

Christ Church and People

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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. Here is a picture of houses in Oulton Rd

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November 2006

We	1	7.30pm	Standing Committee at Christ Church
Th	2	1.20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fr	3		
Sa	4	8.30am 9.00am	Prayer Meeting in church Breakfast in the Centre
Su	5	9.15am 6.00pm	Communion: Text: Leviticus 1 “Costly Worship” (possibly) Confirmation Service Christ Church Text: Mark 13:1-13 “The end of the Temple”
Mo	6	9.00am 6.30pm	Prayers for the schools and young people of the town Cornerstone for teenagers at 78 Oulton Rd
Tu	7	12.30pm 1.10pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Seekers Group at Middle School Assembly at Alleyne's year 9 Youth Club in Annexe Housegroup 2 The Glen (Psalm 119)
We	8	7.30pm	Stone Deanery at Barlaston
Th	9	1.20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fr	10		
Sa	11		
Su	12	9.15am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer: Text: Leviticus 2 “Thanks be to God” Communion at Christ Church Text: Mark 13 “The end of time”
Mo	13	9.00am 1.10pm 6.30pm	Prayers for the schools and young people of the town Assembly at Alleyne's, years 12,13 Cornerstone for teenagers at 78 Oulton Rd
Tu	14	9.30am 10.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Communion in Church Seekers group at the Middle School Stone fraternal meeting Youth Club in the Centre First Carol service practice
We	15	12.00am 7.30pm	Chapter Meeting at Christ Church PCC Meeting
Th	16	1.20pm 7.00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Meet Stephen Bell in Centre. Shared Meal

Fr	17		
Sa	18		
Su	19	9.15am 6.00pm	Communion. Text: Leviticus 8 “OT Priests” Evening Prayer at Christ Church. Text: Mark 14:1-10 “Lavish Love”
Mo	20	9.00am 6.30pm	Prayers for the schools and young people of the town Cornerstone for teenagers at 78 Oulton Rd
Tu	21	12.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Seekers Club at Middle School Youth Club in the Centre Housegroup 2 The Glen
We	22	1.10pm 8.00pm	Alleyne's assembly year 10 20's group
Th	23	1.20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fr	24		
Sa	25		
Su	26	9.15am 6.00pm	Family Service. Text: Leviticus 11:1-12 “Food laws” Communion at Christ Church. Text: Mark 14:12-31 “Pledges”
Mo	27	9.00am 6.30pm	Prayers for the schools and young people of the town Cornerstone for teenagers at 78 Oulton Rd
Tu	28	9.30am 10.30am 12.30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Communion in Church Christ Church Middle School Seekers Club
We	29	8.00pm	20's group
Th	30	1.20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly

Activities for young people take place in the centre during the Sunday morning service each Sunday except the fourth 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



This benefice of churches has Simeon's Trustees as its patron. The 13th November marks 170 years since the death of Charles Simeon, the youngest son of a wealthy Reading lawyer. After school at Eton, in 1779 Simeon went up to King's College, Cambridge, with little or no Christian understanding. 'Freshmen' were summoned by the Provost to attend a service of Holy Communion. When Simeon was called he decided to prepare for it, but was overcome by his guilt. Three months later he found relief when he read a book that explained the Lord's Supper in terms of the Old Testament sacrificial system. He was struck by one phrase: *'the Jews knew what they did when they transferred their guilt to the head of the offering'*. Simeon made the connection during the week before Easter: that he could transfer his guilt to the head of Jesus, the perfect sacrifice for sins. Simeon was converted that Easter.

