

Christ Church and People

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(see inside back page for details)

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The Talbot

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Thu	2	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
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Sat	4	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	5	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Malachi 3:6-18 "How to rediscover old paths" Evening Prayer at Oulton Deuteronomy 8 "A word to remember"
Mon	6	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	7	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Lighthouse Youth Club Christ Church Youth Club Diocesan Synod
Wed	8	7:30pm	PCC meeting
Thu	9	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	10	1:00pm 6:30pm	Marriage of Jason Fazackerley and Lisa Dudley Breathe Youth Club
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Sun	12	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Phil 4:10-20 "How to be content" Communion at Oulton - Fete service Psalm 19 "A word for all to see". Barnabas Fund visitor - Peter Burnett
Mon	13	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	14	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Lighthouse Youth Club Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	15	12:30pm	Clergy Chapter Meeting - Oulton
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Fri	17	9:30am 10:45am 6:30pm	Christ Church First School Leavers service (in school) Christ Church Middle School Leavers service (Church) Breathe Youth Club
Sat	18		
Sun	19	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Acts 5:1-11 "The heart of giving" Evening Prayer at Oulton 2 Timothy 3:10-17 "A word to make us wise"
Mon	20	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	21	10:00am 7:30pm	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Christ Church Youth Club
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Sun	26	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service. Acts 16:11-15 "Practice hospitality" Communion at Oulton. 1 Peter 1:10-16 "A word for now"
Mon	27	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
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They can't stop our prayers!

The cost of being a disciple of Jesus is high. Jesus encourages would-be disciples to weigh this up first. He requires our total loyalty through thick and thin. It's true in all countries and increasingly true in our own. But in view of the future glory of heaven it is a cost that Christians are called on to meet.

Worldwide many followers of Jesus face physical abuse, daily terror, sidelining, discrimination when in need and the threat of imprisonment. In this country there has been a surprising increase in the number of incidents of blatant discrimination. Even some pastors have been threatened and beaten because of preaching the gospel. A recent high-profile Westminster conference confirmed this growing hostility and called for UK Christians to defend their rights and stand up to persecution. It appears that the freedom of speech we have taken for granted is now on shaky ground.

What do you do about those who are suffering for their Christian faith? We can choose to ignore what is happening and get on with our own lives. We could say that we have enough problems in our own country and be unsympathetic. But neither of these are Biblical responses.

In view of the everlasting and unshakable Kingdom of God we are to live differently. The Bible exhorts us: *'keep loving each other as brothers'* (Hebrews 13v1). All of Christ's people have the same Heavenly Father. So we are to treat followers of Jesus as members of the family and have a sympathy that leads to prayer: *'Remember those who are in prison as if you were their fellow-prisoners, and those who are ill treated as if you yourselves were suffering'* (Heb 13v3).

During July we have a visiting speaker who will help us sympathise with those who face the extremes of persecution. The fruit of this should be prayer as an expression of love for other believers: that we show a humble dependence on the Lord God Almighty to take action according to His good and perfect will.

The cost of being a disciple is high. But the future hope is glorious.



Paul Kingman.

The Gospel in Creation (part 1)

We are privileged to live in a beautiful part of the country. The fact that the sun is shining as I write this does, I admit, make me more aware of this fact! But take a moment to picture Downs Bank, early morning on the canal, cherry trees in blossom, Stonefield Park – and I think you'll agree that God's creation is magnificent.

Creation proclaims God's glory – and his glory is Jesus Christ. Engaging with the Bible – putting on the spectacles of Scripture – means our eyes start seeing the many ways God has invested creation with deep theological truths. Sun, stars, rivers, trees: these are given significance in the Scripture because they point to realities concerning Jesus, his good news and the Christian life. Jesus frequently used examples from creation. Have you ever considered that, far from simply finding a handy illustration in a grain of wheat, maybe God designed and created the world so that grains of wheat were *deliberately there* to teach about the death and resurrection of Jesus (see John 12).

With new eyes, suddenly strolls through the countryside becomes occasions to revel in the goodness of the Lord. We can teach our children the precious message of salvation as we walk along a road (something parents are explicitly commanded to do, Deuteronomy 6).

