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Christ Church and People



November Parish Magazine of Christ Church Stone 2007

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

Young people's activities take place in the Centre at 9.15 am

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Please get your
contributions for
the December
magazine to us
by 15th
November

Cover Story: Jerry Cooper drew lots of wonderful pictures for this magazine, all of them buildings in our parish. This month the picture is of Oulton Road

Christ Church on the Internet

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November 2007

Thu	1	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	2		
Sat	3	8:30am 9:00am	Prayer meeting in church Breakfast in the Centre
Sun	4	9:15am 12:45pm 6:00pm	Communion: Amos 7 "The plumb line" Stephen Bell visiting and preaching Shared lunch in Church Centre with Stephen Evening Prayer at Christ Church. John 9:1-41 "He opens blind eyes"
Mon	5	9:00am 7:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	6	9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Midweek service Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Youth Club in the Centre
Wed	7	7:45pm 7:45pm	Foundation for Life 6 Christianity Explored 5
Thu	8	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	9		
Sat	10		
Sun	11	9:15am 10:45am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Amos 5:24 "The mandate for justice" War Memorial followed by service at St. Johns Communion and Bereavement service at Christ Church. John 11:17-27 "He raises the dead"
Mon	12	9:00am 6:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	13	9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Midweek service Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Youth Club in the Centre
Wed	14	7:45pm 7:45pm	Christianity Explored 6 Deanery Synod - Rev Martin Cannam
Thu	15	1:20pm 2:00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Oulton Mothers Union

November 2007

Sat	17		
Sun	18	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Amos 8 “Summer fruits” Evening Prayer at Christ Church John 12:1-11 “He is the anointed king”
Mon	19	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship - Patrick Sookhdeo from Barnabas Fund
Tue	20	9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Midweek service Seekers Club at Middle School Youth Club in the Centre
Wed	21	10:00am 7:30pm	Men’s Fellowship PCC meeting
Thu	22	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	23		
Sat	24	8:00am	Men’s breakfast
Sun	25	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service. Amos 9:11-15 “The great tent builder” Communion at Christ Church John 12:20-36 “He brings life through death”
Mon	26	9:00am 7:00pm	Prayers for schools and young people Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	27	9:30am 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Midweek service Seekers Club at Christ Church Middle School Youth Club in the Centre
Wed	28		
Thu	29	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	30		

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

The missing peace

Can you make good the mistakes of your life? There are many things we deeply regret saying or doing that have serious knock-on effects and may colour the rest of our lives. We may attempt some repair work, but never remove the guilt. We live with a missing peace.

The film adaptation of a book called *'Atonement'* sketches this out. It depicts the crushing reality of sin and its consequences. It charts the lives of three people as from the hottest day in 1935. Looking out to the large country house garden is Briony, a 13-year-old girl with a flair for writing and organising plays. She witnesses something at the fountain that changes her life. Robbie, the son of the housekeeper, breaks a valuable vase which then falls into the water. Her sister Cecilia strips off her outer clothing, dives in and retrieves the vase. Briony's vivid imagination leads to her interpreting events in her own way and she later makes a false accusation against Robbie. The consequences are devastating for Cecilia and Robbie. The course of all three of their lives is changed forever. Five years later War has broken out. In London Robbie meets up with Cecilia, but then he is taken far away. He is driven by the desire to return home one day hoping to pick up the pieces once peace returns. Meanwhile, Briony attempts through her work as a nurse to repair the injured and scrub clean the stains of surgery on ruined lives. At the end she apologises for what she did.

We then cut into a television studio interview in 1999. The interviewer is talking to Briony Tallis, a now famous author, who reveals how the happy ending of her book was a total fiction. In reality Robbie never returned from War and Cecilia died in a bomb blast that flooded the underground station in which she was sheltering. The revised ending is her way of trying to 'atone' for her awful wrong and its consequences. It is her way of making good. It's a bleak ending!

The film describes how life is far more messy than we would like 'the script' to be. There is a parallel of what life is like without Christ. We have the freedom to turn our backs on him and attempt to 'write' our own life stories. Our self-effort to make good is as futile as Briony's scrubbing to remove her own guilt. Thankfully the gospel provides the answer: *'How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished before God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!'* (Hebrews 9v14). Only Jesus' perfect sacrifice provides atonement. Have you accepted this for yourself? Only when we accept God's way of atonement can we experience peace with God as a result of forgiveness.

Paul Kingman



Harvest service

We had a wonderful harvest service back in September: beautifully decorated churches. We are so grateful to all who helped to make the weekend go well. It was a delight to have good sized congregations as we invited many 'back to church' to give thanks to God for His goodness. A total of just over £700 was given at Harvest to aid those with little or no harvest to celebrate. This has now been sent off to Tearfund.