Simeon became a Cambridge 'fellow', a position that he in fact held as an unmarried man for the rest of his life. He was also appointed vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge aged 23. It was a controversial appointment by Bishop of Ely who refused the churchwardens request to make the current curate vicar. But it was because of his preaching ministry that Simeon faced prolonged opposition from both town and gown, which centred on Christ. As a result he was often insulted in the streets and on several occasions the churchwardens locked him out of the church! However, his ministry lasted for 54 years, during which time he had an unrivalled influence on the students of Cambridge and saw many become ordained in the Church of England. His preaching was by all accounts stirring stuff with the threefold aim of *'humbling the sinner, exalting the Saviour and promoting holiness.'*

Simeon purchased the patronage of about 142 new churches across the country. His vision was to establish evangelical (*i.e.* a Bible based) ministry wherever he could. A text he lived by (and in a message to be read out after his death to his congregation) was from the apostle Paul: *'For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified'* (1 Corinthians 2v2). If there are any traditions worth keeping it is surely this one. It is only as we continue to proclaim the great doctrines of **salvation by grace through faith in Christ** (that forgiveness and our future in heaven are only secured by relying on what Christ has done for us on the cross) that we continue to hold onto Biblical Christianity and a sure hope.



Paul Kingman

The PCC met on Wednesday 13 September 2006 and the following matters were reported on, discussed and/or decided.

- Dave Rowlands was elected as a Deanery Synod representative.
- An open-air Nativity is planned to take place on Saturday 23 December in Stone High Street. Dan Guerrard is to lead the working party.
- The Electoral Roll has to be revised. The PCC and pastoral care group were requested to make contact with all who are on the electoral roll between Harvest and Advent. A covenant service has been arranged for 7 January 2007 as an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves to Christ and his mission.
- A slightly different approach is being taken to small groups. Sunday sermons are being recorded and small groups that meet through the week will reflect on these with some standard questions to discuss.
- The information for the Gift Day service on 29 October was approved and the production of the paperwork was organised.
- We have received notification from the Archbishops' council of new fees for 2007. the setting of new local fees will be discussed at the next meeting of the PCC.

The next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 15 November 2006.

Children are people too

Your PCC has been working on a Mission Action Plan for work with children and young people. Children are not – as many people believe – the ‘church of the future’ but are valued members of the church and offer as much to adults as adults do to them.

We are fortunate to have church plant and people who lead, and assist with, groups throughout the week – Parents and Toddlers, Sunday groups, day school and youth activities. But to continue and to increase all these activities, members of the congregation need to be aware of the contribution they can make to this important front-line mission work.

What can you do to help?

1. Pray regularly for all children and young people.
2. Ask God which of your gifts he can use in this important work.
3. Talk to a member of the PCC about opportunities to help – perhaps Tom Nash, Cecilia Wilding, Estella Woodhead or Sandra Morray could tell you more about the specific help that is needed.
4. Befriend children and young people and make them feel welcome in church.

Think again

- You may be nervous of ‘face to face’ work but there are all sorts of support roles which will make life easier – setting up the room, making tea and squash, tidying up, administrative tasks etc
- You may not be able to commit to a regular weekly slot but there are other possibilities – monthly help, occasional help for special events, cover for holidays ...

YOU are the church, and the church needs you to help nurture our children and young people as Christian disciples.

Please consider carefully what you can offer to help bring a child to Christ, and to encourage them to continue to follow Christ as a valued member of his people.

Thank you.

Shirley Hallam

North Staffs Youth for Christ (NSYFC)

(NSYFC is one of the organisations outside the Parish which we support as a church from the giving of 10% of our free-will offering each year)

What is North Staffs Youth for Christ?

NSYFC has been in existence since 1998 to serve children and young people in the Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme areas. It has grown rapidly from a solo worker to an extended team of over 20, serving schools, the community, and local churches. They are seeking to build on these foundations to make a contribution of lasting significance to the thousands of lives they connect with each month across the sub-region.

NSFC is one of over 60 Youth for Christ (YFC) 'centres' in the UK. They are part of an international family of YFC ministries in over 120 countries worldwide.