We sometimes sing “*Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it.*” The Bible shows us how this is true! The sun displays the universal reign of Jesus. Every month the moon proclaims the resurrection. Trees tell us how to grow as Christians. Let's tear down the divide between 'natural things' and 'spiritual things' and let us shout, with the psalmist, “let everything that has breath, praise the LORD!”

Tim Vasby-Burnie

Interserve Prayer 12 - Walk for Justice

Interserve, the organisation through which we support the Baron and Humphreys families at Hebron School, South India, and Rebecca in Pakistan, is having a special year of prayer from May this year to May 2010. Interserve write –

‘For some time now, we at Interserve have sensed the prompting of God to get back to our faith roots; to recapture the vision and passion to serve, demonstrated by our first workers who set out by boat for India nearly 158 years ago.

‘Our response is to issue a call to prayer to Interserve supporters and the wider Christian community.’

The Walk for Justice is part of this call. It commences at the end of June, and comes through Stone the week-end 4th/5th July. The walk will take 17 days and links The Liver Building in the heart of Liverpool (key in the British slave trade in the 19th century) with Pall Mall, London, where Lady Kinnaird, founder of the mission outreach to Asia which ultimately became Interserve, had her offices. The aim is for Interserve staff, supporters and others to walk up to approximately 20 miles each day as they make their way south, praying en route for all aspects of Interserve’s work including justice for the marginalised in South and Central Asia. At each night stop they expect to contribute to a prayer event organised by supporting churches. We will be welcoming them at the Morning Service on July 5th 2009.

If you would like to meet the walkers, and/or join the walk when it recommences down to Stafford, or would like to know more information, please have a word with John Butterworth or Cecilia Wilding.

Cecilia Wilding

Sermons in July

Mornings in Stone and Oulton: *Finance and faith.*

We look at some of the Bible's teaching on our attitudes and actions with money. Already we have thought a little about the only debt we are to owe is to love one another. We've considered that knowing God as our Heavenly Father should guard us against fretting while selfish accumulation is a waste of time. We will also consider the place of giving to the Lord's work as a mark of gratitude and thanksgiving and the important lesson of learning to be content.

Moddershall & Evenings: *God's word.*

The Lord has spoken and continues to do so by His word. As we read the Holy Bible we discover that the word of God is to inform our thinking, inspire our lives in order that we be holy, it makes us wise about the matter of salvation because it encourages faith in Jesus and it will lead us to wonder, love and praise!

Paul Kingman.

Plant Sale Proceeds

"Barbara and Jack Suttcliffe would like to thank all who contributed to their recent plant sale. It was such an enjoyable occasion for us. The sum of £660 has been raised which will be split between Christ Church funds and the Jig Saw Ministries.

Wishing you lovely gardens and a lovely summer.

Barbara & Jack"

Christian Aid week & Quiz night.

After the concerns of whether there would be enough collectors, would people be willing to give, would anyone turn up for the Quiz, it was a relief to get Christian Aid Week 09 under way. Collectors were thin on the ground as usual but in the streets covered people have once again been very generous, £1362 54p was collected, a fantastic amount for a door to door event and the Quiz night raised £133, again, considering the number taking part, a very good result. I'm sure everyone is aware of the many areas throughout the world where this money will be received with much gratitude and praise. Thank You to everyone who collected, gave or prayed for this years Christian Aid Week giving a lasting benefit and hope to the needy.

Phil Tunstall

Body and Soul Evening

Imagine if you will, Christ Church Centre, tables in the Westbridge and Stonefield rooms attractively covered with silky turquoise overlays upon white undercloths, topped with glimmering tealights. In the Annexe room other tables were set with boxes of beads of many different colours, textures and sizes, alongside which were boards displaying completed necklaces and brooches.

This is the scene that greeted the ladies of Christ Church and friends as we arrived for the second Body and Soul evening. From the moment we entered, to be welcomed with a personal greeting quickly followed by a drink, we were made to feel pampered and special.

The evening began with an interesting talk by Mary Holden and Jeanette Rowlands on jewelry making, then we ladies were given the opportunity to go and pore over the beads, selecting and rejecting until finally we took our chosen goodies back to our seats to begin to make a necklaceunder the watchful eyes of Mary and Jeanette of course !!!

After this session we were ready for the most delicious refreshments which appeared on our tables. It was time to forget those diets !!!