THANK YOU

Men's Breakfast: Sat 24th November

Our next men's breakfast will be from 8.00 a.m. on Sat 24th Nov at which our new curate Tim Vasby-Burnie will speak about his life and faith.

Riding Lights Theatre Company - see page 7

Missionary News

Tim and Kate Lee (Jigsaw Ministry and CMS) wrote from Manila to say that part of the Batasan area of the city has been demolished and some people they know well are now homeless. Gunfights and other disputes broke out in the area. One of the children they have helped at their shelter died from illness because his parents could not afford treatment. So Jigsaw Ministry now runs a free bus one day a week to a nearby missionary clinic where poor people can receive treatment free of charge.

Stephen Bell (European Christian Mission) will visit Christ Church and St John's Oulton on November 4th, and will tell us about church-planting work in Croatia. He also visits churches in Serbia and Albania.

Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe (Bows and Arrows Ministry, Botswana) wrote to tell us about plans for the future. They hope to help young families stay together and find new life in Christ. AIDS is a huge problem and also they meet many Zimbabweans who are now living in poverty.

The Cult of Consumerism

Christmas is fast approaching, and nothing makes this more evident than shops stacked high with food, toys, clothes and all sorts of other products that they want us to buy. The other sign of Christmas is, of course, clergy denouncing consumerism... so I don't want this article to say, "Don't forget this is a religious festival: please don't have fun"! What is more interesting and useful is to consider what drives people towards buying more and more goods.

A while ago the Modern Reformation website (www.modernreformation.org) carried an article about a recent revelation that the world of advertising and brand marketing had taken some tips from the world of the cults. A team of marketing specialists had interviewed devotees from Hare Krishna to Harley Davidson, trying to figure out what was it that drew people to cults, or to have a cult-like following of particular brands and products. They concluded that the reasons were identical: "whether [people] are joining a cult or joining a brand, they do so for exactly the same reasons. They need to belong, and they want to make meaning."

Behind much marketing is an attempt to "create a whole meaning system for people through which they get identity and understanding of the world." It is almost religious language, because branding often attempts to "fill the empty places where non-commercial institutions, like schools and churches, might once have done the job." Instead of denouncing consumerism, we who are Christians would do well to hear the challenge: does our faith in Jesus, revealed in our words and actions, show that we have found true meaning and identity?

In baptism we are given a new identity and place of belonging. Jesus Christ *is* our identity, and we belong to his Church. As Colossians 3 tells us, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is your life*, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." The Church is "God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved". Our identity in Jesus is certain and eternal, unlike products for sale, which never quite deliver what they offer – and that's before they break!

Tim Vasby-Burnie
timvasbyburnie.blogspot.com

Salaam Bethlehem, 26th November

On the evening of Monday 26th November the Riding Lights Theatre Company will be staging a performance of 'Salaam Bethlehem' in Stone, as part of their Autumn tour of this production. 'Salaam Bethlehem' is set in the 'little town' today where the streets are definitely darker beneath the concrete slabs but where the everlasting light still shines.

Venue will be confirmed later (check service sheets and local publicity), and tickets will be available from both the Riding Lights Box Office and the Christ Church Office at a cost of £10.00, Concessions £7.00, and groups of 10+ can buy tickets for £6.00 each. The Riding Lights Theatre Company put on outstanding shows, so this is not one to miss!

Website of the Month

www.biblegateway.com

www.blueletterbible.org

These two websites are a fantastic resource for any student of the Bible – which at the very least should mean every Christian! Both websites contain a large number of Bibles and are an easy way of looking up particular passages, searching for words, and so on. The Bible Gateway is probably the better resourced of the two, with Bibles in languages other than English and the very helpful ability to compare different versions side-by-side. One reason to do this might be to have a modern easy-to-read translation (such as the NIV) or paraphrase (such as The Message) alongside a more literal version (such as the NASB), so that you can access both the big-picture and the details.

As well as Bibles, on both websites you will find a range of commentaries, dictionaries and theological articles to help you understand God's Word and live the Christian life. On The Bible Gateway, you can even listen to the Bible being read!

Tim Vasby-Burnie

P.S. Users of the Firefox web browser can easily find Bible search engines that integrate seamlessly with your pre-installed search engines. Bible Gateway search engines can be found at

<http://mycroft.mozdev.org/>

[download.html?name=bible+gateway&submitform=Search](http://mycroft.mozdev.org/download.html?name=bible+gateway&submitform=Search)

and an ESV one at www.gnpcb.org/esv/share/plugins/ Another good reason to switch from Internet Explorer...

