

# Christ Church and People

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# March 2016

# 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 page 22 for details)

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## Christ Church



## and People

Please get your contributions for the April magazine to us by the 15th March

Cover Picture:-

Field Terrace

The magazine costs 40p per issue or £4 for a full year.

### **Mission Prayers**

Cecilia regrets that she has been unable to compile the Mission Prayer Requests insert this month. Please do pray anyway!

### Subscriptions

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# March 2016

Tue	1	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	2	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Lent Course; The life of Jesus (3) Kingdom Come
Thu	3	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Standing committee
Fri	4	2:00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer St Michael's Church
Sat	5	8:30am 10:00am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Kieran and Ash's UAE Presentation
Sun	6	9:15am  4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion; John 9:1-41 "What do you have to say about him?" Bereans Youth Bible study Lent Course; The life of Jesus (4) Judge and Friend
Mon	7	6:30pm 8:15pm	Breathe yrs 5-8 Kieran and Ash's UAE Presentation
Tue	8	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	9	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Lent Course; The life of Jesus (4) Judge and Friend
Thu	10	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	11	7:00pm	Oulton First School Easter concert, St John's Oulton
Sat	12		
Sun	13	9:15am  4:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer John 11:1-46 "I AM the resurrection" Bereans Youth Bible study Lent Course; The life of Jesus (5) Cross examination
Mon	14	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	15	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13

Wed	16	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Lent Course; The life of Jesus (5) Cross Examination
Thu	17	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly PCC meeting
Fri	18		
Sat	19	10:00am	Marriage preparation course
Sun	20	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Palm Sunday Communion John 19:1-42 "Dead and buried" Bereans Youth Bible study Lent Course; The life of Jesus (6) The Resurrection
Mon	21	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	22	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	23	9:25am 6:00pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School Easter service KingZone yrs 2-4 Lent Course; The life of Jesus (6) The Resurrection
Thu	24	10:45am 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy Easter service Communion at St John's Oulton
Fri	25	10:00am 7:30pm	Good Friday: Easter Craft and Family service Music and meditation
Sat	26		
Sun	27	9:15am	Easter Day Communion John 20:1-18 "The empty tomb"
Mon	28		
Tue	29	10:00am 1:30pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Holiday Club - Jungle Jamboree
Wed	30	1:30pm	Holiday Club - Jungle Jamboree
Thu	31	1:30pm	Holiday Club - Jungle Jamboree

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on March 20th

A woman recently shocked her husband by turning up at her own memorial service. This was just days after the husband had instructed hit-men to kill her. The Australian woman had flown to Barundi for a family event. On going outside for fresh air at the suggestion of her husband, she was kidnapped and taken to a derelict building. The husband at the end of a phone ordered her death and she heard the words. But the hit-men let her go. Once back in Melbourne she arrived in time to see mourners leaving her home. Her husband put his hands on his head and said: *“Is it my eyes? Is it a ghost?”* She replied: *“Surprise, I’m alive!”*

Many treat with skepticism the Easter story of Jesus’ resurrection. Was it a hoax that gullible people believed? Perhaps he never really died, but fainted and then revived in the cool of his cave? Maybe it was all in the mind, dreams by his friends who couldn’t live without him?

The Bible provides historical proof of the resurrection. Jesus died by crucifixion at the time of the Passover, which we call ‘Good Friday.’ Jesus was then seen alive three days later on ‘Easter Sunday’. The Apostle Paul reminds us of the evidence: *‘For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time’* (1 Cor 15v3-6). Jesus’ death was for our sin so as to secure our forgiveness; he was buried because he was dead; he rose to new life, which showed his power over death. Many saw him alive, including several individuals who talked and ate with him. He later appeared to Saul, the chief persecutor of Christians, who then became the chief preacher of the risen Jesus! A huge number of people have died ever since for believing in the risen Jesus.