The second half of the evening was spent listening to the guest speaker, Emma Greenhough, who had an amazing story of disability, faith and healing to share with us. Emma based her talk around Psalm 139. Many of us found Emma's story to be encouraging, but it also left us with plenty upon which to ponder. If you would like to listen to a recording of the talk please speak to Sue Kingman.

So.... a very big thank-you to all who organised the evening, waited upon us and ensured that all ran smoothly. Special thanks to Mary, Jeanette and the guest speaker Emma Greenhough.

Diana Tunstall

DLT and Lees Coffee Morning

Jeanette and Dave Rowlands thank everyone who contributed and came to their coffee morning on 9th May when £200 was raised for Tim and Kate Lee and £155 for Donna Louise Trust. Remaining Bring and Buy goods were taken to the Donna Louise Trust shop in Stone.

What a busy time we have had this term!

Since our last letter we have been doing all sorts of different things.

In our Lent Appeal we managed to raise £277.11 for the St.Johns hospital in Jerusalem.

Then we entered an activity called Fairtrade Banana's.

That means we all ate a banana at a certain time.

Some of our teachers went on a long trip to Turkey as the second part of the Comenuis project.

It took 17 hours to get there and 17 hours back.

They had a rewarding time looking at the education in Turkey, but were exhausted.

Classes yr 3 and 4 on the 13th May went to Standon Bowers Residential centre.

It was really good and exciting as they got to take part part in many new activities.

After that the Light House Club started.

Everyday they try and break the record of how many people go.

3 Children from Y4 went to middle school to see what it would be like when Y4 go.

Y4 have been doing an art project of Clarice Cliffe.

We have used many different bright colours just like yellow, orange and bright blue.

We made colourful vases.

A few weeks ago we practised our theme for the summer concert.

The theme is Stomp.

That's all for now,

From Sammy and Rees in Year 4

FEBA Radio

Feba UK is a Christian charity which enables the broadcasting of radio programmes and audience relations to address people's physical and spiritual needs in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

The Feba UK office has around 30 people, based mainly in Worthing on the Sussex coast, and work in the following areas:

Programme Operations/Programme Production staff:

- Negotiate with broadcasters for transmitters to serve the required areas.
- **Schedule** and monitor radio frequencies for short wave broadcasts.
- Work with programme suppliers, assemble the programmes into special computer files and distribute them to the appropriate transmitter site – all before the programmes should be heard on air.
- Write, record and produce *Spotlight Specialised English* programmes.

Supporter Relations and Information and Communications staff:

- Create a variety of print and online publications that inform UK Christian supporters about ministry project news, including listeners' stories, prayer and financial needs. [**Resources**]
- Build relationships with supporters through calls, letters, emails and our website.
- Record supporters' donations for general funds and designated projects.
- Visit churches to share recent ministry news.

On the next page is a report from Zimbabwe, Tuesday 28th April, 2009

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Joseph was a womaniser and a heavy drinker until a Feba Zimbabwe programme changed everything, as Shannon June Kittlitz reports.

Joseph Mageza's first reaction to hearing the Sunday Morning Service programme was to tell his wife Yvonne: "Lower the volume or switch off the radio."

Joseph admits: "When Feba used to come on the radio, I did not care much about it. I was a bit confused about churches then. A lot of people had come my way: pastors, individuals, my wife, trying to lure me to go to church. And I was just not interested."

Yvonne was going to church and praying. Joseph regularly went out drinking with his friends. During this tough time, the radio in their bedroom came to the rescue. Yvonne shares: "There was a Sunday in October last year when we were listening to Reverend Faithful, preaching about faith. That sermon turned everything around in our house."

Hearing the truth

That particular morning, Joseph was still in bed and Yvonne had the bedroom radio tuned to the Sunday Morning Service. This time Joseph was listening. He recalls: "I didn't know about being born again of the spirit. I knew God existed, but I didn't know that I had to have a relationship with God.

"God started showing me all sorts of things that I had been doing ... the women, the adultery, the drinking, everything. I started crying, saying to myself, 'Wow, what have I been doing?'"

Making a U-turn

He listened to Sunday Morning Service again the following week. "From then on," Joseph says, "I could not leave that programme, because it gave me so much faith." Joseph decided to stop seeing some of his old friends and stopped buying alcohol. He says: "I really think that I was called by God, and God told me that we were starting a new period in my life."