What they do:

They work with churches, schools, community groups and individuals to engage, win, build and mobilise young people. Schools work in primary, middle and high schools makes up about 65% of their work. The work is varied as they seek to meet the needs of each individual school. 13 of the 16 high schools in the North Staffs area have regular input from NSYFC, with more than 30 primary schools receiving contributions in the form of assemblies, lessons and clubs. They provide mentoring services to both primary and high schools. They also work with a whole variety of statutory and voluntary agencies engaging in a diverse range of community outreach initiatives.

Resourcing is a vital part of their work. They wish to resource both individuals and churches at whatever level they can. This ranges from fully-fledged accreditation programmes to bespoke events and training possibilities for a cluster of workers. Their Aurora year-out programme is designed to equip and train local young people who are starting out in ministry. *(Libby Cooper completed this programme)*

If you would like to know more about NSYFC, look on their web site – www.northstaffsyfc.co.uk

The Ultimate Discovery

Christianity Explored is a 7-week course that covers the basics of the Christian faith. The course is suitable either as an introduction or as a refresher to the Christian faith.

We make no charge for the course; the next meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at Christ Church Centre, Christ Church Way, Stone.

Contact John and Jan Butterworth for details or see the website www.christianityexplored.com

Christmas Music

It's nearly time to start singing Christmas songs! You are all welcome to join in! Practices will be held on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm in church, starting in mid-November. Watch the notice sheets for further details, or phone Pete Mason.

Candles and Cakes

Pathfinders have been busy making candles and cakes which they have sold to generous members of the congregation to raise money for musical instruments for the church youth orchestra. On October 15th they raised £66.97 at their sale, including a competition to estimate of the distance from Stone to the North Pole. There were some very imaginative guesses and we suspect that some people were trying not to win the prize, an elegant acrylic model of a sledge pulled by two reindeer. The winner was Irene Gassor, whose estimate of 2560 miles was just 4 miles shorter than the calculated value of 2564 miles.

Look out for further Pathfinder events in the future! We still have a long way to go, so donations towards the instrument fund will be extremely welcome. For further information see any Pathfinder or Enid Bell.

Christ Church First School

Our Harvest festival Service took place earlier in October and in addition to many parents and friends, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Heather Peake, a Diocesan Inspector, who spent the whole day with us in order to complete the Diocesan Section Inspection requirement of our recent very successful Ofsted Inspection. She enjoyed her day with us and we look forward to sharing her findings in respect of our Worship and School ethos.

Traditionally, "school trips" were always confined to the Summer Term, but now the "out-door environment" is viewed, quite rightly, as being equally important in developing children's education as classroom-based learning. Hence Year 3 were to be found on a rather chilly October morning, heading for the City of Chester, as part of their studies of the Romans and Roman Settlements. Here they were fortunate enough to happen upon a very obliging (and friendly!) Roman soldier who escorted them round the City, pointing out important landmarks.

Year 2 visited the Outdoor Centre at Birches Valley and spent a most enjoyable day discovering some exciting secrets of animal habitats at first hand.

Stone Food and Drink Festival brought us great excitement as we were awarded First Prize in the "Decorated Pumpkin" Competition. This award was a particular cause for celebration as we do not have large gardening resources in our traditional concrete playground. However, the children, as resourceful as ever took the pumpkin seeds home earlier in the year and planted them in gardens, allotments, grandad's garden, next door's garden—everywhere! Thus ideas were shared, growth was compared and team-work developed. A great deal of fun was had both at home and at School, where the enormous pumpkins were decorated. Something greater than pumpkins had grown by the end of the project----- Well done to Year 4 children!

Nurse Veronica Eardley has been visiting each class to discuss health and hygiene issues. Key Stage 2 children have been discussing the importance of caring for our teeth and keeping our bodies healthy. Key Stage 1 children have been thinking about eating a healthy diet and Reception children have been busily measuring and weighing all our dolls and teddies in "The Baby Clinic"!