This is the basis of Christian hope. The Bible proves it. It’s time to believe it.

It is this that makes it a happy Easter.

*Paul Kingman*



## Proclaiming Christ in the Muslim World

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Amidst the traditional Arabian backdrop of sand, sheiks and shawarmas, we find an oasis, a meeting place of the nations, an ideal place to reach the 'unreached'.

We would love to invite you along to one of our presentations where we can tell you, more about what God is doing in Fujairah, and how we intend to serve Him there.

These presentations will be held in the Christ Church Centre and are open to all churches in the benefice.

This time will include a short presentation from Kieran and Ash, a time for questions, and refreshments.

**Presentation one: Saturday 5th March at 10.00am**

**Presentation two: Monday 7th March at 8.15pm**

You can sign up for our prayer letter on [www.tinyurl.com/prayFujairah](http://www.tinyurl.com/prayFujairah)  
Email us on [kieranandash@gmail.com](mailto:kieranandash@gmail.com) for more information.

*Kieran and Ashley*

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### Easter Flowers

The Flower Guild would be most grateful for donations towards the purchase of flowers for Easter. Donations can be left at the Parish Office. On the two Sundays before Easter, collection plates will be placed at the church entrances. If you wish to have a name entered into the Book of Remembrance, please let me know before Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanks, *Marylyn*

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### Three Questions?

- Do you have about 1 hour a month to spare?
- Would you like to be doing some gentle exercise in a quiet peaceful surrounding?
- Have you thought about helping to keep our church spick and span?

If the answers are YES! YES! and YES!, then speak to either Dilys or Marylyn.

## 6 **Life of Jesus – the man and why he matters**

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### **A six-week course for Lent**

What really happened back in the first century, in Jerusalem and around the lake of Galilee, that changed the shape of world history? Following on from his award-winning documentary *The Christ Files*, ancient historian John Dickson takes us on a new journey through the most significant parts of Jesus' life. Shot on location in Israel, the *Life of Jesus* introduces the viewer in six short episodes to what we know of Jesus' birth, his teaching, his deeds, and his crucifixion and reported resurrection from the dead.

**Sessions: a choice of Sunday 6 pm or Weds 7.30 pm.**

3. **Kingdom Come** – examines Jesus' key message and the extraordinary claims about his 'miracles'  
[Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Feb/Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar].
  4. **Judge and Friend** – addresses Jesus' scandalous practice of befriending those typified as 'sinners under God's judgment'  
[Sun 6<sup>th</sup>/Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar].
  5. **Cross Examination** – looks at the political causes of Jesus' crucifixion, and the meaning that Jesus and the early Christians attached to it  
[Sun 13<sup>th</sup>/Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar].
  6. **The Resurrection** – assesses why the resurrection story is still taken seriously by historians and how that story changed the world  
[Sun 20<sup>th</sup> /Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar].
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### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year's service will be held at St Michael's Church, Stone, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 2 pm.

#### **Theme**

### **Receive children, receive me**

The service has been prepared by women living on the Caribbean island of Cuba.



## HE IS ALIVE!

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I could easily leave it at that for really there is nothing else to say. In these three words we have the essence of our Christian Faith. We believe HE IS ALIVE! Or as St Paul expressed it: 'if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain... If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.' (1 Cor 15: 14ff)

**HE** is Jesus. That he lived there is no doubt for even non – Christian historians of the time verified it. Who 'he' actually was is a matter of faith. A good person, a wise teacher, a kind healer – but for Christians Jesus was God made man. That is really exciting because it means that our Creator has actually lived and breathed and walked among us. So God knows what it is like to be human. When I pray I pray to a God who understands. When I fail and make a mess of things I can acknowledge this to a God who understands. When I feel happy or sad, worried or care-free, popular or have a sense that I am a failure and the whole world is against me, I know that God understands. Through Jesus, God knows what it is like to be adored by the crowds but also what it is like to be wrongly accused, let down by friends and suffer real agony and the most barbaric death – yet rise from it all.