Meeting 'crazy' Christians

Nervously, Joseph set out to contact Feba. He explains: "I thought I was going to meet some of those crazy Christians who would do all sorts of things to me." Joseph was warmly welcomed at the Feba office, where he talked and prayed with Farai Takarupwa, host of the Sunday Morning Service programme.

Now Joseph and his family are familiar faces at Feba's monthly Listeners' Day. "It's like Feba is part of our family," Yvonne says.

Joseph added: "Feba has made a huge difference in our lives."

Summer Socials 2009

This is the **first draft** of summer socials planned for this year. We hope each event will be a great way to increase our friendship, get to know other people in the Benefice, and introduce *your* friends and family to people in our church fellowship.

More events are very welcome! There is a distinct lack of barbecues, for a start! Some remain to be finalised, e.g. the ever-popular Tuesday evenings at Wetherspoons. **Please send information to Tim and Caroline Vasby-Burnie** via the parish office or e-mail tim@vasbyburnie.net by **28th June** at the latest. The final list will be made available by mid-July and published in the August magazine.

Saturday 11th July Coffee & Mistakes Morning

We all make mistakes – buying something then getting home and asking yourself “why did I buy *this*?” Donate it, then come along and buy someone else's mistakes! There will also be a sales table for unusual gifts or any other items. 10.30 – 12.30 on 11th July, at Park Lodge, Beech Court, Stone.

£2 donation. Proceeds to Donna Louise Trust and Church funds.

Contact: Marilyn and Geoff Hillman (01785 815936)

Saturday 18th July Open Home @ The Rushton's

Open home from 2-5pm at Adam and Helen Clare Rushton's house: 26 Victoria Street. All welcome.

Contact: Helen Clare Rushton (01785 813654)

Sunday 19th July Afternoon “Doo” at “Fifty Two”

All welcome to 52 Redwood Avenue between 2 pm – 4.30 pm. Exact plans still to be finalised, but you can expect refreshments and the wonderful hospitality of Dave and Jeanette Rowlands.

Contact: Dave and Jeanette Rowlands (01785 816713)

Tuesday 21st July Alton Towers

A day out at Alton Towers. Meet 8.30am at Christ Church car park and travel to Alton Towers in the least number of cars. Do you need a lift or can you provide spaces?

Cost: Adults £36; Children 4-11 £27; Children U4 free. Family tickets available. Booking online is cheaper. **Do you have any vouchers e.g. buy-one-get-one-free?** Please let Estella know and we can reduce costs.

Summer Socials *(continued)*

Tuesday 21st July Visit St Edward's Church, Cheddleton

Visit to St. Edward's Church, Cheddleton near Leek. This is a 12th Century Church with Pre-Raphaelite stained glass and old embroideries worked by the Leek School of Embroidery plus a flower festival (see current Spotlight article). Ploughmans lunches and teas available. There is the possibility of a stroll by the nearby Caldon Canal.

Leave after the morning communion (approx. 11.15am) from Christ Church. Contact Dorothy if you need or can provide a lift.

Contact: Dorothy Wilson (01785 812078)

Saturday 1st August Visit St Edward's Church, Cheddleton

See details for Tuesday 21st July – except this time we can go either in the morning or the afternoon. If you want to come please let Dorothy know what time you prefer.

Saturday 8th August @Home on the Phyllis May

From 10 am to 12.30 pm Terry and Monica Darlington will be At Home on the Phyllis May. The boat will probably be somewhere in Canal Cruising Basin or on the towpath close by. Drop by for a tea, coffee or glass of sherry, see the narrowboat, maybe buy a book. Contact Monica the week prior to the At Home for joining instructions.

Suitable for all ages. How long guests stay will depend on how many turn up, as there is not much room on a narrowboat! Guests must be prepared to depart when the boat starts to sink!!

Contact: Monica Darlington (01785 814120 or 07875 457840)

Saturday 8th August Cream Teas @ The Vicarage

Picture the scene: hot sun, cool grass, refreshing tea, delicious food and great company. The Kingmans can guarantee the tea and food but we'll have to pray about the weather. As for the great company: that's up to you! 3 pm – 5 pm at the Vicarage, Bromfield Court.

Contact: Sue Kingman (01785 812669)

Tuesday 11th August Trentham Wheel

A visit to Trentham and hopefully a ride on the wheel. Meet 11am by the Pie Minister restaurant, Trentham (near the wheel). Take a ride (weather and maintenance permitting!) and follow it with a picnic or café visit and/or look around the shops.