S.M.I.L.E. TU Supporting Mombasa in a Learning Experience LIGHTS PROJECT 2008

You may have seen our logo in the local press or around the town and villages and wondered what or who we are. I have been invited by the PCC to write this article about us and what we are 'up to' – here goes

.Outward Division has units for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Aston, Barlaston, Oulton, Tittensor and Yarnfield and it is representatives from those units who make up the SMILE team. The team is 36 strong, comprising 24 girls aged between 14 and 18 years, and 12 leaders.

We are planning our second trip to Mombasa, Kenya, which will take place in October, 2008.

Our first project was in 2005, and a huge success. A team of 26, established links with Mikoroshoni School in Shanzu Village, Mombasa transforming the classrooms with our decorating skills, building and stocking a library with 1,000 books and paying for electricity and water to be connected. Our links with the school are ongoing and the deputy head informs us that the examination results are improving termly. We are justly proud of the girls who took part in this project and promised to return to the school and continue to try to improve the lives of the children from this very deprived area of Kenya.

In October, 2006 we launched our new project, LIGHTS, and pledged to raise a minimum of £40,000 before our trip in October, 2008. Our group is now one year old, and we are staggered to find that in this time we have already raised the phenomenal amount of over £30,000. We now believe anything is possible!!

This project is committed to continuing our work at Mikoroshoni School, and spending time with local guiding units in Mombasa. Through our last visit to the area, we met Joan Smith, an English lady who founded the Tumaini Orphanage, and has devoted her life to improving the lives of the children there. The home opened in November 2005, after our return to the UK, and will, in the long term, be able to give a future to 60 children. Joan is a remarkable lady and struggles on a daily basis to care for the children, who are all affected or infected by AIDS and HIV.

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Our group is planning to use the money we raise to enhance the lives of all who live at the orphanage, by decorating the dormitories, building two classrooms and furnishing them with desks, bookcases and equipment. A small hospice is in place for six very sick children and we shall be decorating and installing a sensory room here. We are thrilled that, as a result of the amount of money already raised, we are now able to release some funds for the building work to commence ahead of our arrival. This is something that we dared not imagine ever being possible.

The opportunity that we giving to the young people from our area is immeasurable. They will benefit in so many ways, not least from all the training they are receiving before we travel. This includes joinery, painting, building skills, speaking Swahili, Aids & HIV, bereavement, team building, cultural issues and much more. I know that they will come back much stronger and rounded individuals and more aware of cultural and world issues.

In addition our fund raising efforts go on, and the team continue to campaign with this worthwhile and exciting project. We are very aware that it is through the backing and support of the local community that we have achieved so much in such a short time. Our fund raising events, such as, plant stalls, barn dance, quiz nights, book sales, fashion show, blues night, bag packing, cake sales, race day, trek, balloon race, recycling and sponsorship have only been successful because of the co-operation of our family, friends and people who care about the lives of others.

May I close by thanking all the parishioners of Christchurch and St John's for your valuable support and kindness and in particular, the generosity you have shown in allowing us the use of your meeting rooms and the prayers offered for our work. This really helps us in our continuing work with the LIGHTS project.

If you would like any further information about the project, or, to see a presentation please do not hesitate to contact me on 01785 818793

Maureen Recine

Girlguiding Stone Outward Division Commissioner & Project Leader

What do we do about evil?

(letter from Gordon Mursell, Bishop of Stafford)

A century and a half ago, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his short story *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. It's about a successful medical doctor who creates an evil extension of himself, a kind of secret identity called Edward Hyde. In the privacy of his surgery, Dr Jekyll takes a mix of chemicals that turns him into Mr Hyde. He roams the streets committing terrible acts, then turns himself back into Dr Jekyll again. For a while, it works. He keeps the two sides of himself separate. But gradually Mr Hyde takes over. He can no longer transform himself from one to the other at will. In despair, with the police closing in, he takes his life.

Stevenson's story seems eerily prophetic with the recent news that a group of respectable Muslim doctors have been charged with terrorism offences following the London/Glasgow Airport bomb plot. But Christians shouldn't be surprised. Evil exists in all of us, not just in psychopaths and al-Qaeda cells. Statistically, it's unlikely that you or I will end up as victims of a fundamentalist bomb, or have to suffer the terrible ordeal of the parents of little Madeleine McCann. But it's no good saying "it won't happen to me", because it might. And anyway, as Christians we have work to do - for others, as well as for ourselves.