**IS** - The present tense. As a Christian I should not spend all my time looking backwards. The past is only important in that it informs the present. I will have made many mistakes in my life but because God understands I am offered forgiveness and the opportunity to transform these mistakes into something good. So, resolved to turn away from doing wrong and to try harder to be the kind of person I believe God wants me to be and to really engage with the world that God has created and wants me to enjoy, I can hold my head high in the present rather than wallow in the shame of the past. God's love is not a past wish or even a future hope – it is a present reality.

**ALIVE!** Not dead. As a Christian I believe that Jesus came to life again on the first Easter Sunday. The 'how' is intriguing but for me not the main issue. *(continued)*

What matters is that through the Resurrection Jesus overcame the worst evil that can be perpetrated and showed how God's love does conquer evil. This offers me hope for there is nothing that I face in life that cannot be overcome and even death itself is not something of which I should be afraid.

Pope Francis has written that it puzzles him why some Christians look like they are always going through Lent rather than celebrating Easter! I agree with him – HE IS ALIVE! – our Faith should be lively and a 'dull' Christian be a contradiction in terms!

Recent research for the National Churches Trust suggested that a warm welcome with a smile was one of the best and most effective ways of getting people into Church (they also said a lavatory was important too!).

As Christians we have so much to smile about and I have to say that despite all the gloomy predictions about our Church in England in the media, I for one feel very positive about the future.

As I write we do not know whom God has called to be our new Diocesan Bishop but when that person arrives I think that he or she will find a Diocese in good heart with a willingness to grow and share the Gospel message. A Diocese that believes in the possibility of transformation – an Easter Diocese that knows **HE IS ALIVE!**

I wish you an Easter full of joy!      **+ Geoff** (Bishop of Stafford)

## **Plum Jam much appreciated**

With reference to Sue Kingman's 2015 Jam Report in the February issue of this magazine: as Phil's 'elderly friend' I would like to say how pleased I was to know that my small contribution of Victoria plums from the tree in my garden had helped to swell the money raised towards the Youth Fund. I would also like to thank Mrs Kingman for the sample of jam from my own tree. I really enjoyed it. Last year the tree 'cropped' so well that one of its main branches split from the trunk under the weight of the plums. The tree has since undergone major surgery and I now wait to see if it will survive, and if it does, how well it will respond and produce fruit.

Yours sincerely, *Doug Ventham*



Christ Church, Stone  
invites you to join the

# JUNGLE JAMBOREE



A Holiday Club for children in  
Reception - Year 6

**Christ Church Centre, Stone**  
**29th March - 1st April 2016**  
**1.30 - 4.00 pm**



Holiday Club Service: Sunday 3rd April,  
with breakfast at 9.15 am



A 4-day fun adventure with  
games, songs, crafts, puppets  
and drama based on  
Bible stories from  
the book of Luke



For a booking form visit  
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or contact the Church office  
on 01785 811990

## Some Facts

There are over 1,200 fairtrade certified producer organisations in 74 countries. 1.5 million farmers and workers are employed in fairtrade certified producer organisations. 1.4 million farmers and workers are employed in 1,140 producer organisations. 25% of workers and farmers are women.

## What is Fairtrade?

It is when producers in developing countries are paid a fair price for their work by companies in developed countries. The price we pay for products gives producers enough to afford life's essentials i.e. nutritious food, education, community improvements and healthcare. Fairtrade was created as an alternative way of doing trade, based on partnership – the interests of farmers and workers are as important as other commercial considerations. It also represents a solution to poverty and a model for development.

## Key Principles

Trading practices are fair and not one sided.

Prices paid are fair and sufficient for producers and workers to earn more than enough to meet their daily needs.

Payments are often made in advance to ensure the supplier can fulfil orders.