Cost: Adults £5; Children 4-16 £3.50; Children 3&under £1; Children 1&under free; OAP £4; Family (2 adults 2 children) £15.

Contact: Estella Woodhead (01785 761659)

Summer Socials *(continued)*

Saturday 15th August Coffee Morning

Cecilia is hosting a coffee morning at her home (23 Larchfields Close) from 10 am – 12 pm. Suitable for all ages.

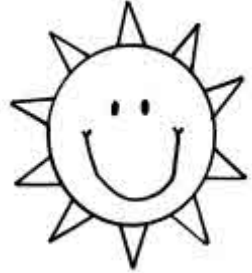
Contact: Cecilia Wilding (01785 817987)

Sunday 16th August Trains and Tea

Trains will be running at the Mason's (213 Newcastle Road) from 2pm to dusk. Bring a shared meal (Tea) and eat it on the train!! Drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided.

Trains will run whatever the weather, and one carriage does have a roof!

Contact: Pete Mason (01785 815854)



Friday 21st August Dance / Cheese & Wine Evening

Come along to Tittensor Village Hall at 8pm for cheese, wine and dancing. Dancing will be a variety of styles: ballroom, Latin, sequence, line dancing, head banging, break dancing...

This is a ticketed event; tickets available from Shirley Hallam, Sally Vaughan or Alison Greer (price tbc). Thank you to the Coalport Drive Homegroup for organising this.

Contact: Shirley Hallam (01785 814593)

Snippets from Zagreb

Dugo Selo, Concert with 3 consecutive Sunday evening services during May

We prayed and planned for a new churchplant in this town of 20,000. Sadly, only 14 guests came together with 36 from our church to hear the 40-strong choir from our mother church Radiceva Baptists. The evening was great, as were the three follow up evangelistic services. Such a shame that folk didn't attend! We continue to praise God, work and evangelise as normally, perhaps with a slower tempo

Dubrava evangelism „Imagine Air“, teaching English July 22nd-28th

„Imagine Air“, a team of 8 Americans will be coming to Zagreb and we'll be inviting many children 6-12 years old to improve their English. We'll have a session where we invite the parents and Saturday we'll hold a great „celebratory“ barbecue as well as invite all to the Sunday service.

Children's camps at Severin-na Kupi June 28th – July 11th

Sheona and then the boys will also be attending, together with some of their school friends who were extremely excited to be invited.

Much love and best wishes, Stephen and Tabita Bell

Hadrians wall trek

Our holiday began with the drive north to Corbridge on Friday 22 May where we had been booked to stay the night at a large country house on the outskirts of the town. Having booked in we were able to walk into the town and explore before our evening meal at the Black Bull Hotel.

After breakfast on the Saturday morning we were taken by taxi to the start of our trek, a place called 'Port Gate' (our suitcases were transported ahead each day so we only carried waterproofs plus packed lunches). 'Hadrians wall way', was well signposted and very soon we came upon stretches of the wall which appeared in the middle of fields. There were also other walkers, some going west like us and others going in the opposite direction. The weather was cloudy but dry and that first day saw us walk about seven miles through pleasant countryside to our second nights accommodation at Humsaugh. It was in fact a farmhouse B & B on the top of a hill, run by a young couple. They had lots of animals and we were particularly taken by a male turkey called 'Dazzer' which came up to us to be stroked while it rustled its wings. We were taken into the village of Chollerford in the evening for dinner at the local pub.

Sunday after breakfast we embarked on what was the most strenuous but, by far, the most spectacular section of the walk. It was 13 miles to our next stop at 'twice brewed' and involved a lot of climbing as the wall itself clung to the edge of whin sill cliffs. There was quite a strong wind in our faces but the sun shone and for much of the day we could see for many miles to both the north and the south. An indication of the popularity of this walk was the hundreds of walkers going in both directions. It was of course a bank holiday. At one point where the path ran alongside the military road we surprised to find a small car park where a young lady was selling fresh brewed coffee from a small trailer, a welcome sight. Our hotel, The Vallum Lodge, was about a mile from the path on the military road and as well as excellent modern en suite bedrooms we were pleased to find a fridge in each room containing chilled drinks. We dined at 'The Twice Brewed Inn' on the evening which was a short walk away.

