

# Christ Church and People

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Christ Church Stone

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# October 2009

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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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  
(see inside back page for details)

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# Christ Church



# and People

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

Cover Story:- Christ Church Middle School  
Visit the school Open Morning, Oct 10th

# October 2009

Thu	1	1:20pm 8:00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Young Farmers' Harvest Service
Fri	2	1:10pm 1:45pm 6:30pm	Alleyne's assembly Christ Church Middle School Harvest Service Breathe
Sat	3	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	4	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Luke 14:1-24 "Mission without walls" Evening Prayer at Christ Church Mark 4:26-41 "The Lord of life"
Mon	5	7:00pm 7:30pm	Cornerstone Parenting Course - Christ Church Centre
Tue	6	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Lighthouse Club Chrstit Church Youth Club
Wed	7	1:10pm 2:00pm	Alleyne's assembly Women's Institute
Thu	8	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	9	6:30pm	Breathe
Sat	10	10:00am	Christ Church Middle School Open Morning
Sun	11	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. 1 Peter 2:13-16 "Mission for everyone" Communion at Christ Church Mark 5:1-20 "Son of the Most High"
Mon	12	7:00pm 7:30pm	Cornerstone Parenting Course - Christ Church Centre
Tue	13	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:10pm 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Alleyne's assembly Lighthouse Club Chrstit Church Youth Club
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# October 2009

Thu	15	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	16	6:30pm	Breathe
Sat	17		Diocesan Synod - Muxton
Sun	18	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Philippians 1:12-30 "Mission without compromise" Evening Prayer at Christ Church Mark 5:21-43 "Teacher"
Mon	19	7:00pm	Cornerstone
Tue	20	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Stone Ministers Fraternal Lighthouse Club Chrstit Church Youth Club
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Thu	22	1:20pm	Chrsit Church Middle School assembly
Fri	23	6:30pm	Breathe
Sat	24	5:00pm	Marriage dedication at Moddershall
Sun	25	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service. Romans 11:33-12:2 "Mission and worship" Confirmation service at Christ Church Mark 6:1-29 "Prophet"
Mon	26	7:00pm	Cornerstone
Tue	27	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30
Wed	28		
Thu	29		
Fri	30	6:30pm	Breathe
Sat	31	2:00pm 7:30pm	Stone Choral Society Stone Choral Society

## There's no need to fear the dark

In thumbing through the diary for the month I noticed a tiny change. British Summer Time has been re-named as 'European Summer Time.' I'm not sure when this happened, as it was a small change, but it makes no substantial difference. The artificial change from 'EST' marks a resetting of clocks and progressive shortening of daylight hours. Thankfully light expels the darkness.

The Bible draws a sharp division between darkness and light. Darkness represents the spiritual realm of evil and death. Light symbolises God's eternal and victorious Kingdom which is full of life. In the Gospel of John the theme of darkness and light is emphasised right from the outset. It introduces us to the eternal God who is the giver of life: *"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood [or overcome] it"* (John 1v4-5).

This is an important truth to remember. Yet evil is increasingly accepted as the norm. We see it in the widespread availability of Halloween merchandise and in children dressing up as witches or ghosts to knock on doors asking: 'trick or treat?' In the USA this is a much bigger occasion, but far less dark than the British counterpart. Some argue that it is 'just harmless fun.' But, it makes things that are essentially evil more acceptable. Halloween activities are based on dark pagan festivals. The realities behind what is going on are not a mere fantasy played out in cartoons or movies. The power of evil is real and drives us far from God and the good things he gives us.

However, evil is not the greatest power and so there is no need to fear the dark. The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that he is the victor and the one who wields the greatest power. When Jesus died on a cross he not only dealt with our sin so that we can be forgiven, but he also disarmed the spiritual powers and authorities and made a public spectacle of them (Colossians 2v15) so that we can be free! Through faith in Jesus we can walk out of the darkness into the light. Let's give thanks for his victory.



In Christ, Paul Kingman

Are you dying?

If you are not dying, you are not living.

In John chapter 12 some Greeks want to visit Jesus. Jesus is told of this, and somehow he knows that this marks an important moment in his ministry. Ever since his attendance at the wedding in Cana, he has made it clear that “his hour has not yet come.” But now the message changes: “The hour *has come* for the Son of Man to be glorified” (verse 23).

Wow! Here is the moment! The hour has come – the climax of Jesus' ministry is just around the corner. The time of glory, of greatness, of power: it's here!

Yet Jesus is talking about his death.