Producers and workers have a voice, whether organised into groups or involved in workplaces where there is freedom of association.

Safe working conditions, non-discrimination and welfare of children.

## What is the Fairtrade Premium?

This is an additional sum of money which goes into a commercial fund for workers/farmers to use as they see fit. They decide what is most important – education or healthcare for the family, improving business or building vital infrastructure such as roads. In 2013 The Fairtrade Premium generated from UK sales was £23 million.

Our fairtrade goods are supplied by Traidcraft – UK's leading fair-trade company which began trading in 1979. By buying from Traidcraft (rather than a supermarket) you are supporting a company which has a linked development charity – Traidcraft Exchange. One of their latest projects is working with two farming communities in W Myanmar, aiming to export the country's first fairtrade product – rice. Traidcraft also pioneers new fairtrade products e.g. rubber and palm oil. It was involved in the successful campaign to appoint a 'supermarket watchdog', which recently fined Tesco for its treatment of suppliers.

**Fairtrade Fortnight** this year is from **29<sup>th</sup> February** to **13<sup>th</sup> March**. The Fairtrade stall this month is 20<sup>th</sup> March – in time to buy the Real Easter Egg – the only chocolate egg to tell the Easter story. There will also be a sale at the Parent & Toddlers group on 7<sup>th</sup> March. *Sheila Hawley*

### The Refugee Crisis

Each year at Harvest, we support the work of Tearfund by giving to their General Fund. Last year our donations were sent to their Refugee Crisis Fund.

*Clive Mather, Chairman of Tearfund's Board, recently visited Lebanon. He shared his reflections in One Voice (the weekly Prayer email).*

#### The brightest light in the darkest place

‘The scale and complexity of the crisis in the Middle East is hard to grasp. Who can count the millions of families who have fled the fighting in Iraq and Syria? Some have headed north to seek a better life in Europe but the vast majority are just desperate to return home.

Some just ran into the night when ISIS came calling – surrounding houses and systematically slaughtering all the occupants. Others gathered what they could and left to escape the bombs, rockets and shells falling on their towns and villages. All know they must take shelter until the violence subsides.

Winter has come so the mountain peaks are covered in snow and an icy wind sweeps through the valley. I joined Tearfund staff as they distributed food, hygiene packs and warm clothes to the most needy. These families are cold, hungry and traumatised so this aid is vital to keep them going. These same partners facilitate schooling as well as a mobile theatre to bring much needed light relief through music and entertainment.

Back in Beirut I joined up with another group of our partners to visit some of the local churches who are ministering to refugee families settling in and around the city. Their commitment is simply humbling as they reach out to their neighbours as Jesus calls us to do, providing food vouchers, clothes and emotional support.

It was so inspiring to meet with families who have been deeply touched by the compassion of our partners, reaching out with God’s love, supported by your prayers and gifts. In the darkness of despair the light shines brightest!’ ‘For anyone reading this, please do continue to pray into the needs of refugees and those who are seeking to help them. Thank you and God bless!’

## **Rocksalt 1977 to 2016 – and onwards ?**

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The band 'Rocksalt' was formed in 1977 at the height of the church coffee bar scene. The four original members of John Martin (Bass & vocals) Pete Mason (Keyboards & vocals) Tim Headley (Drums) and Phil Stokes (Guitar) put their combined and albeit limited musical skills together and started playing at any venue that would have them! After three years Tim Jenks (guitar & vocals) joined the line up on his return from touring with his band 'Aaron' across the USA, and they were 'spoilt' with two guitarists! The band once more reduced to a foursome when Phil migrated south of the border to London. Pete, Tim J and John have occasionally teamed up over the years with a variety of drummers, usually sons, to fulfil special engagements as Tim H moved to Wales. However this will be the first time the original line-up has reunited as 'Rocksalt' Greg Szabo, the lighting engineer, flicked switches to make lamps go on and off and has subsequently made a career of flashing lights for real bands all over the world.

