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(see page 18 for details)

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# October 2015

Thu	1	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	2	9:30am	Christ Church First School Harvest service
Sat	3	8:30am 10:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Coffee morning
Sun	4	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion; Psalm 5 "In the school of prayer" Christianity Explored 1 "Good news"
Mon	5	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	6	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	7	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	8	10:45am	Christ Church Academy Harvest service
Fri	9		
Sat	10	All day	Women's Convention in Nottingham
Sun	11	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer; Psalm 6 "Tearful prayer" Christianity Explored 2 "Identity"
Mon	12	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	13	10:00am 12:30pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Autumn House service Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	14	9:25am 6:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	15	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	16		
Sat	17	All day	Women's Convention in Solihull

Sun	18	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion; Psalm 7 “Just Justice” Christianity Explored 3 “Sin”
Mon	19	6:30pm 7:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 Girl Guides Commissioning service
Tue	20	10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm 1:10pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30 Seekers Club Fraternal Alleynes Academy assembly Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	21	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 “Explained & Proclaimed”, St. Andrew’s Church, The Westlands
Thu	22	1:10pm 1:20pm 7:00pm	Alleynes Academy assembly Christ Church Academy assembly Men’s Evening - Curry Night and Speaker
Fri	23	1:10pm	Alleynes Academy assembly
Sat	24		
Sun	25	9:15am	Family Service Psalm 8 “Majestic name”
Mon	26		
Tue	27	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30
Wed	28		
Thu	29		
Fri	30		
Sat	31	5:00pm	Light Party Bouncy Castle, Games, Craft, Bible Talk, Party Tea Ages 4-11 years

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on October 25th

## Screening the truth

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Ninety years ago on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1925 a Scottish engineer John Logie Baird performed the first test of a working television. He chose to transmit the head of a ventriloquist's dummy named "Stooky Bill". This event took place in his attic and was a breakthrough moment, achieving a goal that had been his personal obsession for years. The first public display of a working television was in the Selfridges store, Oxford Street, London, where shoppers saw the slightly blurred, but recognisable, images of letters.

Television is now an everyday part of life: news, drama, comedy, national events, sport, arts and culture, breathtaking pictures of the natural world and bizarre events of "reality TV". We have more channels than ever before and also 'on demand' options so that we can see what we want when we want. Yet, what we watch is a selection, a particular angle or the result of editing. There is a difference between the representation and the reality. What we see may overlap with reality, but is not the whole story. Television screens the truth, so to speak.

Television often shapes how things are presented. Yet, what can't be avoided is that the world is imperfect and we are ourselves are flawed. In the Holy Bible is a proverb which states this plainly: *'What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted'* (Ecclesiastes 1v15). It is a reminder of our limitations. Another translation puts it: 'you can't straighten out what is crooked; you can't count things that aren't there'. There are certain things that you simply can't do anything about to change. So, how can we live wisely?

The writer helps us to recognize the limits of our wisdom so as to persuade us to come to God: *'Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made crooked?'* (Eccles 7v13). We need God's wisdom to live by, for our own understanding is severely limited as to what is good for us. We need divine wisdom! Wisdom is found in the person Jesus Christ. He shows how we are to live the way God intended us to live. He shows us God and the wisdom that comes from above.

We start our annual course at the start of this month: *'One life. What's it all about? Christianity Explored'* (further details on the church notice board and web-site). It runs for just seven sessions on Sunday evenings. It is a lifetime investment. Join us.

*Paul Kingman*



## **Questions for further reflection on Psalms 5-8**

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### ***4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Psalm 5 'In the school of prayer'.***

1. What does this Psalm reveal about God? Write out a list of the truths in this Psalm, and then use them to help you respond to God in worship
2. What vital lessons does v3 teach, about God and about how we are to relate to Him in prayer?
3. This is a prayer spoken by king David. Why does he pray? What does he pray for? What are the lessons that can inform and shape my prayers and expectations of God?
4. What is the purpose of v9b being quoted in Romans 3v13? What does this reveal about humanity? How is it answered in Rom 3v21-26?