“I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” (John 12:24)

Here is a great truth embedded into creation: If a grain of wheat is to multiply, it must first 'die' and be 'buried'. Jesus knew this was a message for him. Only through his death and burial would God's blessings be multiplied into all the world.

This is a message for us also, as Jesus made clear. God wants us to be channels of his love and mercy to the world, but first we must die. “Whoever serves me must follow me” said Jesus, and he was going to the cross.

Christians are those who have died and who die every day. We have died: baptism speaks of dying to the past and being raised to new life in God's Kingdom. We die every day: crucifying our selfish desires, pride and laziness, so that the resurrection power of God might flow through us to others.

Is your life bearing fruit for Jesus? Do you know the power of God at work in you? If you do not, or if you want to see more, then allow a grain of wheat to be your teacher. Start dying. It's the only way to live.

Tim Vasby-Burnie

## What it means to be British

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We Brits are a funny lot. We like going abroad, but we tend not to like foreigners. We expect (rightly in my view) that people who come to live here from overseas should learn English; but millions of British people emigrate to Spain or France and make little or no effort to learn the local language. We sniff disapprovingly when a Pole or a Latvian is found guilty of a crime in this country (again, rightly so); but we haven't much to say when the British are, for the third year running, voted the worst foreign tourists in Europe, when drunken louts on Greek islands start groping locals, or the Barmy Army at test matches here at home scream abuse at the Australian captain. We are tempted to sympathize with the BNP when they call for the repatriation of all or most foreigners. But it doesn't occur to us that, if Britain took that line, other countries probably would as well - and so the migrants who come here seeking work would simply be replaced with all the Brits who couldn't bear living here any longer and sought a better life abroad.

There is nothing wrong with being patriotic, although it isn't always straightforward to decide what that means: if you're half-English and half-Scottish like me, you never know which team to root for in a rugby match. And yet there is something illogical and dangerous about a patriotism that is taken to extremes: so, for example, we have no problems with an economic migrant (in other words, someone looking for work and a better life for their family) moving from Glasgow to Birmingham, or Los Angeles to New York - but we mind very much if another economic migrant wants to move from Kiev to Manchester. Why? Because there's a border in between.

In an increasingly global world, we have become more and more little-England-like. We spend billions on border controls, and yet even a fraction of all that money could be used to support investment by British companies in Somalia or Ukraine or wherever most migrants come from. That investment would provide jobs for British workers and, by improving the economy of the foreign nation, would enable would-be migrants to stay at home and get jobs there.

Harry Patch, the inspirational Great War serviceman who died recently, asked that at his funeral there should be representatives from the military not only of the UK but also of Germany, France and Belgium - none of them with weapons. That surely is the kind of patriotism to admire.

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Nothing is more striking, in the ministry of Jesus, than the fact that he took almost no interest in where people come from - whether they were Jews, or Samaritans, or hated Roman soldiers, scarcely bothered him at all - but a very great interest in where they were going, in what their future might be, and in what potential they had if they were willing to travel with him.

“You don’t have to fish for fish,” he would say: “you could fish for people.” Or: “today you will be with me in paradise” - and this to a crucified thief with only minutes left to live.

In his kingdom, what mattered was not ethnicity or geography but the values you sought to live by, and the God you sought to worship. Britain will never be great again if all we have to offer is xenophobia and dreams of a lost empire. But it can indeed be great again if it signs up to the values of Jesus’ kingdom - a place where people are judged by where they’re going, not where they come from; a place where what matters is not borders but compassion and courage and commitment and dedication, a place where a rich diversity of people live under the lordship of a God in whom “there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal.3:28).

That, and that alone, would be a country to be proud of.

*Gordon Mursell (Bishop of Stafford)*

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### Women’s Institute

All are welcome to the next meeting of the WI on Wednesday, 7 October in the Church Centre from 2-4pm. The talk will be on the history of wedding dresses.

Jeanette



## 8 **Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF)**

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Christ Church, supports Luke Cawley, a staff worker with UCCF, working with Christian Unions in this area. The following is taken from the UCCF web site.

### **Born out of one student's Vision for Mission**

In 1919 Norman Grubb was a young student at Cambridge University. He writes, "I had one overwhelming urge - to get around to all the rooms of the men in my College, Trinity, and witness to them and ask them to join our small group of the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union. I did this, though often it cost me a lot to do it, for they were mainly men who had held good ranks in the army and were pretty sophisticated, being older than the average undergraduates.