Half-term already—how the weeks fly by!

Janet Booth - Early Years' Coordinator

"WHAT IS THE JOHN YOUNG FOUNDATION?"

This was the question I was asked the other day as I was pinning up a "John Young" notice on the Noticeboard in the church hall

The John Young Foundation is a registered charity and its subtitle is *"A resource for the promotion of Christian Healing"*. It started an initiative of the Rev. Dr. John Young, who worked as a psychiatrist at St. George's Hospital, Stafford, and then was ordained as a Non Stipendiary Priest. His vision was to try to bring together the Church's ministry of healing and the health care professions.

Sadly, John died prematurely, but his vision was carried on by others - and named after him. The Foundation is an ecumenical Christian organisation based within the Churches of Stafford and District. It seeks to continue the work of promoting health, healing and wholeness in both its individual and corporate aspects.

The Foundation: seeks to bring **Jesus' Healing Touch**

- through prayer and ministry;
- serves as a **Resource for the Christian Ministry**
- through information - lending library, lectures, courses, workshops,
Bible studies;
- provides opportunity for **Rest, Refreshment and Re-creation**
 - through Quiet Days, Retreats, Art and Music and Pilgrimages.

The next event is the **Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Healing** on Saturday 25th November in **St. Peter s Church, Rickerscote, Stafford at 11.00a.m. The service will include the laying on of hands** with prayer for healing, and the address will be given by the Rev. Preb. Roger Vaughan.

The Foundation has an office at 131 - 141 North Walls (first floor of the Stafford District Voluntary Services Buildings) which is normally open 10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m. Monday to Friday. This is where the Lending Library is housed. Daily Prayers for the sick are said at 12 noon and friends are welcome to attend and join in. If you would like to know more, please do phone them on 01785 258428 (answerphone outside hours) or e-mail on jyf@route56.co.uk

S. Vaughan

From our American Correspondent

Dear Friends

Well here we are on the move at last. We have boated down the Dismal Swamp Canal, the oldest continually operating canal in the USA, built by a company led by George Washington, and arrived at Elizabeth City in North Carolina. Later this week two “sea captains”, husband and wife, are going to pilot us across the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds and hopefully teach me something about navigation.

Before we left Chesapeake we attended a Pentecostal service. I was feeling rather homesick and was helped enormously by the warmth of the congregation. The pastor began by reminding us “When two or three are gathered together in My name...” and suggested we turned to one of our neighbours and prayed for them. I held the hands of the two ladies sitting behind me and we asked the Lord to bless and support the others in our everyday lives. It was a most welcome start to the service.

At the end, after some rousing singing led by three ladies at the front and a talk by the pastor on the importance of tithing, we all went up to the platform (can't say altar as there was none) and the pastor said he felt strongly that there were people in trouble in the congregation who needed praying for. We should surround those people with our loving prayers. I don't know how she knew I needed help, but a lady called Bess and her daughter appeared by my side, put their arms around me, and prayed for me. Then we all sang “He has turned my mourning into dancing”.

Finally the pastor announced that he and a team from the Church were off to Rumania the next day to lead a Mission and we prayed for them.

We really enjoyed our visit to the Pentecostal Church and felt that the Lord had led us there that Sunday because he knew that it would help me in my homesick mood. Please continue to support us in prayer as we continue south into the Carolinas.

God bless you all

Monica Darlington

This year started in the middle of training local and international staff for Campus Crusade for Christ. It was full of hope. They are now going through challenges of raising support for their ministry. We also saw the impact of working on the Family and Youth Connections as a priority.

The second half of the year we were on sabbatical but working whenever there was need. This was a time to pray and ask what the Lord would have us do the rest of our stay in Botswana under Campus Crusade for Christ or any other arrangement. It was eye opening. The Lord put a heavy emphasis on the family situation on the continent and on Botswana in particular.