Rocksalt throughout the late 70s and early 80s worked with Youth for Christ, Scripture Union, local churches and student unions and over the years played Spring Harvest, Green Belt and Fresh Ground as well as making a lot of noise in both Lichfield and Coventry cathedrals as well as school gigs, churches, pubs and many other assorted venues. If they offered food, we went and played! *(continued)*



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With the pressures of raising families and real jobs the lads laid down their instruments from gigging, calling an end to 1 am motorway services meals - all ending up leading music in their local churches.

Realising that the clock is ticking and only Pete still has real hair, the idea came from a passing conversation between Pete and Tim J to do one more concert as Rocksalt. Things quickly accelerated out of control and demand to see the band could mean a tour of a few select venues while physically able to carry the equipment.

Last year we played in Stone, Dudley, South London and Cambridge – leaving just the place where it all started to host the last sell out concert! The final, final, final gig will be at **Holy Trinity , Heath Town, Wolverhampton** on **Saturday 19th March at 7.30pm**. We are hoping to get a crowd travel together from Stone for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

*Pete*

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## **Inspiration for Helen's lifeline**

For those who were unable to attend the flower demonstration by Dianne Scott OBE which took place at Christ Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and which was held in the main Church we can report that it was a resounding success. About 200 people attended and had a wonderful time watching Dianne creating flower arrangements while regaling her audience with her amusing anecdotes.

At the end of the demonstration all of the arrangements were raffled before the audience repaired to the church centre for refreshments provided by our church congregation. In fact there was such an abundance of cakes that we were able to sell those which were left over and raised a further £74

In total £3700 was raised on the night and Helen, Margaret and I will be forever grateful to those who contributed to the fund to allow her to continue receiving treatment which is not available on the NHS. We are also most grateful to the PCC for donating the use of the premises. A particular mention of Phil Tunstall who arranged for the buildings to be opened before and after and preparing seating and sound system etc.

*Barry Hutchinson*

# What Easter means to me

*(Thoughts from members of the congregation, of all ages)*

Seeing Grandad's friends on Good Friday



Holiday with chocolates



Jesus rose again



Easter eggs



Light overcoming darkness



Day off work



Praise the Lord for his love



New life



Jesus died on the cross





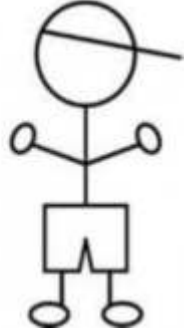
# What Easter means to me

Praise  
for chocolates



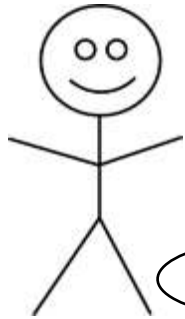
Going  
to church 2 days  
out of 3

A  
time of hope



Resurrection  
key to everything  
else

You get a  
holiday and that's the day Jesus  
rose again



He  
died to save  
us from our  
sins

New  
birth



Bunny rabbits,  
daffodils and  
chocolate



## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Having been involved with JYF since its formation, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Jeanette and I went to the above mentioned celebration at St Mary's Church, Stafford, along with many others who had benefitted from its ministry over the years.

The preacher was Gordon Mursell, Patron of the Foundation, one time Bishop of Stafford and who now, in his retirement, lives in Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway.

He started by pointing out that when he googled '*John Young Foundation*' it came up with '*Young John Foundation*' which he thought was a very apt description of the youthful energy and activity of Dr John Young when he was alive.

The Foundation has always focussed on 3 aspects of healing – **Teaching, Spiritual guidance & prayer, and raising Aspirations.**

He spoke on Luke 5:1-11 (please read this to follow what comes next) – the calling of the first disciples. Jesus TEACHES the people from a boat, as that's where they are, by the lakeside which is the workplace of the fishermen. He suggested we move from the shallows and put out into deep SPIRITUAL water, take risks and then the results will be unbelievably successful. We can be deeply ambivalent here as we can't do it on our own but don't want to let God too close! Our ASPIRATIONS are raised as we put our fears aside to follow Jesus. Then we can catch people for God.