There are three ways that as Christians we can fight evil - and remember, evil must be fought. It's like cancer: if you leave it alone, it will grow and (as Dr Jekyll discovered) destroy you. The first thing we can do is to pray against it. "Deliver us from evil" should be part of every Christian's daily prayer. Our adversary the devil prowls around "like a roaring lion" (1 Peter 5:8) - lions were common in the ancient near east - and a key part of our daily prayer should be for protection from the power of evil both within us and around us. Jesus himself said that some kinds of evil can be driven out only by prayer (Mark 9:29).

The second thing we can do is to take confession of sin more seriously. The old Prayer Book services concentrated massively on sin. Modern ones do the opposite and don't take it seriously enough. We urgently need to recover the habit of carefully reflecting, Sunday by Sunday, on what sins we need to confess. Churches could profitably spend a few minutes at PCC meetings from time to time reflecting on where together we have failed to be the people God wants us to be. Learning from where and when we go wrong is a vital part of any child's development. And we will never know the sheer undeserved joy of the forgiven sinner unless we first remember how much we need forgiving.

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Finally, we can resist evil by living in the light of Christ's victory. Sounds easy, but we rarely do it. Read Colossians 1:9-14, and turn it into a prayer for daily use. Christianity takes evil with ultimate seriousness: the Son of God died to set us free from its power. Learning, day by day, to live that life-giving truth stops us from becoming complacent about evil and turns us into beacons of hope in a dangerous world.

Gordon Mursell

Favourite Hymns of the Stone Family

I was asked if I could choose my favourite hymn for an article for the magazine - this prompted me to ask the rest of the family for their favourites too, so here they are:

David's favourite is 'Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice'. He couldn't remember what it was called, but sang all the chorus to me. He said 'I don't know why I like it, I just enjoy singing it'

Philip's favourite is 'Everything that has breath praise the Lord'. He said 'I sang it a lot at Nefyn Christian camp last year, we even sang it on the last morning before we left. Then when I got home I went straight to Dan and Becky's wedding and we sang it there - I thought it was great to sing the same song on the same day, once in Wales and again in England!'

My favourite is 'Make me a channel of your peace'. Andy and I chose this as one of the hymns for our wedding service, it gives me goose-bumps every time I sing it! It is based on the prayer of St Francis and I feel that it summarises a Christian way of life.

Andy's favourite is 'And can it be'. Having a Methodist upbringing, it's only right that Andy's favourite was by Charles Wesley. He says 'It must be sung with gusto!'

Carole Stone

Christ Church First School

No sooner are we back at school for the Autumn Term than the diaries for both pupils and staff are overflowing! We have already enjoyed our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service where we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Christine Chadwick from the Newcastle Salvation Army. Mrs. Chadwick thanked us for our gifts of tinned produce which the children's families had donated and she went on to tell us how the tins would be stored ready to be given to anyone in a time of need.

Our ICT teacher, Mr. Hindhaugh has been developing links in his area of expertise. He has registered our school to take part in a project led by the "Comenius Multilateral Partnership". In essence, this partnership strives to assist schools in developing international links and thus to encourage children to discover more about other cultures and to cooperate with each other on a long term project.

Thus, on December 9th, Mr. Hindhaugh will leave John Lennon Airport, Liverpool bound for Poland, where an initial meeting has been convened with teachers from Poland, Sweden, Turkey, Italy, Rumania and France. Their brief is to prepare a two year plan of study and activities for the whole school to share, developing international links. We look forward to hearing more about this on his return.

Next week, we are taking part in a "sponsored skip", very much supported by The British Heart Foundation, to whom some of the money is given. We have a rota of willing parents who are giving up their time to come and count "skips"! I don't know who will be most tired at the end of the day—parents or children! We will certainly become fitter!

The last day before half term is taken up with Staff training in First Aid.

Janet Booth Early Years' Coordinator

On behalf of Christ Church First School I would like to say 'thank you' to the PCC for their financial support of £116 to support the cost of transporting our Year 4 children to the 'Open Door' project in Lichfield Cathedral, where you will know from Janet Booth's report in July they had an amazing day.

Janet Smith Admin/Finance Officer

The PCC met on Wednesday 19 September 2007 and the following matters were reported on, discussed and/or decided.

