

Christ Church and People

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Christ Church Stone

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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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Cover Story:- Newcastle Road

August 2008

Fri	1	10:00am 2:00pm	Visit to Shallowford House Walk at Downs Banks
Sat	2	8:30am 9:00am 3:00pm	Prayer Meeting in Church Breakfast in the Centre Cream Teas at the Vicarage
Sun	3	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. James 5:13-20 "Pray, pray, pray" Evening Prayer at Oulton Church Ephesians 4:1-6 "Be patient with one another"
Mon	4	9:00am	Prayers for schools and young people
Tue	5	10:00am 10:30am 8:00pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Pub evening at Wetherspoons
Wed	6	7:30pm	Prayer Group at 20 Barnton Edge
Thu	7		
Fri	8		
Sat	9	2:00pm	Shallowford House Garden Party and Art Fair
Sun	10	9:15am 1:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Romans "Baptism" Barbecue at 1 Navigation Loop Communion at Oulton Church Ephesians 4:29-32 "Forgive one another"
Mon	11	9:00am	Prayers for schools and young people
Tue	12	10:00am 10:30am	Coffee before service Midweek service
Wed	13	7:30pm	Prayer Group at 20 Barnton Edge
Thu	14		
Fri	15		
Sat	16		
Sun	17	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 "The Lord's Supper" Evening Prayer at Oulton Church 1 John 3:11-24 "Love one another"

August 2008

Mon	18	9:00am	Prayers for schools and young people
Tue	19	10:00am 10:30am 10:00am 8:00pm	Coffee in Centre before midweek service Midweek service Coffee morning at 1 Navigation Loop Pub evening at Wetherspoons
Wed	20	7:30pm	Prayer Group at 20 Barnton Edge
Thu	21		
Fri	22		
Sat	23	10:00am	Coffee morning at 23 Larchfields
Sun	24	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Luke 18:1-8 "Prayer" Communion at Oulton Church 1 Peter 4:7-11 "Offer hospitality to one another"
Mon	25	9:00am	Prayers for schools and young people
Tue	26		
Wed	27	7:30pm 7:30pm	Summer School of Prayer at Christ Church Prayer Group at 20 Barnton Edge
Thu	28		
Fri	29		
Sat	30	10:00am	St John's market stall in Stone
Sun	31	9:15am 4:30pm	Morning Prayer. 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 "The Church" Welcome service for Adam Rushton In a marquee at Midfireld Nurseries, Old Road, Oulton Heath. Philippians 2:1-11 "Put one another first" Followed by afternoon tea

Going for glory

Are you following the Olympic Games? Like it or not this month's television will be dominated by three weeks of sporting coverage, and many of us will tune in to see history made. The Games date back to 776 B.C. in Greece, where once every 4 years a single foot race of 190 metres was held in the Valley of Olympia - famous for temples to the Greek gods Zeus, the 'All Highest Thunderer,' and his wife Hera, 'Queen of Heaven.' It was a celebration of physical achievement and the unity of body, mind and soul. The athletes were the heroes of the day. A century later the Olympics had several events and drew athletes from all over the Greek world to compete for an olive wreath. All this ground to a halt in 393 A.D. when the Roman Emperor banned all pagan festivals. In 1894 the Games were revived on an international scale with 14 nations competing in 9 sports.

This year's Beijing Olympics will see about 200 nations compete in 28 sports. Some people will be in China to watch events live and cheer on their own team. Most of us will tune into the television broadcast to see records smashed, be entertained and enthused. All athletes can celebrate an immense achievement in simply getting to compete at the Olympics. Only the very best will win the top prize and enjoy the glory of success. We all hope that our team will win the medals so that we can give them a hero's welcome back home. We will celebrate their enormous achievements.

But this not what we exist for. There is something that outstrips winning a gold medal at the Olympics, and that each one of us can enjoy. It is to delight in God and live in a way that brings praise to His name: displaying His goodness, truth, wisdom and justice. To focus simply on our achievements is to miss the point of life, and it could be depressing if we miss our goals or live with unfulfilled dreams.