### ***11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Psalm 6: 'Tearful prayer'***

1. King David suffered both from sickness and the taunts of his enemies. What does he say about this in the opening verses and why?
2. How would you describe David's state of mind v1-7 as he prayed?
3. What does he (a) confess? (b) ask? (c) expect?
4. In v8-10 why has his mood appeared to have changed? Is this something that you have experienced?

### ***18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Psalm 7: 'Just justice'.***

1. What does the language of v1-2 suggest about David's circumstances?
2. What are the grounds for his appeal in v1-11?
3. In what two ways will judgment overtake the wicked (v12-16)?
4. What is significant about how his prayer ends (v17)? How does the prayer of the Apostles in Acts 4v23-31 compare to this?

### ***25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Psalm 8: 'Majestic name'***

1. Which two things prompt this prayer? Why is the second mentioned?
2. What does this teach us about how to pray? What phrases could we use in our own praying?
3. What is the connection between: (a) the majesty of God and (b) the place of man in the purpose of God? See also, Genesis 1-2.
4. How is this Psalm used in Hebrews 2v5-9? What does this teach about Jesus' incarnation, death, resurrection and exaltation? What does it show about how those who are part of the restored humanity should now live?
5. A similar approach to Heb 2 is used by the Apostle Paul as he combines this Psalm with another Psalm which is explicitly Messianic (Ps 110v1) in 1 Cor 15v25-27 (but also see Eph 1v22). What does this show about the connection between the Old and New Testaments?

## Christmas is coming.....

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Yes it is not long until the *Advent Windows* begin!

We have been working hard to secure organisations and locations to create and display our Advent Windows 2015 and we are very pleased that we have almost got there in covering the 24 days! I cannot wait to see all the wonderful pieces of artwork that will undoubtedly help us to tell the Christmas Story all around town.

Each day throughout Advent (December 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>) the windows will be opened at 11.00 am, when there will be part of the Christmas story told and a Carol will be sung. We could do with a few more willing volunteers to assist us with the openings throughout December and to help us liaise with the shops and organisations. I still go out to work and other team members have commitments so we cannot be available every day – it would be good to have a few more bodies to share the load.

If you can help or would like to find out more, then please do ring me on 01785 812317 or 07594554198 or e.mail me on [helenbowes@live.co.uk](mailto:helenbowes@live.co.uk) - would love to hear from you.

Happy Christmas,

*Helen*

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## Reader Training Placement

I would like to say thank you to everyone for the warmth support and encouragement I received from you all on my recent Reader Training Placement.

I really enjoyed all aspects of my time with you.

I have now been accepted to continue the second year of training at Shallowford House which begins at the end of September.

Sadly the second year of training does not involve a placement so I have felt privileged to have spent the short time involved with you under the very supportive supervision of Rev Paul Kingman.

Love, *Lin Davies*

Tearfund is a Christian international aid and development agency. Its core belief is that aid must be given regardless of race, religion, nationality or gender.

The refugee crisis facing Europe is the biggest population movement since the Second World War. Tearfund have set up the **Refugee Crisis Fund** in response to this situation. The refugees coming to Europe are mainly from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea, countries where Tearfund is already working. The fund will help those displaced in the Middle East, where the need is vast and support is urgently needed.

The war in Syria, now entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year, has created more than 4 million refugees out of a population of 22 million people. Neighbours Lebanon and Jordan are struggling to cope with 1.7 million refugees between them. Tearfund teams and partners are providing basic essentials for people who have left with little or nothing. They are also working with women and children who've been traumatised.

The fund will also help vital work in Europe. Partner church groups have been set up in Hungary, Greece and Macedonia; Tearfund are working to find more partners. On one day, Partner Hungarian Baptist Aid distributed food parcels to 300 families on the Serbian border. Medical help has been provided to refugees in informal field transit camps across S Hungary. They have supplied them with hygiene kits, blankets and floor mats.

This year our Harvest donations to Tearfund will be sent to the Refugee Crisis Fund. You can find out more on the website – [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org) (Click on the picture of the refugee child.)

