due to increasing workloads. Pray for God's choice.

Steffan will be taking his AS exams in a May. **Please pray** that he will be able to put in the considerable amount of work needed to do well.

Owen gives thanks that 3 out of 5 of his IGCSE Core Maths group passed their exam and obtained the required C grade. Please pray that he would be able to get his other 2 students through in May. He is also taking a Sunday night Year 7 boys Bible Study, and asks for creativity in order to make it enjoyable and relevant.

Jonny continues to enjoy his Sport. Although the youngest he is now the tallest in the family. **Please pray** he would have the motivation to give his academic work his best shot.

Like all parents it is our hearts desire that our children would become committed followers of the Prince of Peace. Please pray for our children and for ourselves that we may know Him in increasing measure.

We would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for your Christmas cards and emails. We have tried to reply personally to you all. Sadly, the post can be erratic (sending and receiving) with items not arriving. One friend sent several hundred letters and cards... none of which arrived as someone at the Post Office took all the stamps off in order to resell them! Owen and Tracy

Dear friends and partners in the ministry, it has been a while since we got in touch. Thanks for your love, financial support and your kind Christmas messages.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve in this mission field and to have stayed long enough to see and be part of what the Lord is doing. The Lord is using our government to address the issues of HIV/AIDS and other social ills without reservations. They are determined to do it even if it takes God they seem ready to allow Him. Pray that they will have the Lord's favour in this since the world seems to continue in the opposite direction.

You could join in prayer with us as a church over the remaining days of prayer for Faith The Nation. This is a programme of our church to contribute to the reduction of the spread of HIV in Senior secondary schools.

We are thankful to God and to you for standing with us at this time. We have decided to just live a day at a time. Our children did very well in Cambridge examinations last year getting 5A*s, 4As, 5Bs and only 2Cs out of 16 exam results for Hannah and Joel. They made us all very proud. Thanks for being part of this. Not much to say about universities at this moment but that the Lord who brought this this far will provide the resources for university education. My waking up this early is testimony. But it is well. Elijah and Nicholas are doing well at university.

We are yet to receive Timothy's results. He was doing another programme. Pray we shall keep them well occupied over this period.

Thanks again for loving us, Jonathan, Robinah and family

Faith The Nation PROGRAMME

- 2009 goals and objectives to be fulfilled
- Favor with government
- More organizations to partner with us for God's glory to be manifested through the programme
- Favor with schools

(Jonathan & Robinah have visited many schools, unfortunately we cannot fit the details in this magazine - DB)

Deep speaks to deep. In John chapter 1 we read “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; and without Him was not anything made that was made.” We also read that God spoke to Satan questioning him, in the book of Job. God decided to do something about Satan’s hold over people. When we say that the battle belongs to the Lord, are we aware of the huge battle God won when he conquered the deep mysteries of darkness that had entrapped the universe? When Jesus agreed (for He was there at creation) to go along with God in this battle to defeat the deep things of darkness, He undertook the greatest fight that was ever fought in the whole universe, namely His death and resurrection at Calvary. As a result of His victory, those of us who believe and trust in Him can never be defeated by evil, because we are covered in Jesus blood, and that is why the Holy Communion is so important, and should never ever be neglected. These have been my thoughts as we approach Easter. They have helped me to understand better why Jesus had to go through that terrible ordeal. It was to defeat Satan so that he could never have a hold over anyone who turns to Christ. What a Saviour we have, Praise the Lord.

Kath Thompson

Stephen Bell’s visit to Stone on March 9th

Stephen made a brief visit to Stone on March 9th, staying just over 12 hours before he left for Luton Airport. He told us of several “Dreams” - here is *Dream 3 A new church in Dugo Selo!*

Evangelisation in Dugo Selo

2 Easter concerts, followed by 4 Gospel meetings

We were so encouraged before Christmas with the meetings that we have decided to make a proper effort of it this time and so Muzikids and the Radiceva church choir will do two evangelistic concerts over Easter – hopefully with 200 attending each. We will rent a smaller hall – as we did before Christmas and have Sunday evening evangelistic meetings. Our dream is that we would start a new church with at least 10 Dubrava members and 10 new Christians from the meetings and then... just continue!

(Dugo Sela is a suburb of Zagreb, where Stephen and his fellow-workers hope to plant a new church)

5th April

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square
York Street

12th April

Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge
Anderton Way/View



19th April

Bentley Close
Rendel Grove
Brindley Close
Rudyard Close

26th April

Cressey Close
Joules Drive
Cauldon Way
Harecastle Bank

Hebron School

Is looking for some new staff:-

Resident Nurse (Preferably a Nurse Practitioner)

Teachers for **Art, English** (able to teach 'A' level Literature), **Geography, Modern Languages (French and German) and Music** (able to teach IGCSE and 'A' level), **Business Studies** ('A' levels only), and **Religious Studies** (GCSE and 'A' level and Head of Department).

Please contact the Principal (Mr. Alastair Reid) for further details.

Email: principal@hebronooty.org Web: www.hebronooty.org

Christian Aid Trek

You may have noticed in the Press that one of the events being advertised to raise money for Christian aid this year will be a sponsored trek along Hadrians wall. This will take place from 3 to 5 July.

Margaret and Barry Hutchinson and Alison Greer had already decided to carry out the trek along the wall but not during Christian Aid week, however they would like sponsors and will split the money that they raise, equally between Christian Aid and the Donna Louise Trust.

The Hutchinson/Greer trek will take place between 23 to 25 May and will be for a distance of 42 miles so you can sponsor us individually or as a group for the whole trek or, if you are feeling particularly generous, per mile (remember that one of us is of quite an advanced age).

Don't delay, sign up today.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

8th March Ella Elizabeth Birch

FUNERALS

25th February Lillian Howell Age 88

Stafford Crematorium

5th March Kathleen Marjorie Williams Age 80

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

5th April D. Davies M. Hutchinson

I. Gassor B. Hutchinson

12th April J. Abrahams T. MacFarlane

A. West D. Pickles

19th April V. Ledward P. Hipkiss

K. Thompson J. Rowlands

26th April D. Wilson A. Greer

C. Wilding G. Holden

FLOWER ROTA

5th April Lent

12th April Easter

19th April Flower Guild

26th April Mrs W. Carroll



EASTER FLOWERS

The Flower Guild would be most grateful for donations towards the purchase of flowers for Easter. There will be a plate at the back of church for two weeks before Easter, or donations could be left at the Parish Office. If you wish to have a name entered into the Book of Remembrance please let know before Sunday 5th April.

Thanks Marylyn Hillman

Christ Church on the Internet

Parish website www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/stone/stonecc

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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.

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

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am

THE MAGAZINE TEAM

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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.com). 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 Middle and Alleyne's High.

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

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