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Going for Glory *(continued)*

The truth is that God created us for His glory: *'bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth...whom I created for my glory* (Isaiah 43:6, 7). We were made to know God and bring Him praise. We find great pleasure when we live according to God's plan and purpose. The fact of human sinfulness means that we mistakenly distrust and disobey God thinking that we will find lasting joy through success, wealth, leisure or health. But without Jesus Christ, we miss what we were made for. *"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God"* (1 Peter 3:18). To return to God is to find all true and lasting joy, and will result in bringing Him glory and one day sharing in His glory.

Will you eagerly tune into God's plan and goal for His people this summer? This is what we do when the church meets. You are welcome to join us to discover more.

Paul Kingman

Sermon series in August

God's means of Grace: in the mornings at Christ Church and Oulton we will tackle a series on how God has provided us with various ways by which we are to grow as Christians. God makes Himself known principally by the Bible through which we hear the voice of God. But He has also given us other means, such as prayer, by which we can grow in the knowledge and grace of God. These are collectively called the means of grace and all are shaped by what the Bible teaches about them.

Christian encouragement: at Moddershall and in the evening services we will look at various sayings in the New Testament about the corporate life of the church. Various teachings have the exhortation 'one an another' such as 'be patient with one another'. Here's a description of the ministry to be exercised by all who are Christian disciples.

Paul Kingman

What is a world view?

I am short-sighted. Without contact lenses or glasses, things at a distance get a little blurry. I don't spend time looking at contact lenses, I look through them to make sense of the world. But what if my glasses were badly made? What if I had been wearing tinted contact lenses since my birth, so that everything I saw was affected?

When we look at the world, we do so through a set of assumptions we might call a “world view”. It colours everything we see, think about and do. Everyone has a world view. At the very basic level, we all believe that something, rather than nothing, exists! But in other ways our world view will vary from person to person. One person might think capitalism is a good thing, another won't. The world view of a political party might mean they favour private health care, while another supports the NHS.

A world view is “a set of presuppositions (or assumptions) which we hold (consciously or subconsciously) about the basic makeup of the world” (James W. Sire, *The Universe Next Door*). This is not an airy-fairy issue for philosophy students! Your emotional response to life's trials will depend to a great extent on your world view: is suffering natural and expected or unnatural and terrifying? When raising children they will pick up your world view, whether you like it or not, and maybe *despite* what you tell them. We view the whole world through our world view (to state the obvious!), so it matters a great deal if your world view is faulty.

Over the coming months I want to outline some basics of a Christian world view and show how it makes a practical difference in every day life.

The corner-stone of a Christian world view must be Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2). God has declared Jesus to be both Lord and Christ (Acts 2), and the earliest Christian declaration of faith was “Jesus is Lord” (e.g. Romans 10:9). He is Lord over politics, the workplace, ambition, justice, economics, education, family, leisure... everything, in fact. It is as we learn from him, obey him and worship him that our faulty eye-sight and clouded spectacles are replaced by a true view of the world.

Tim Vasby-Burnie

7 **Should we be aiming at converting Muslims?**

(letter from the Bishop of Lichfield)

There has been controversy recently about a General Synod Private Member's Motion on multi-faith Britain. The motion by Paul Eddy, which is not expected to be debated until February next year, states:

“That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.”

This motion neatly carries with it several current public anxieties without actually mentioning them. There is the whole question of whether multiculturalism is healthy for a modern society or produces ghettos. There is the question of Sharia law and to what extent we can have more than one legal system operating in the country. There are the caricatures of Muslims as if all young Muslims were potential terrorists. There is the worry about uncontrolled immigration taking jobs and benefits from the natives. And underneath all those is an instinctive racism, confusing ethnic and religious identities.

Already journalists are heating up the airwaves with the anxiety of secular columnists that right wing Christians might be targeting people of other faiths and “converting” them with unfair pressures. Hardly a danger in the Church of England, you might think!

In fact the recent report by the Church of England called *Presence and Engagement* deals fully with the churches' task in a multi-faith society while another report called *Present and Participating* speaks about what it is like to be a black or Asian Christian in England. It is a great mistake to think that white means Christian and vice-versa.

The first Christians were all Middle Eastern and today there are far more black and brown Christians than white ones. In our diocese we have many church members who are from ethnic minorities, mostly cradle Christians but many converts as well. We badly need more black and brown clergy and lay leaders. Both Christianity and Islam are missionary faiths. That means that each understands that the other has a message to convey to the world.