Prayer thoughts by a Tearfund aid worker on the Syria/Iraq front line.  
*'Where do I start? Not with 'Peace in the Middle East please' - that's not realistic. I decided to start **small**.*

*A lot of bullets will be fired today – one **small** prayer, one less bullet might be fired. One more person may receive aid. One more person might find the resources and security to stay, rather than risk the treacherous journey to Europe. One more boat may not sink.'*

**Can you think of a small prayer for the Middle East today?**

*Sheila*

## The Goodness of God, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept

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On Saturday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> the Bethel Centre at West Bromwich hosted The Goodness of God celebration to mark the retirement of Bishop Jonathan of Lichfield. This was an informal get together with the whole of the Diocese represented. Phil, I and Dave Rowlands were there from Christ Church. We were all encouraged to take a small cross to lay at the base of a huge chalice created especially for the occasion. Banners representing each of the Deaneries were carried on to the platform and formed an impressive backdrop to the proceedings. There were also representatives from missionary partnerships of the Dioceses of Kuching, West Malaysia, Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan Canada, Matlosane in South Africa and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg in north-east Germany.

The Goodness of God celebration was just that. Bishop Jonathan had wanted the day to be, not about himself, but about God's goodness.

There were various speakers & presentations during the day, but the main speaker both morning and afternoon was the Rt Revd Gordon Mursell former Bishop of Stafford and he was his usual entertaining self. In the morning session he took five different verses from the Bible which have the word 'good' in them. He drew out the fact that in each verse the word good in the original language, either Hebrew or Greek, had a more specific meaning than our word good, each showing a different facet of God's goodness. After lunch he spoke on the last chapter of John's gospel, explaining how the resurrected Jesus met and shared breakfast with some of his disciples and how those disciples who were named in the passage had all, in some way, let Jesus down. Yet Jesus still wanted them to be witnesses for him.

There were some interesting video presentations throughout the day featuring work and events from various parts of the Diocese. Music and vocals were provided by a fantastic band and a choir led us in some of the worship songs. There was an opportunity for children to join in craft activities and those who took part in an African drumming workshop joined the other musicians on stage for a rousing and upbeat rendition of the song We are Marching. At the end of the event we were asked to choose a cross from the base of the chalice to take home as a reminder of the day. We came away feeling uplifted and very glad that we were able to attend.

*Diana Tunstall*

## **Jigsaw Prayer and Praise**

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Dear friends of Jigsaw, greetings, we praise God for his amazing faithfulness and power through answered prayers for Jigsaw and blessings through the love of you all, His people.

### **Updates and Prayers:**

- **Trains in the garden Stone** – We praise and thank God for all the work of Pete and Liz and all those who worked hard to put on this year’s trains in the garden afternoon for Jigsaw. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun which once again raised a great amount of money for Jigsaw. We personally had a wonderful time meeting everyone from Christ Church and bring thanks to everyone from Jigsaw.
- **Enna** – Thank you for your prayers for Enna who is blind in both eyes. Your prayers have bought an amazing link with the Christian Blind Mission in Manila. Jenalyn our social worker is in the process of having Enna’s eyes assessed and we look forward to bringing you news of further progress. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Raina**- Thank you for your prayers for Raina who has had a brain tumour since birth. Our emergency response team have taken her for initial assessments to St. Luke’s Hospital which is an Anglican Church hospital. We praise God that the hospital has agreed in principle to take on Raina’s case and to operate sometime between now and Christmas. Please pray that this will come to fruition. We will keep you updated.
- **Fisheries** – The Fisheries was a slum community that Jigsaw worked in which was demolished recently. We had asked for prayer for the families to find alternative places to live and we praise God that through partnership with a housing relocation scheme ten of the families are now living in much better housing than before (only God can do this) The only problem is it is very far from any of the Jigsaw centres and recently when the Jigsaw staff visited them they were asking the Jigsaw staff to start a ministry where they are now living. Please pray for the rest of the community which are still seeking places to live and for guidance for Jigsaw how they continue with their ministry with the displaced families.
- **Lendehl’s visit.** Thank you so much for your prayers for Lendehl’s visit it was such a significant time for Lendehl and for Jigsaw as he visited and met with many ‘Friends of Jigsaw.’

*(continued on next page)*

Lendehl is safely home and after a weeks rest will start back in Jigsaw on Monday. Lendehl is writing a personal letter to friends and supporters of Jigsaw about his visit which I will send out when it arrives. He will also forward photos to all those who are requesting them. Thank you once again.