He defined CURING as purely medical whereas HEALING is both spiritual and scientific, dealing with the whole person and resulting in forgiveness and assurance of being unconditionally loved. Christian healing is for each and every individual enabling us to grow into the unique person we are each designed to be.

He finished by reminding us that, as well as us, all the greatest figures in the bible are fallible. Look at Peter – he does what he is asked here reluctantly saying 'go away from me'; he denies Jesus 3 times but he is commissioned to go out to be a witness to Jesus! God uses our whole self, faults, failures, warts and all. WOW. *Dave Rowlands*

## **Jigsaw Prayer and Praise**

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- § Jenna. It is wonderful to update you on Jenna's situation. News from the Philippines is Jenna is recovering from her back operation and TB slowly but surely.
- § Fe's health condition. Please pray for Fe who is Jigsaws 10-12 Kids cub leader, she is very weak and sick and going through diagnostic tests to try to find out the cause. Thank you.
- § Please pray for a building for Jigsaw's work in the Batasan area. We have been working there in a park for the last few years and although this is wonderful in many ways we cannot carry out all our activities there and when typhoon and rainy season comes it is almost impossible.
- § Praise God and thank you for your healing prayers for Juvy a Jigsaw worker who had kidneys problems and was likely to lose a kidney. She is fully better and both kidneys are functioning well. That is amazing. Praise God.
- § Please pray for the healing for Eusebio's father (Eusebio is in Jigsaws school sponsorship program) currently admitted at the hospital because of kidney disease.
- § Calendars: We Praise God for the Jigsaw 2016 Calendar Venture, it was a huge success with 200 calendars sold.
- § John Price: Thank you for your prayers for John Price the Jigsaw treasurer who had an operation at the beginning of January to remove a cancerous tumour from his kidney. John is slowly recovering and it was wonderful to hear that he was in church last Sunday
- § Praise God that Rodolfo's family - a street family that Jigsaw have known for 13 years, who had disappeared - has been found, and the children are attending Jigsaw's street children's centre. Please pray that the family can find a piece of land to put the wooden cart they live in, to build a small house and a more secure life.
- § Praise God for all the funds and resources He provided through you all for 2015 with Jigsaw having every penny, peso we needed to carry out God's work. Please continue to pray for the funds and resources we need for 2016 as we would like to employ 2 new kids workers and a literacy teacher.

## **Jigsaw Prayer and Praise** *(cont)*

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§ Please pray for the following two children (brother and sister) attending our street centre, both are sick and malnourished.

§ JJ Santiago.

§ Sally Santiago

§ For the planning and launch of Jigsaws home literacy program, a program in which we hope to train mums to lead home literacy classes in the 8 communities we work.

Thank you so much your prayers are enabling and empowering children and families lives.      Praise God,                      *Tim Lee*

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### **Maranatha Missions**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Not a long time ago I asked you for prayers for several people from Sanpetru and Mierta. At the moment the situation is like this:

Viorica from Sanpetru and Jenica from Mierta applied for baptism.

Catalin from Sanpetru is still fighting with smoking. Is a hard thing to win but nothing impossible for God. Dorin from Mierta has not applied yet for baptism but he started to read the Bible. He use to have a Bible with small letters and he was not able to read. By the grace of God he got an A4 format Bible and he is very very happy to have it and to be able to read.

We would like to to organize a revival/outreach in Mierta. Please pray for this small village.

We hope to visit a few families in Mierta for personal talk about the Word of God

We hope to help Catalin and other young adults in Sanpetru to make a decision for God.

We would like to increase the number of A4 format Bibles in Mierta to provide a Bible for any individual who will show a interest in the Word of God. Please pray for resources. (An - A4 Bible costs approx. \$ 20 or 13.5 UK pounds).