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8 **Should we be aiming at converting Muslims?** *(continued)*

Muslims do not respect Christians who compromise their faith or water down their belief in the uniqueness of Christ. A fundamental plank of a free society is the freedom to argue for one's beliefs and to seek to persuade others. Just as important is the freedom to change one's religion ("be converted") and to change it again. Any coercion is to be avoided.

Christians do not believe that we can convert anyone. Only God can do that and he does not force himself upon us. He commands us to love our neighbours and it is very important for our living together peaceably that the majority Christian community learns how to love its Muslim and other neighbours.

Part of that will be to learn about the Muslim religion and to show respect for Muslim communities. Part of neighbourliness will be to share our Good News with them.

Some people will take Paul Eddy's motion and twist it into a racist statement. However if we stand against racism we will discover that we have much in common with our neighbours who, like most citizens, want their children to grow up in a safe and fair environment, contributing to the common good.

In the end the challenges to Christians which other-faith communities present are healthy ones:

- Can we match their commitment?
- Can we demonstrate God's love more effectively than they?
- Does our truth about the uniqueness of Christ translate into a unique care for the stranger?
- How did Jesus treat those of other faiths?

Presence and Engagement emphasises that local is all-important. Our own diocese has a whole variety of neighbourhoods with very different ethnic mixes. We can break the ice by going and taking official greetings from the church to the mosque or temple at their festivals and receiving their greetings at ours.

The diocese recently combined with *Saltbox* to produce an excellent survey of how much voluntary work is done in the Stoke area by people of Christian and other faiths. Similarly the *Black Country Net* has produced a faith community survey which shows that the benefit to the Black Country economy from investment of time and people by faith-based organisations is over £32 million per annum.

We live in a time of great opportunity.

Jonathan Gledhill

Bishop of Lichfield

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF CHRIST CHURCH STONE AND OULTON WITH MODDERSHALL



You are invited to the

WELCOME of ADAM RUSHTON

(Assistant Minister for Youth)

with his wife Helen Clare and daughter Eden

Sunday 31st August

4.30pm – Service in marquee
followed by afternoon tea.

Location: Midfield Nurseries, Old Road,
Oulton Heath. ST15 8US
parking on site

please bring your own folding chair

The Anglican Communion has had several important events during the last couple of months. A total of 291 bishops (7 Archbishops) and 1,148 lay and clergy participants attended a meeting convened in Jerusalem. They represent more than 35 million of practicing Anglicans worldwide. The conference tackled various subjects under the heading the transforming love of Christ: HIV/Aids, secularism, other religions and poverty. The following article was produced by ‘Anglican Mainstream’ and gives insight into why GAFCON was convened:

Is the Church of England ‘splitting’?

For the last week the news media have been full of stories about a ‘split’ in the Anglican Communion. Interest has focussed especially on the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) which took place in Jerusalem in the middle of June, and on a follow-up meeting in London on July 1st.

GAFCON was a response to a trend which has been affecting the Anglican Communion for over fifty years, but which came to a head with the consecration of a divorced priest in a homosexual relationship as Bishop of New Hampshire in the USA in 2003.

That trend may broadly be described as ‘theological Liberalism’. Liberal theology has in the past contributed much by way of thoughtful challenges and ideas. Without strong traditionalist foundations, teaching and leadership, however, the Church that builds on Liberalism soon finds it is resting on sand.

Asked in an interview with Time magazine whether belief in Jesus is “the only way to get to heaven,” the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA, Katharine Jefferts-Schori, answered, “We who practice the Christian tradition understand him as our vehicle to the divine.” Not only does this duck the question, but it reduces Jesus to some kind of spiritual ‘space shuttle’ to get you into God’s orbit — a far cry from the ‘true God of true God’ found in the Creed.

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Another important feature of the new Liberalism is in the area of human sexuality, where there is growing acceptance of same-sex relationships. In North America, this has resulted in the blessing, and even the ordination, of many people in such relationships, quite contrary to the long traditions of the Church and to what the Bible has to say.

In 1998, the Lambeth Conference of bishops issued a statement which established the traditional, Biblical, view of human sexuality as the 'Anglican' position. Since then, however, Anglicans in the USA and Canada, often supported by people in this country and other 'Westernised' parts of the Communion, have advanced an agenda to challenge this. Repeatedly there have been meetings at which Bishops and Archbishops have agreed to 'hold the line', only for some of them to go home and do the exact opposite.