Family Life: This came powerfully as we thought about all that we have been doing and it's impact on youth and wondered how it would change them better if the family environment they come from was also addressed from a biblical perspective. We shared with parents about the impact on children of a good marriage. The security that goes with this for children is greater than riches. The slogan that said a lot was "The best thing you can do for your children is to love your spouse."

Singles: When you are a couple talking to singles, encouraging them to remain faithful can be challenging – especially when they are advanced in years and the brothers seem to be sleeping. It was good to know that both single and married life have a place and are recommended in the Bible. But men need to wake up.

Youth; While talking to youth, issues on Love, Sex, and Relationships opened up some frightening problems. **The Pressure is on. But the Bible proved to have all the answers.**

We also participated in "Face the Nation Life Skills", "Life at the CrossRoads" Training at the University of Botswana and conferences at the Open Baptist Church.

Beneficiaries; End time ministries, Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Police, Pastor Marks' Church, Light House Ministries, Pentecost Holiness Church, Face the Nation Project and Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana.

Pan Africa Christian AIDS Network: We were able to see that the ideas on an all Africa Christian initiative the Lord gave us before coming to Botswana becoming a reality through Pan Africa Christian AIDS Network. Amen.

All this and more have been made possible because of your support and from others the Lord has used to keep us in the mission field. Praise the Lord.

Jonathan M. & Robinah Beesigomwe and Family

(Jonathan and Robinah are working in Botswana with Campus Crusade for Christ, and receive some support from Christ Church)

13 A Thank You Message from Julia and Peter Nisbeck

To all our friends at Christchurch

When we have spent nearly nineteen years as part of the fellowship at Christchurch it has been a huge wrench to finally say goodbye, even though we have known for some time that we would be leaving.

We were, once again, made aware of what we were leaving by the kindness shown to us at the farewell party, our final service and the generous gift given to us. We had an absolutely wonderful evening on 16th September with lots of leg pulling and memories of previous social events at Christchurch. Pete Mason, John Butterworth and many others worked really hard to organise the evening and we are both most grateful for the effort that everybody made. Our daughter, Alex, gained great sympathy in her ‘therapy’ session for having to put up with parents like us and Roger was particularly helpful with his rather dubious advice for a new Curate! The band were magnificent and were enjoying playing as much as we enjoyed listening to them and dancing along with them.

We found the Communion on Sunday morning especially moving as we shared the Peace with so many long-standing friends. The books that were presented to me by Dave Rowlands on the day of my ordination will be invaluable for studying and teaching the Scriptures. I am deeply grateful and will think of you all as I make good use of them.

We would like to finish again with those final words from Ephesians which I used on our last Sunday:

“Peace be to the whole community and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Thank you so much for everything that Christchurch has been to us. Thank you for your love. Thank you for the fun.

Please pray for us as we will pray for you. With love from

Julia and Peter

Christianity and the Internet

There are many bad things about the Internet and we usually hear about spam, online gambling, phishing and bad people attempting to lure children to unsafe places. However, it's not all bad! www.handango.com sells many versions of the bible for Pocket PCs and other portable computers. I've got the Authorised Version on mine because it's free but the NIV, NASV and others are all available for around \$30. This means I always have a bible with me. You can now have the whole bible on a mobile phone (and still have room to spare for 1000 songs and some photographs). They also have Easton's Bible Dictionary and MSDict Oxford Bible Dictionary. You can read passages from the bible free at www.biblegateway.com

Matthew Henry's commentary is on the Internet for free in the Classic Christian Ethereal Library (www.ccel.org) with Calvin's commentaries.

At www.dailybread.org.uk, you can look at this week's Daily Bread notes free of charge, and you can order bible reading notes (real, paper copies) to be delivered through your letterbox. These are sold at the normal prices, but last time I did it there was no charge for postage. Christian books can be ordered from www.thegoodbook.co.uk but often they are also available from amazon.