- Tim's visit to the Philippines. On a personal note, after more visits to Peterborough respiratory clinic and added medication the doctors have said it is ok for me to visit the Philippines. So after prayer and thought I have booked to go almost immediately this Sunday as this fits in with family and Jigsaw. My visit to Jigsaw will focus on leadership development, review of finance and admin systems plus review, development and goal setting for our programs and activities and most excitedly the launch of our 'Mothers sewing Project.' I will be away until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. Please pray for a safe trip that God guides us in His ways for His children. Please also pray for Kate, James, Rebekah and Grace that God is with them as they go back to work and school and that Kate will manage the logistics of family life and work while I'm away.
- Praise God for all the amazing gifts that you all give which enable Jigsaw ministry to work with so many children bringing Faith, Hope and Love to their lives. Please continue to pray for the resources we need for the rest of the year. Thank you.
- Please pray for a young boy called Junie who this week has been referred to Jigsaw as he is in a very vulnerable position on the brink of being enticed into being sold into child labour. A school teacher became aware of this and contacted Jigsaw to intervene. Please pray for guidance as to how we can help to rescue Junie from this.
- Please pray for a way for Jigsaw to train another social worker and a community development worker.
- Please pray for Roland –one of the Jigsaw drivers who is very ill with fever and a lung condition. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
- Please pray for Jigsaw to link with more partners who can support Jigsaw's work with doctors, health workers and medicines and for partners who can help provide food, housing and nutrition.

With love Tim and Kate and everyone in Jigsaw.

## Fracking exploration sites

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*In August the UK's Oil & Gas Authority announced 27 more locations across the country were to be offered to companies wanting to frack for shale oil and gas. Ron Fox offers his thoughts about the implications for Stoke-on-Trent - which is one of the sites up for licence*

IT'S a method that divides the British public into two camps. You're either for it or you're against it.

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, is the process of drilling into the earth and directing high-pressure fluid at subterranean rocks in order to extract gas and oil. In America, it's been hailed as a much-needed shot in the arm for energy companies.

In the UK, some politicians argue that it's the solution to depleting levels of fossil fuels and could provide thousands of jobs in the future.

This week we've been told that the Oil & Gas Authority has released 27 more sites across the country where firms are able to apply to frack for oil and gas. The locations named by the Government agency include areas in the North East and the Midlands – with Stoke-on-Trent being one of the 'blocks' up for grabs.

It's not surprising that the Government is backing the move.

UK Energy Minister Lord Bourne said: "Keeping the lights on and powering the economy is not negotiable, and these industries will play a key part in providing secure and reliable energy to UK homes and businesses for decades to come."

At this point, we should underline that fracking is subject to local planning consent so there's no certainty that these applications will ever come to fruition – although there has been some recent relaxation in planning regulations.

So why is it a process that attracts such controversy?

For a start, it has sparked worries about the environment. The BBC quotes Greenpeace campaigner Daisy Sands as sounding "the starting gun to the fight for the future of our countryside."

There have been concerns about the huge amount of water used in fracking, air pollution and possible groundwater contamination – all of which carry an evident environmental cost. *(Continued on next page)*

Then there have been fears about ‘induced seismicity’, or tremors brought about by fracking. Certainly more scientific research is needed into the true impact of so-called shale shock. As reported in *The Sentinel*, our very own Keele University is conducting a study into the potential hazards attached to fracking.

Most worrying of all is the fact that the Government is not properly investing in renewable energy as a credible alternative to fossil fuels.

When we should be thinking about sustainable ways to provide energy, it seems to some campaigners that we’re focusing too heavily on a short-term distraction. Of course people need reasonably priced energy. We understand that rising bills are a real concern.

However, here at Noreus Solutions we’d like to see more investment in proven renewables *alongside* speculative technology. We’d also like more research about the true impact of fracking.

After all, once invasive changes to our countryside have taken place, we can’t easily turn back the clock.

*Ron Fox*

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## MAF Day of Prayer Oct 18<sup>th</sup>

### **A hope and a future**

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plan to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.

*Jeremiah 29:11*

Through our planes, partners and pilots, Mission Aviation Fellowship seeks to bring God’s love to some of the world’s most inaccessible areas. This year’s Day of Prayer will focus on how we’re bringing hope to thousands of remote and impoverished communities by providing practical help, physical healing and the life-giving words of the gospel.