He wrote 'Before I left university, the Spirit distinctly came on me to go and speak in no uncertain terms to all I knew personally who had not accepted Christ, or who at least showed no sign of spiritual life. *There had been this definite "commission" that I had to give myself to witness in the university.* I went and pulled no punches, and a number came out for Christ, about sixteen of them. This caused a stir like a touch of revival. As I shared these experiences with others in the Christian Union, *it came like a vision to me that every university and college in Britain and the world should have its evangelical and witnessing Christian Union*, as we had. Little did I then realize that this was the start of what has since grown to become the world-wide 'Christian Union' Fellowship, now in hundreds and probably thousands of colleges in all nations."

In 1947 UCCF became a founding member of IFES (International fellowship of Evangelical Students) and continues to play a role globally. Today there are approximately 20,000 students involved in over 350 CUs across the UK. For over 75 years UCCF: The Christian Unions has sought to be a faithful witness to Christ in the student world.

### **Today: a Radically Different Student World: The Same Radical Vision for Mission**

Almost everything has changed since 1919, but the vision of UCCF: The Christian Unions in Britain is the same today – to obey God's commission to GO and reach students of all nations who show no sign of spiritual life with the life-transforming gospel of Christ. And it's as radical and sacrificial today as it was in 1919. The message of hope in Christ is still contemporary, necessary and urgent.

### **A growing mission field**

By 2010 50% of 18–21year olds in the UK will be studying in university or college. Of these 3.5 million students, 300,000 will be internationals. Most will know little of Jesus.

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The changing face of student life sees many students affected by debt, loneliness and pressure. Increasingly few of these students have any church background, biblical knowledge or Christian faith. Some are hostile to the gospel; many are open to thinking about Jesus.

Today's student world is an unparalleled opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with a spiritually hungry generation.

### **Our Missionary Strategy**

Many future leaders in government, business, the arts and professions are studying in universities and colleges today. Those who will influence the next generation as parents, teachers and role models are students today.

Universities are the key source of ideas in society. These thoughts distil down to the popular level. Relating faith to academic studies is essential, from undergraduate level upwards, for credible evangelism.

Christian Unions are Mission Teams of Christian Students working at the heart of Britain's universities and colleges – living for Jesus, and speaking for Jesus. CU's are committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ from all nations on campus, and to making a godly impact in every sphere of university life.

We believe that students are best placed to reach students for Christ. We believe that student-led teams give maximum access to students, maximum integrity with university/college authorities, maximum creativity, and maximum opportunity for students to learn to live and speak for Jesus in their 'workplace'.

Our experience has shown us that Christian Unions function most effectively as Mission Teams when they are being envisioned, supported and resourced by UCCF Christian Union Staff Workers and where the students are properly involved in the life of a local church.

Please pray:

- for Christian Unions reaching out to 'freshers' coming up to university or college for the first time this autumn;
- for Christian 'freshers' to find fellowship and a local church quickly and make helpful friendships;
- for any young people you know personally who are going to university/college for the first time this autumn.

*Cecilia Wilding*

## **"JOHN *for* EVERYONE**

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Some time back I decided to work my way through St. John's Gospel for my daily bible reading. To help me in this I chose to use Tom Wright's commentary - called "John for Everyone". Tom, before he became the present Bishop of Durham, was the Dean of Lichfield Cathedral and whenever I had heard him speak I had always found him both helpful and challenging. I soon realised that I had made a good choice for a guide to St. John's Gospel. Bishop Tom is a great Biblical scholar, but has the gift of writing in a very readable way. He gives his own fresh translation of the gospel text, divided into short passages which I found suitable for daily use. Each passage is followed by a highly readable discussion of the text with background information, and sometimes Tom's own stories for further illustration, as well as very searching questions as to what this passage could mean for each of us today. (There is very often what I call the "ouch" factor!). Bishop Tom describes this extraordinary gospel as "one of the great books in the literature of the world" and he goes on to say that part of its greatness is the way it reveals its secrets not just to high-flown learning, but to those who come to it with humility and hope, wanting to meet with Jesus through reading it. So, there you are - *John for everyone!*

(Bishop Tom has also written commentaries on the other three gospels - so - if you would rather read Luke, or Mark or Matthew-no problem.)

Sally Vaughan

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### **Making an Entrance!**

Well It's happened – we've had the opening of the new Christchurch Entrance Foyer. That means the end of the meetings between Jeff the architect, Keith the builder and myself representing you, where we discussed;

The colour of the wood, the colour of the carpet, the delays because of the Planning Dept, the colour of the carpet, the gradient of the "path" (not a slope, please !), the colour of the carpet, the delays because of the planners, the finish to the roof if the planners let us, the planting schedule, the colour of the carpet, the delays because of the planners, Hallelujah the planners have agreed the brick finish!!, the colour of the carpet etc etc.