One of my favourite sites is www.thebricktestament.com - the Lego Bible. If you haven't ever looked at this, go and look now!

Lichfield Diocese of course has a website (Christ Church has a page) and they publish a frequent bulletin which can be very informative. They will email it to you as soon as it is published, if you like. The Lichfield Diocese website includes Paul's magazine letter, only slightly later than we print in this magazine (and with a colour photo). Look at www.lichfield.anglican.org

There is an i-church at www.i-church.org which includes sermons, news, book reviews and short articles by i-church members. This is a worthy effort but I find it difficult to join in with people I can't see or hear.

News can also be found at www.churchtimes.co.uk and www.churchnewspaper.com but both newspapers ask for money before they will divulge much news.

Dave Bell

ROADS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for people living in these streets of our parish

5th November

Albert Street
Alexandra Street
Arthur Street
Berkeley Street

12th November

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Court
Kent Grove

19th November

Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent
Mount Road

26th November

Mount Street
Old Road
Stonefield Court
Stonefield Square



Thank You from Irene

Dear Friends,

I want to say a heartfelt thank you to you all for your prayers and very practical help that has been shown to me during the time of my two hip replacement operations and the convalescence which hopefully is now coming to an end. It is great to know that I shall now be able to lead a normal life without the pain which I had been experiencing. It is difficult to describe the calm and well-being that I felt in both cases knowing that I could put all my trust in God and that all this had been possible through the gifts given by God to the surgeons, nurses and all who had taken care of me whilst I was in hospital and now at home. It is a wonderful feeling to know that I belong to a church family who really do care. Once again **thank you and God bless!**

Irene Gassor

FROM THE REGISTERS

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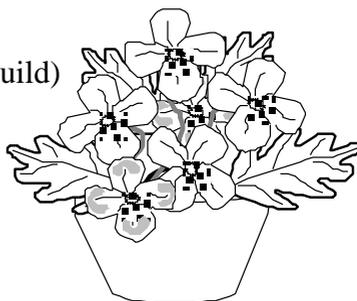
21 st September	Kelvin Hassall	Age 56
26 th September	John Thomas Glover	Age 93
2 nd October	John Phillips	Age 61
6 th October	Michael Fred Clarke	Age 70

SIDESPERSONS FOR NOVEMBER

	AM	PM
5 th	A.Greer, V.Ledward B.Hutchinson, M.Hutchinson	P.Tunstall
12 th	J.Rowlands, T.MacFarlane A.West, S.Hallam	D.Shemilt
19 th	G.Holden, M.Holden D.Pickles, D.Wilson	P.Tunstall
26 th	P.Hipkiss, C.Wilding A.Greer, V.Ledward	D.Shemilt

FLOWER ROTA

5 th	Mrs Pearson
12 th	Remembrance (Flower Guild)
19 th	Mrs M. Hillman
26 th	Mrs D. Tunstall



Deanery Synod Reps Mrs S Hallam, Mr I Hawley

P.C.C. Members	Mr J Challinor, Miss B Cooper, Mrs I Gassor Mr D Guerrard, Mrs M Hillman, Mr T Lockett Mrs E Mason, Mr P Mason, Mrs D Wilson Mrs E Woodhead	
Secretary	Jacqueline Abrahams.....	817020
Treasurer	Kevin Reynolds.....	851595
Envelopes	Ian Hawley.....	811646
Gift Aid		

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers	Sandra Morray.....	286093
Explorers	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
Pathfinders	Enid Bell.....	815775
Banner Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Church Missionary Boxes	Barbara Ewart.....	760352
Flower Guild	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936
Men's Fellowship	Mike Thompson.....	813712
Missions Secretary	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
Mothers' Union	Irene Gassor.....	814871
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
Uniformed Organisations	Janet Smith.....	815939
Rainbows	Mon 6.00 pm	
Brownies	Mon 6.00 pm	
Guides	Wed 7.00 pm	

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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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