We were pleased that we had booked a rest day for the Monday because we not only got a break from walking, we also got to stay two nights in our favourite accommodation. We took the tourist bus into Hexham, the local market town and generally relaxed.

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Hadrian's Wall Trek *(continued)*

On Tuesday we picked up the line of Hadrians wall path and again found ourselves doing a lot of climbing, again through spectacular Pennine scenery, but fortunately our journey was no more than 10 miles. We were still very tired though and were pleased to reach our lodgings which were in a converted barn attached to a cottage at Gilsland. This time the evening meal was prepared by our hosts and so we were not required to leave our location.

Our final day dawned and the weather had finally deteriorated and we had to put on our waterproofs. Fortunately for us we had started to drop down to the coastal plain so there was not too much climbing however we got pretty wet and our feet were squelching inside our footwear. It was just as well that we did not need to wear our walking boots again because we had reached our final destination at Brampton.

Once again we were pleased with our accommodation and spent a comfortable night after an evening meal in the town. At breakfast on our last day (Thursday 28 May) we were joined by a man and his daughter (Chris and Louise Stoddard) who were cycling from Landsend to John O'Groats to raise money for a childrens AIDs charity. In conversation not only were we surprised to learn that they were from Endon in Staffs, but he had been at school with John Butterworth. It transpired that they as well as us had received sponsorship from John. This was what Alison likes to call a God incidence rather than a coincidence and gave us an interesting end to our holiday.

We were taken back to Corbridge by taxi to collect our car and drove home to Stone with a weather-beaten but satisfied grin on our faces. For the record we raised £590 for our two charities (Christian Aid and 'The Donna Louise Trust') and we are most grateful to all our friends who encouraged us by stumping up their cash.

Alison, Margaret and Barry

NB. If anyone is interested in doing something similar we would commend the travel company 'Mickledore' who could not be faulted for their organisation and they have walking holidays in other parts of the UK as well as Hadrians Wall.

17 Church Checklists(1) Is the Church inviting?

	Oh Yes! 3 points	Some 2 points	A few 1 point	No No pts
Do you know lots of non-churchgoers?				
Are the people you know sympathetic to church?				
Are at least some of your contacts local?				
If your minister asked you to invite people, would most people do so?				
Would you personally feel able to invite someone to church?				
Does your church have a good range of events?				

Add up your points (maximum 18):
Less than 12 and the church has a problem!

Personal Friendship (2)	Oh Yes! 3 points	Some 2 points	A few 1 point	No No pts
Do you have lots of friends in your church?				
When you joined the church, did you make friends easily?				
Are there people in your church with time and energy to make new friends?				
Is there a variety of people so that most newcomers would find a natural friend?				
Do newcomers get visited quickly?				
Do church members go out of their way to befriend newcomers?				
Have you made new friends in church this year?				

Add up your points (maximum 21): Less than 14 and the church has a problem!
(taken from Lichfield Dioces website)



Margaret and Allison at a Trig point somewhere along Hadrian's Wall.

Derek Slinn has sent us a photo of the Christ Church choir, taken in 1948. (Thanks Derek). Front row (L-R): Keith Farr, Geof Sandland, Stan Rawson, Geof Finnimore, Tom Wardle (organist), Rev. Harold Glew, Gordon Nevitt, Ken Boote, Michael Nevitt, Brian Pease
Second Row: Chris Sandland, Graham Noon, ?, Geof Hall, John Blakeman, Ivan Gerrard, Brian Green, Alan Blakeman, Alan Warrilow, Peter Salt, David Warrilow, Eric Sandland.
Third Row: Jo Rigby, Frank Boote, Rosemary Price, Molly Brook, Barbara Slinn, Harry Plant, Derek Slinn.
Back Row: Fred Oldham, Gerald Tyler, Geof Tyler, Frank Myatt, George Buxton.