By late last year, it was obvious that as a result many bishops would be unwilling to come to this year's Lambeth Conference. At the same time, in North America individuals, churches and even whole dioceses were leaving the denomination. In many cases this resulted in expensive legal action being taken against them.

GAFCON came about partly to resist the spread of this extreme Liberalism and partly to provide a haven for those who were in danger of leaving the denomination. GAFCON is not trying to create a split, but to contain it within the Anglican Communion by re-asserting traditional Anglican teaching and values. The Jerusalem Statement repeats what is found in our own Canon Law: "The doctrine of the Church is grounded in the Holy Scriptures and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers and Councils of the Church as are agreeable to the said Scriptures. In particular, such doctrine is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordinal."

Quite what GAFCON will mean for us here in England remains to be seen. Certainly, however, the Church of England will never quite be the same again.

Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe

Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe are working for the Lord in Gabarone, Botswana have been very faithful servants of the Lord since David Holton who used to come to Christ Church in the 1970's was working in Uganda as a missionary with his wife Christine in the late 1970's to early 1980's. It was David who recommended Christ Church to support the Beesigomwes. At that time, this family was doing the Lord's work with very little support.

What do they do? They work to empower women and girls to become godly wives and mothers. The men need to be empowered and taught to be godly men, husbands and fathers. The children need to be empowered and taught to be a joy to their parents, teachers, church and nation.

When you consider the terrible scourge that AIDS / HIV is in southern Africa, then you begin to understand the huge challenge that the Beesigomwes are facing. On top of all this they have just opened an office this year in Gabarone called "Family Connections – Bows and Arrows (FCBA). The challenge is to develop this into a global strategy to help build walls around families as the basic unit for godly offspring.

Will you join them in prayer for increased vision, open doors and provision for FCBA members and staff. Also financial support is crucial to meet the increasing needs of university education and high cost of living. At this moment in time prayer is very much needed for four Christian men and women who have abandoned their families.

Kath Thompson

Church weekend at home: 5-7th Sept.

Please register for the church weekend of food, fellowship and fun if you have not done so already!

Details are in each of the church buildings in the benefice.

Paul Kingman.

Garden Party and Art Fair
on
Saturday 9th August 2-4pm
at
Shallowford House

Lichfield Diocesan Conference Centre
Norton Bridge between Stone and Eccleshall

Steam engine rides
Stalls and refreshments

Quiet Day at Shallowford

on

Wednesday 10th September

10.00am - 3.30pm

at

Shallowford House

with

Christine Polhill

from Reflections, Beaudesert

Cost including lunch £15

Booking to the Warden 01785 760233

Youth Club gets Older

On Saturday 21st June the Youth club opened its doors to adults (&children). Despite the drizzle we were treated to a tasty barbecue, cooked to perfection by our very own Master Chefs, Tim and Andy. There were games galore, board games I'd never seen or heard of, you could play table tennis, pool, table football and XBox and of course the youngsters were good at all of them. There was also somewhere to chillout and watch the fun. It was a great afternoon and many of us came away keen to do it again another day.

Phil Tunstall

Stone Music Festival

As part of the 2008 Stone Music Festival, Christ Church played host to a concert organised by Tim Toft's violins, and performed by the North Staffordshire Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Peter Stallworthy, with celebrity guest violinist, Atsuko Sahara, playing for Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major.

The concert was well attended, with about 250 people listening to Atsuko's superb solo.

The Orchestra Leader, Sheila Dexter, praised the Church's acoustics, with many of the audience commenting favourably on the Church as a venue for this event. Many visitors had not entered the building before and were surprised at the light and airy interior.

This concert demonstrates that Christ Church, Stone, is a part of the community of Stone. The proposed alterations to the building, providing a new foyer, joining the Church Centre and Church, will create an even better venue for future events – the prospect of hosting other concerts of this calibre is exciting.

Andy Stone

¹⁵Homeless Children benefit from Steam Train rides

In a back garden in Stone, the downpour ceased, the sky brightened, the steam began to rise – coaxed to life by a generous helping of the finest coal fed to the boiler of *'King David'*. Pete Mason, after playing keyboard and guitar at morning service on July 6th, had rushed away to ready his steam locomotive for an afternoon of visitors for the benefit of Jigsaw Kids Ministry.