Also please pray for me as my health is not the best this days.

Thank you very much for all your prayers.

Much love in Christ                      *Mircea*

## A Hap-pee New year to you and yours!

*(Couldn't fit this into Jan or Feb magazines!)*

If you're in the mood for making resolutions that you might actually keep, how about having a get together over dinner and encourage your guests to raise money to twin a toilet.

Basically, you and a friend host a meal and invite four guests. Together, you enjoy some great food, a catch-up – and some table talk about Toilet Twinning.

If each guest donates £10, that makes £60 – the cost of a toilet twin\*. Sorted. (\*you might want to play a game of rock, paper, scissors at the end of the meal to decide which lucky persons gets the certificate).

The toilets we build are used by about six people, so each diner will finish the meal in the happy knowledge that they've changed someone's life forever.

You can have endless fun with your menu. Vinda-loo, spaghetti bo-loo-gnese, spring (loo) rolls, pee-zza or pan-cakes, anyone?

There's no rush to throw your party. What about World Water Day on 22 March... or even Easter?

We'd love to talk further with you, so please contact us on [info@toilettwinning.org](mailto:info@toilettwinning.org) or 0300 321 3217.

Together, we twinned a stonking 15,053 toilets last year: thank you so much for being part of that. Here's to a record-breaking 2016!

I can't thank you enough for your support.

With best wishes  
*Lorraine Kingsley*  
Chief Executive



## Christ Church 130 years ago

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### Church Services

#### Sundays

Christ Church	10:45 am and 6:30 pm
At Meaford	3:00 pm
Services for the young, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	3:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Christ Church	7:30 pm
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#### Holy Communion

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at Evening Service	6:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8:00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday at Morning Service	10:45 am
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at Meaford	3:00 pm

#### Holy Baptism

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in month	3:45 pm
Wednesdays	6:45 pm

#### Churchings

At the same time as Holy Baptism

*Notices of Baptisms, Churchings and Burials to be given to Mr H. Millman, 22 Oulton Road, at least the day before.*

### Easter Day

On this day, so full of thoughts of victory, there will be as in previous years, three administrations of the Holy Communion, viz; at 8 am, at morning and evening services. There is therefore full opportunity for every communicant to draw nigh and in that solemn and sacred feast, joyfully celebrate the great victory of our risen Lord.

### Church of England Temperance Society

In spite of a heavy snowstorm, a goodly number assembled on Monday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>, to hear the Lecture on the "Sun, Moon, and Stars", by the Vicar. We hope the lecture may quicken an interest in the study of that deeply interesting subject. We are glad to announce that Mr. W. H. Bishop, will give a paper on "Bees", in the Upper School, on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to a pleasant and instructive evening.

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

11 <sup>th</sup> January	John Fraser Hollingworth	Age 54
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Barbara Fisher	Age 89
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Sybil Hewitt	Age 95

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

### AM

6 <sup>th</sup> March	D. Pickles P. Tunstall	G. Holden J. Bowes
13 <sup>th</sup> March	D. Wilson D. Shemilt	D. Garrington-M P. Roberts
20 <sup>th</sup> March	D. Davies P. Kelly	K. Woodward C. Reeve
27 <sup>th</sup> March	D. Pickles J. Abrahams	G. Latos K. Thompson



## FLOWER ROTA

6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### 6<sup>th</sup> March

Alma Street  
Bromfield Court  
Dominic Court  
Granville Terrace  
King's Avenue

### 13<sup>th</sup> March

Longton Road  
Margaret Street  
Newcastle Road  
Newcastle Street

### 20<sup>th</sup> March

Northesk Street  
Radford Close  
Radford Street  
Station Road

### 27<sup>th</sup> March

The Avenue  
Trent Road  
Tunley Street  
Trinity Drive



## 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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