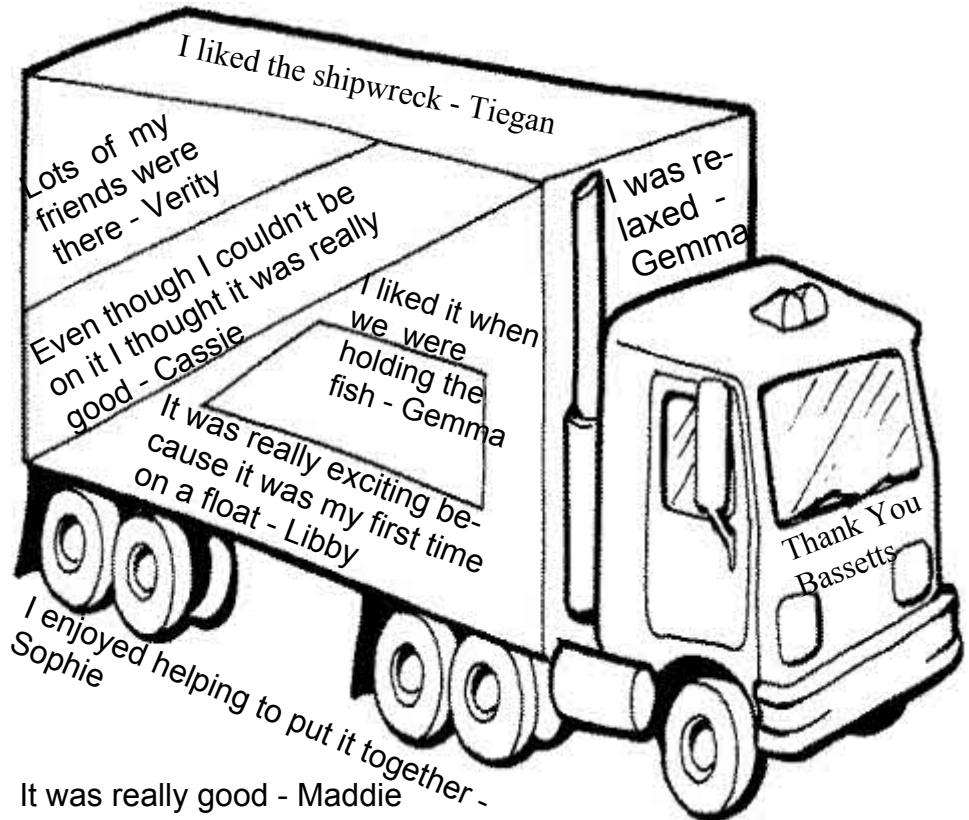
Sponsored Cycle Ride and Walk Saturday 12th September 2009

Saturday 12th 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.

Last year Dorothy Wilson and Margaret Hutchinson walked visiting ten churches in Stafford. We met old friends and enjoyed numerous snacks and drinks from churches on the way. Sandra and Chris Morray cycled miles!

So this year will you walk or cycle or stay at Christ Church to welcome visitors to our church, and hopefully by then show off our new entrance. The sponsor money is equally divided between the Historic Churches Trust and our own church so this could be your contribution to the funding of the alteration. Nearer the time Sponsor forms will be available from Dorothy . Go now and put the date on your calendar!

Comments on the Lighthouse Float in the Festival



ROADS FOR PRAYER

5th July

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road

12th July

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive

19th July

Airdale Grove
Airdale Road
Airdale Spinney
Cross Street
Lotus Court

26th July

Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross



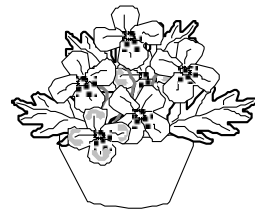
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5th July	K. Thompson A. West	T. MacFarlane V. Ledward
12th July	J. Abrahams J. Rowlands	C. Wilding D. Wilson
19th July	A. West G. Holden	A. Greer D. Davies
26th July	I. Gassor P. Hipkiss	M. Hutchinson B. Hutchinson

FLOWER ROTA

5th July	Mrs J. Rowlands
12th July	Mrs J. Butterworth
19th July	Miss C. Wilding
26th July	Mrs K. Thompson



Christ Church on the Internet

Parish website www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/stone/stonecc
Parish office email christchurch.centrel@btinternet.com

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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 Circle	Jeanette Rowlands.....816713
Pastoral Care Group	Ann Butler.....818160
Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....286093
3rd Stone Brownies (Mon 6:00-7:30pm, First School)	Janet Smith.....815939

Young People's Activities take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

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

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

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am

THE MAGAZINE TEAM

Mission News& Prayer Diary Cecilia Wilding 817987

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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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