I believe we have a great new entrance to the church, it has opened out the front in a quite spectacular way and given us a place to meet, to talk and more importantly to be seen as a living vibrant church in the midst of our Stone community. Its now down to all of us to invite others to come and share the Good News we receive every week in our times of Worship. *Pete Mason*

## Church Open Day

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September saw the official opening of the new door and foyer at Christ Church. Even though there were still some bare walls and the carpets still need to be laid, the building looked spectacular and we were ready, thanks to the hard work of Croftshine and a large team of people who spent Friday afternoon dusting, cleaning and polishing.

Jesus gave us a day filled with glorious sunshine. Refreshments and a Fairtrade stall were set up in the centre. A number of groups and individuals set up displays in the church for people to browse. Flyers were handed out in the High Street, ready for a 11am start. Pete Mason and the band led us in worship and it was great to have a group of smiling people singing praise to Jesus out in the open. Paul Kingman and Dave Rowlands said a few words to thank all those who made this project and this day possible; Paul especially thanked the Buildings Committee and Dave expressed his gratitude for Paul's leadership.

Bishop Gordon spoke next, having arrived on bike just before the service started. He mentioned the way the new entrance spoke of our desire to welcome people into God's Kingdom. The new entrance also unites the church and the centre, reminding and challenging us to make no divide between our worship and what we do in the community.

After our final song it was great to sit outside in the sun, enjoying a burger from Adam's barbecue, or relaxing inside with tea and delicious cakes. A small but steady trickle of visitors came to look around and found a warm welcome from all.

The thing that struck me most was the Bishop's comment that the doors not only welcome people into the church but are also there for us to walk out of and into our community taking the love of Jesus and God's message of salvation. A new entrance will be valuable but we are the ones Jesus sends into the world to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). So let's go!



Caroline Vasby-Burnie

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**Open Morning**  
**Saturday 10th October**  
**10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

When we fall in love with Jesus we will want to give him the best of everything. For instance when we fall in love with someone who we want to share the rest of our lives with, don't we want to lavish them with lovely presents? How much more then will we want to give Jesus the first part of our income; whether that be our wage packet, salary, or if we are retired our pension.

Again when we love someone we want to show that love by being helpful to them , by showing them our love by the kind deeds we do, and by patiently waiting for them if they are late for a meeting with us, and so many more things. We can show our love for Jesus by fully participating in church activities such as visiting the lonely, visiting the sick , running errands for the house bound, perhaps doing their gardening, helping in crèche or Sunday school, use our talents, befriending a newcomer, and generally serving in any way that we can.

When we love someone we can't help talking about them to whoever will listen!!! So then we can talk about Jesus who loves us so much, even though we cannot see him, but we can tell others about how he has helped us through so many difficulties. Knowing that He is with us when we face an operation or when we are facing those dreaded school exams for instance.

So let us encourage each other in our worship and service to Jesus. Let us bring our offerings of money, time, talents etc., as a way of saying thank you for loving us and saving us from hell.

Kath Thompson

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## Summer Socials I Attended

The organisation of summer socials was a great idea begun last year by Caroline and Tirm. Unfortunately last year I seemed to miss all of them for one reason or another. This year I was determined to go to as many as possible even organising a couple myself.

I started off my social summer at Adam and Helen-Clare's home for ice cream sundaes and barbecue. It was a lovely afternoon attended by many where I discovered the wonderful Carte d'Or caramel cinnamon waffle ice cream.

The next day was Dave and Jeanette's for Pimms and a chat again attended by many. The weather, not too good to begin with, improved so we could explore their interesting garden. Tom had Pimms for the first time and I have since had to buy a bottle!

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On the following Tuesday six of us set off from Stone, armed with 2 for 1 tickets, for Alton Towers the first of my events. It was a very wet day but this did not deter us in any way. Some went on all the big rides. I went on Nemesis and on Air twice it is such an amazing ride. The park was not too busy and we stayed until it closed arriving home tired but content.

Following a very wet holiday in the Lake District, but a good day at the Keswick convention on the Thursday where Tom and I met up with the Kingmans and the Vasby-Burnies, I resumed my summer socialising at the Vicarage Cream Teas. The event lived up to its description; cool grass, refreshing tea, delicious food and great company and people must have prayed about the weather because it was a lovely warm day.