Hope that provides those struggling to survive day after day with a future - now and eternally.

We look forward to praising God for answering our prayers, as well as committing our current requests to Him.

We’d love you to join us in prayer on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

*(Mircea Peston writes to us about the work in several churches)*

From July 4th till now we have 5 teams for ministry. One team for ministers training and 4 teams for other ministries.

## 1. Children's ministry

We have been able to minister to over 130 children in 3 localities. Sânpetru Almaşului, Săldăbagiu and Şimleul Silvaniei. Most of the children were from non Christian families. Some of the children dedicated their hearts to God.

Please pray for those children to follow Christ and to stay close to the churches.

## 2. Food for poor families

The teams coming have been able to buy food for 55 poor families. We are talking about families who have no running water, not inside toilets or other facilities you are used to have. Those families barely have enough to eat everyday. The teams visit each one for the families and they prayed for them and for the primary need they have "Salvation". Surprising some of those families I have seen them in the church on Sunday. One of the families lost everything they had and now they live in a tent without electricity or water. The conditions are extreme. A team from USA paid for the electricity to be installed. Praise GOD !!!

Please pray for those 55 families who received the food and a short gospel message to believe in Jesus Christ and to follow Him.

## 3. Seeds for new church planting.

I don't know if I told you about my intention to plant 2 new churches in village of Baica and village of Voievodeni. During Summer we have been in both of those villages with a team. We have not done many things but the team went through the village and they prayed for those people. We visited 4 or 5 families in each village with food and then we organized a meeting in every village.

Please pray for those two villages Baica and Voievodeni to receive Christ and salvation.

## 4. Pastoral training.

To can achieve the plans for the new church planting over the churches here we need a new generation of ministers. For this matter we got help from a teacher from UK - Ian Crossley. I pray that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to bless you and your church. *(Continued)*

He has been in Romania in August and for 2 weeks. We got 13 ministers who are involved in ministry or who will be involved in ministry soon for training.

Please pray for those people who want to put their life at the cross to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so very much for your prayers and support. I want to do a more detailed report about the mission work over the Summer but that take time.

Thank you for everything.

Love in Christ , *Mircea*

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### Christ Church 130 years ago

#### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The work of Temperance is one that is in the nature of things very closely associated with the work of a parish and the daily experience of a clergyman. It meets him at every turn-at the sick bed, in the hour of need, and in the home life of his people. It is drunkenness more than anything else which keeps men from church, and often children from the Sunday School. Among the many appeals a clergyman has to his sympathy and aid the majority are caused by intemperance. It is the crying evil of the day-the secret of the many unhappy, wretched homes and lives which are now so common, Intemperance hinders the work of God. What can be done with a drunkard ? Nothing- unless he will sever himself from his sin. Intemperance ruins the home-the wife suffers, the children go uncared for, there are no comforts. What should be happiness is made into misery.

Intemperance hinders every work of progress and improvement. Look at it as you may, if a man is a *victim*, a *slave* of drink, no inducement will draw him from it or elevate him. Drunkenness is an unmanly thing, a badge of disgrace. It lowers a man to the level of a beast-in his life, in his speech, and in his habits. It is the cause of vast deal of the vilest forms of sin and crime in the world. A man under the power of drink condescends to actions his soul would scorn if sober. If drunkenness affected the drunkard only, then the evil would be less deplorable ; but it drags so many others in its train. It breaks the hearts of parents, and sends them with sorrow to the grave. It ruins home and brings misery to the innocent.

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## Christ Church 130 years ago *(cont)*

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*What a sin !* What have they done ? It drags others to its own level. Youth is fascinated and corrupted by it. It defiles society, ruins both body and soul. It is a *growing* evil, especially among the young of *both* sexes. What does this mean for England's future?—*a race of inebriates!* Children in whom a *longing* for drink is INBORN ! ! Could anything be worse than this? Is any further argument needed? We think not.

These are some of the reasons which have led us to bring the work of Temperance prominently to the front in our parish. Our Men's Bible Class are taking it up, and many of our workers too. A Society will at once be formed, and names received. A meeting will be held as soon as possible in the schoolroom.