This second fund-raising event for Jigsaw, hosted by Pete and Liz Mason in their Newcastle Road home, saw gleeful fathers encouraging their youngsters into the carriages of the trains running on Pete's 'train set' – a 7¼ inch narrow gauge railway, complete with signals, points and a turntable.

Liz and her posse, away from the toot of the whistle and honk of the horn, provided refreshments, in the shape of cream teas and homemade cakes. Train-shaped gingerbread was a favourite with the kids. The event was very well supported; children from Christ Church, the Toddlers, and Little Fishes groups attended, raising over £300.

Amongst the visitors were the family whose work will benefit from that money, Tim and Kate Lees, with children Rebekah, James and Grace. They work with street children in the Philippines; helping them to raise themselves out of the poverty in which they are forced to live, giving them hope and self-respect in situations that we, here in Stone, find difficult to comprehend.

The Lees children thoroughly enjoyed their rides on the trains, as did the many other folks who attended.

Thank you Pete and Liz, and all the helpers, for another memorable afternoon.

Andy Stone

God's Creation

While out walking the other day it came home to me again how wonderful is God's creation and it reminded me of a time when attending a "Quiet Day" sometime ago at Shallowford House and sitting in the garden that I was compelled to write the following prayer.

"Lord of all creation we praise and worship you. We give you thanks for the wonderful beauty of the earth created for all. The miraculous beauty that surrounds us. The flowers with so many different shapes and colours. Their perfume which pours out in the eventide. The trees tall and straight or small and bushy. The different shades of green and shapes of leaves, some prickly some smooth. The birds with their tiny wings and the strength to fly so far. The tiny insects some hardly visible to the human eye. The clouds with their different moods sometimes dark and menacing, sometimes just fluffy like cotton wool. Above all Lord the wonder of the human being. The gift of thought, of sight, of hearing, of smell, of speech. The miracle of the completeness of a new born baby. Help us Lord to look after your world which you entrusted into our keeping."

For the beauty of the earth,	For each perfect gift of thine
For the beauty of the skies	to our race so freely given
For the love with from our birth	Thank you Lord that they are min
Over and around us lies;	here on earth as gifts from heaven
	Father, unto You we raise
	This our sacrifice of praise."

Irene Gassor

Plant Sale

Jack and Barbara Sutcliffe would like to say a big 'thank you' for the wonderful support given to their recent plant sale. £200 each has been given to Trinity Skills for Life, Church funds and Jigsaw Kids Ministries. We had a very enjoyable time with it all and hope your gardens have benefited! Thank you.

Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride and Walk

Saturday 13th September 2008

13th September seems a long way off - but make a note of the date now! How about cycling or walking round our area visiting churches and collect sponsorship for the number of churches you visit? There are churches involved all over the county but a list of those in this area and a map showing locations will be in church nearer the time. The sponsor money is equally divided between the Historic Churches Trust and our own church.

Could you cycle or walk to help fund the proposed alterations?

To hear about the delights of cycling speak to Sandra Morray who has raised lots of money over the years – but don't expect to keep up with her. Dorothy Wilson is thinking about a walk in Stafford to visit churches. (Not walking from Stone). Speak to her if you are interested in doing that. Nearer the time Sponsor forms will be available from Dorothy .

Summer Socials

Friday 1st August

Visit Shallowford House Shallowford, nr. Norton Bridge

This Lichfield Diocese Retreat House is a wonderful place to relax.

Come enjoy the gardens and have a tour.

Refreshments provided; donations to Shallowford House Project. Suitable for all ages.

Contact: Mike Thompson (813712)

Friday 1st August

Walk at Downs Banks
car park

From 2pm

Meet at

Meet up at Barlaston Downs and enjoy a walk together in the summer sunshine. Many alternative routes - suitable for all. Dogs and children particularly welcome! Weather -dependent. Lifts may be possible if you contact Carole. Contact: Carole Stone (813326)

Saturday 2nd August

Cream Teas at the Vicarage, Bromfield Court 3-5pm

Cream teas are being served. All welcome. What more needs to be said?!