The second of my events took place the following Tuesday; A ride on the Trentham Wheel As everyone knows the owners decided to move the wheel early and it disappeared days after the social calendar went out!! We decided to go to Trentham regardless and eight of us met at the appointed spot. It was a beautiful hot, sunny day. Coffee at cafe Davide was followed by a look in one or two shops. We then headed for the side of the garden centre where you can overlook the Italian gardens across the river. We enjoyed a pleasant picnic together in the sun sharing Marcus' olives and Helen-Clare's cookies amongst other things. Another walk around the shops before we all left for home satisfied it had been a successful time in spite of the absence of the wheel.

On the following Saturday I was at Cecilia's coffee morning. Her house was full of visitors all enjoying the home-baked goodies. Many of us went home with bags of biscuits or cakes.

Finally I went to Caroline's for the 'Girl's Night In' We all took a pudding or cake and there were so many great new things to try out such as figs, brownie biscuits and raspberry cheesecake brownies. There was the opportunity to take the recipes and I went home with the title of a new recipe book for cup cakes which I have now bought and begun to try out. Thank you to everyone who organised all the socials and thank you to Caroline and Tim for co-ordinating it all.

Estella Woodhead

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## **New Church Website!**

Have a look at our new website -

[www.christchurchstone.org](http://www.christchurchstone.org)

## 4th October

Mount Street  
Mount Road  
Old Road, Alma Street  
Stonefield Court

## 11th October

Stonefield Square  
Victor Street  
Victoria Street  
Whitebridge Lane



## 18th October

Bromfield Court  
Dominic Court  
Granville Terrace  
King's Avenue

## 25th October

Longton Road  
Margaret Street  
Newcastle Road  
Newcastle Street

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## Sparkford

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Becky Morris and I set off to Sparkford.

Sparkford is a Christian summer camp which I have attended for the previous 3 years (this was my fourth time, and Becky's first). The theme this year was "Sparkford Castle", meaning the entire 9 days consisted of medieval themed activities, sports, dramas and meals. Alongside this, we had multiple times to study the Bible every day, with times for discussion, praise, and prayer during the entire week.

Among the activities were memorable moments, such as "Hunt the outlaw", which consisted of all of the youth searching around nearby town Yeovil (or "Yeoville", as the medieval theme demanded) for leaders who had dressed up in varying degrees of humorous costumes, ranging from business men, to a banana. The baffled local residents watched in shock as we stampeded around their town, chasing after cowboys, nuns and frog-men.

We had a fantastic time, and it was great to be able to attend seminars, and learn more about life as a Christian, while being reminded of great truths. It was also great to be able to catch up with Tom Nash, our previous youth worker at Christ Church, and his wife, Clare, who are expecting a baby in November.

Tom Woodhead.

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# FROM THE REGISTERS

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## BAPTISMS

16th August Jack Eddie Morray  
Nula Rose Morray

## FUNERALS

(Stafford Crematorium)

18th August Elsie Turner Age 90

27th August Charles Dean Age 78

(Carmountside Crematorium)

19<sup>th</sup> August Trevor Colclough Age 63

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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

## FLOWER ROTA

4th Oct Mrs A. West  
11th Oct Mrs E. Leese  
18th Oct Mrs D. Wilson  
25th Oct Mrs D. Pickles



<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Mrs S Hallam, Mr D. Rowlands	
<b>P.C.C. Members</b>	Mr G. Holden, Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs J. Rowlands Mr A. Stone, Mrs E. Woodhead, Mrs D. Davies Mrs I. Gassor, Mrs E. Mason, Mr M. Thompson Mrs D. Wilson, Mrs J. Abrahams, Mrs K. Latham Mr P. Mason, Mr A. Rushton, Mr T. Woodhead	
<b>Secretary</b>	Jacqueline Abrahams.....	817020
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kevin Reynolds.....	851595
<b>Envelopes, Gift Aid</b>	Nesta Challinor	

## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>Climbers 3-7 years</b>	Sandra Morray.....	286093
<b>Explorers 7-11 years</b>	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
<b>Pathfinders 11-14 years</b>	Enid Bell.....	815775
<b>Banner Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
<b>Church Missionary Boxes</b>	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936
<b>Men's Fellowship</b>	Mike Thompson.....	813712
<b>Missions Secretary</b>	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
<b>3rd Stone Brownies</b> (Mo 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

**Please send material for the magazine to**

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# Christ Church welcomes you!

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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](http://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](http://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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