Let us not be selfish in this matter. Bear in mind we have to live for others as well. Join for example's sake, that one witness more may be added to our number. Put it on its highest grounds. What can I do to help those who are not strong enough to help themselves ? Nay, a step further still. What sacrifice can I make? What indulgence give up for *His sake* who gave *all* for me? Would your doing so *help*? Yes; it would encourage others to do what you yourself have already done. *Rev. Walter Thompson*

## Christ Church 10 years ago

- **Thomas Nash** was welcomed onto the PCC in his position as our Youth Worker in the Benefice. He started here at the beginning of September.

- Plans for the **visit of the Boaters' Christian Fellowship to Stone** from the evening of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September to the morning of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 are now well advanced and PCC members were urged to pray and invite people to the various events, and to encourage others to do so.

- **The Rock Café** continues to attract 30-40 young people on a Friday evening. It stayed open over the holiday period at the request of the young people. The operational policy for the Café was accepted by the PCC as a working document for the first year and will be reviewed thereafter.

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## Christ Church 10 years ago

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- Scaffolding is to be erected on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to enable the **church roof** to be repaired where it has suffered damage due to louvres becoming detached from the belfry.
  - The PCC is moving forward towards defining its **Mission Action Plan** – that is, defining what God would have us do as a church to reach out to those around who don't yet know Him. As we can't do everything, we are now praying about which group we should focus on, and how they may be reached.
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### **Sanctus - the Church serving refugees**

St Mark's Shelton has been the home of Sanctus for nearly two years, providing hundreds of people with a listening ear, help with bureaucracy, a friendly face, emergency accommodation, help with food and clothing and translation as well as spiritual care. At the beginning of September it opened a 'school uniform bank' to help destitute children who are starting school this week. Once a month, there is a Sanctus service where refugees come together in sharing and prayer.

There is a heavy demand for its services as Stoke-on-Trent is one of the government's 'dispersal cities' for newly arrived refugees.

Since its school-uniform bank was featured on local radio and their story shared at the Goodness of God event, Sanctus has been overwhelmed with goodwill and offers of help.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

#### **What we do**

Sanctus St Mark's is a support group for refugees and people who are seeking asylum in the UK. We aim to walk alongside people who find their way to us, from all around the world, in a non judgemental and safe environment.

#### **Where we are**

We are in Stoke on Trent, but the reach of our ministry extends to Europe and beyond. We aim to connect with like minded groups around the world.

#### **Who we serve**

We welcome women, men and children, without prejudice, of all faiths and none.

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

6 <sup>th</sup> August	Mary Shemelt	Age 83
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Reginald Ernest Bennett	Age 84

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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4 <sup>th</sup> October	K. Thompson	D. Garrington-Miller
	J. Bowes	K. Woodward
11 <sup>th</sup> October	G. Latos	D. Shemilt
	C. Leithead	P. Roberts
18 <sup>th</sup> October	C. Wilding	D. Wilson
	P. Kelly	C. Reeve
25 <sup>th</sup> October	K. Rein	R. Brandon
	D. Davies	M. Hillman



## FLOWER ROTA

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Flower Guild
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs A. West
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Mrs D. Wilson
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Miss B. Sutcliffe



## ROADS FOR PRAYER

<b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>
The Crescent	Albert Street
End Granville Terrace	Alexandra Street
Millers Gate	Arthur Street
Hartley Drive	Berkeley Street
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Chestnut Grove	Kent Grove
Edward Street	Meaford Avenue
Field Terrace	Mount Avenue
Field House Court	Mount Crescent



## Groups and Activities

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<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Helen Bowes, Helen Kennedy	
<b>P.C.C. Members</b>	Kate Latham, Irene Gassor, Phil Tunstall Shelagh Sanders, Pete Mason, George Holden Angela Burton, Marylyn Hillman, Pam Shields Kevin Reynolds, Estella Woodhead, Rob Shields	
<b>Secretary</b>	Shelagh Sanders	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kevin Reynolds	850135
<b>Envelopes, Gift Aid</b>	Richard Latos	

### 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>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> (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      **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday      6:30 pm

**Youth Club** (years 9-13) Tuesday 7:00 pm      **Kingzone** (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

### THE MAGAZINE TEAM

**Mission News & Prayer Diary**                      Cecilia Wilding                      817987

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