- Carole Stone has taken on the administration role in the office covering Monday to Wednesday. Irene Gassor will provide cover for the latter part of the week.
- The Mission Task Group have allocated £150 of the free-will offering to the new University and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF) worker who has just started working with the local universities.
- The Gift Aid payment of around £12,000 has now been received and banked. Thanks to Nesta Challinor for her work in processing the claim.
- Tim Vasby-Burnie is going to update the church website early in 2008. Anyone with ideas or who is interested in being involved in this project should contact Tim direct.
- We have recently lost a number of musicians from the area to the point where there is a shortage for the Sunday evening services. Anyone with a musical talent and who would like to help out in this area should speak to the Vicar, Pete Mason or Jeff Challinor (our music coordinators).
- A request to host a crèche for children under 3 years of age during the Sunday morning service has been received. If you would like to be involved in running this please speak to Tim Vasby-Burnie.
- The proposal of running an after-school club at Christ Church First School has been deferred until we have a new youth worker. An advert for the youth worker post is now out.
- Discussions and proposals for improving the access between the church and the centre are still ongoing with the conservation planning office

The next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 21 November 2007.

Jacqueline Abrahams

Tel 01785 818877

Web Site:- www.thecliffordproject.co.uk

The Clifford Project is a unique initiative set up in Stone four years ago for young people with learning difficulties who are leaving school or college. It recognises the need for a balanced and varied curriculum with an emphasis on building the confidence of our young people.

We offer two different curriculum opportunities known as **Way 2 Work** and a **Skills 4 Life** programme.

The Skills 4 Life Programme offers a varied curriculum for students with higher level needs.

- v Work Skills
- v Personal & Social Skills
- v Leisure & Recreation Skills
- v Basic Skills
- v Independent living/Supported Living Skills/Travel



The Way 2 Work and Independence Programme offers a more structured work based programme to encourage greater independence

- v Work Skills/Work Placements
- v Personal & Social Skills
- v Basic Skills
- v Independent living/Supported Living Skills/Travel

We actively go out to employers in the area to establish links and to gain work placements for our students. We match the student's skills to the employers needs and provide the necessary levels of support for each individual student.

The Independent Living focus offers an assessment of individual skills recognising the student's needs and providing the individual support levels for future independence.

If you would like more information or would like to arrange a visit to the Project please phone our admin team on the above number or visit our web site.

Alison Greer



You can see it written all over this young Angolan prisoner's face. *'Thank you – for my Bible and its precious message.'* The Bible is priceless. But it's easy to forget the millions who have to live every day without its guidance, wisdom, comfort and inspiration. These millions represent a vast spiritual famine. A famine God calls us all to meet. And that's the reason for Bible a Month.

Your monthly gift of just £4 will bring the Bible to those hungry for its life changing impact. Through your gift each month –

- Genuinely poor people will come to own the Bible they long for.
- The Bible will be translated into (as yet) neglected languages.
- The Bible in Braille and audio will reach those who are blind or can't read.

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£4 a month to change someone's life.

Why £4 a month? Because that's the typical cost of providing the Bible's message in someone's own language. Your gift will be used to promote the Bible through Braille, Audio and written bibles (two in three of the world's languages still have little or none of the Bible). Bibles are supplied free or at very low price because one billion people have to live on less than 60p a day.

When you become a Bible a Month partner we promise –

1. To use your monthly gifts to provide the Bible wherever the need is greatest.
2. To send you an attractive, informative bi-monthly prayer letter, bursting with reports and stories from the people and communities you are helping.
3. To share with you from time to time news and information about the mission to make the Bible heard worldwide. We also promise not to overwork your letterbox.

TO JOIN, write to - Bible Society, FREEPOST SN481, Stonehill Green, Westlea, SWINDON SN5 7BR. (If you use a stamp, it will help keep our costs down.)

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

27th September	Laura Turner	Aged 83
3rd October	Jean Ann Sutton	Aged 60
12th October	Leonard Gordon Rowley	Aged 76

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	AM		PM
4th Nov	C. Wilding, G. Holden,	D. Wilson A. Greer	D. Shemilt
11th Nov	D. Pickles, V. Ledward,	J. Rowlands T. MacFarlane	P. Tunstall
18th Nov	J. Abrahams, A. West,	I. Gassor D. Davies	D. Shemilt
25th Nov	P. Hipkiss, D. Wilson,	P. Tunstall A. Greer	P. Tunstall

FLOWER ROTA

4th November	Mrs L. Boston
11th November	Remembrance Sunday
18th November	Mrs M. Hillman
25th November	Mrs D. Tunstall



ROADS FOR PRAYER

4th November

Saltersford Rise
Rolt Close
Millenium Way
Cameron Wharf

11th November

The Crescent
Granville Terrace
Millers Gate
Harley Drive, Kent Grove

18th November

Albert Street
Alexandra Street
Arthur Street
Berkeley Street

25th November

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field Terrace Court



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 S. Morray, Mrs J. Abrahams, Mr K. Reynolds Mr A. Stone, Mr G. Holden, Mrs A. Greer
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

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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