Contact: Sue Kingman (812669)

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Summer Socials *(continued)*

Tuesday 5th August

Pub evening 8pm till last orders

Wetherspoons (Post of Stone, 1 Granville Square)

As usual Tim will be here drinking real ale. Come and join in! If there's interest we'll have a meal. Contact: Tim Vasby-Burnie (814244)

Sunday 10th August

Barbecue 1-3:30pm 1 Navigation Loop

We'll provide the meat and bread; you provide drinks or salad or pudding and good company. This will take place regardless of weather.

Contact: Tim and Caroline Vasby-Burnie (814244)

Tuesday 19th August

Coffee Morning 10am-12noon 1 Navigation Loop

Come and enjoy coffee, cake and company. All ages welcome.

Contact: Caroline Vasby-Burnie (814244)

Tuesday 19th August

Pub evening 8pm till last orders

Wetherspoons (Post of Stone, 1 Granville Square)

Tim will still be here drinking real ale. Hope you can come too. Tuesday night is grill night, if you're hungry.

Saturday 23rd August

Coffee Morning 10am-12noon 23 Larchfields

Cecilia is opening her home for a chance to socialise over tea/coffee/soft drink and enjoy home-made cakes and biscuits. Possibly some Fair Trade goods on sale. Contribution to Tearfund for drinks and cakes. Suitable for all although children may need something to occupy themselves with.

Contact: Cecilia Wilding (817987)

Sunday 31st August

Welcome the Rushtons!

Keep your diary free and your ears open for details, and let's give our new Assistant Minister Adam, his wife Helen Claire and baby Eden a warm welcome to our benefice.

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3rd August

Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane
Alma Street

10th August

Bromfield Court
Dominic Court
Granville Terrace
King's Avenue



17th August

Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Road
Newcastle Street

24th August

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road

31st August

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive

Summer Socials *(continued)*

5th to 7th September

Church Weekend

A great time to spend together, hearing God speak to us and enjoying plenty of good food. A must for all who consider themselves part of Christ Church, Oulton or Moddershall. Please see separate flyer for details and remember to sign up ASAP!

Saturday 13th September

Coach Trip to Liverpool

This year's Oulton Church outing is to Liverpool. There is the option of attending Evensong at the Cathedral. A 48-seater coach will leave Oulton Village Hall at 8.30am, picking up at Lotus Court and Christ Church Way car park en route. Depart Liverpool at 6,30pm. Cost: £10 per person.
Contact: Janet Thorne (01782 372324)

Christ Church on the Internet

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

22nd June Daniel George Herward

WEDDING

28th June Luke Masters and Helena Mason

FUNERALS

27th June Jonathan Dobson

11th July Mary Barbara Hayward

Sidespersons ROTA

AM

3rd August A.Greer, G.Holden
B.Hutchinson, M.Hutchinson

10th August I.Gassor, J.Abrahams
T.MacFarlane, A.West

17th August K.Thompson, D.Pickles
D.Davies, V.Ledward

24th August P. Hipkiss, C. Wilding
J.Rowlands, D.Wilson

31st August A.Greer, I.Gassor
B.Hutchinson, M.Hutchinson

Flower Rota

3rd August	Ms Freakley
10th August	Mrs G. Banks
17th August	Mrs B. Boote
24th August	Mrs S. Vaughan
31st August	Mrs D. Davies



Deanery Synod Reps	Mrs S Hallam, Mr I Hawley, Mr D. Rowlands
P.C.C. Members	Mrs I Gassor, Mrs M Hillman, Mrs E Mason, Mr P Mason Mrs D Wilson, Mrs E Woodhead, Mrs J. Rowlands Mrs J Abrahams, Mr K Reynolds, Mr A Stone Mrs M Garrington-Miller, Mr G Holden, Mrs D Davies
Secretary	Jacqueline Abrahams.....817020
Treasurer	Kevin Reynolds.....851595
Envelopes, Gift Aid	Nesta Challinor

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
Men's Fellowship	Mike Thompson.....813712
Missions Secretary	Cecilia Wilding.....817987
Prayer Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....816713
Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....286093
Friday "Little Fishes" (Fri 11am – 1.30pm)	Cecilia Wilding.....817987

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 **Friday Little Fishes** 11.00 am

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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.

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).

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