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Thu	1	10:30 am	Open prayer time in church
Fri	2		
Sat	3	8:30 am 9:30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast “Everybody welcome” coffee morning
Sun	4	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion Romans 7:1-13 “The Law is good, but it can’t save me” Christianity Explored (1) “Good news for all”
Mon	5	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	6	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	7	9:25 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	8	10:30 am 11:00 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church St Mary’s Home Communion Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	9	10:00 am	CE Coffee morning
Sat	10		
Sun	11	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer Romans 7:14-25 “The Law points me to the Saviour” Christianity Explored (2) “Identity of Jesus”
Mon	12	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	13	10:00 am 12:30 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Autumn House service Youth Club
Wed	14	9:25 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	15	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	16	10:00 am 10:00 am	CE Coffee morning Guided reflection at Shallowford House

Sat	17	2:00 pm	Trains in the Garden
Sun	18	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion Romans 8:1-17 “The indwelling Spirit” Christianity Explored (3) “Sin, a heart problem”
Mon	19	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	20	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	21	9:25 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	22	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	23	10:00:00	CE Coffee morning
Sat	24		
Sun	25	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Family service Romans 8:18-27 “The gift of hope” Christianity Explored (4) “The cross as sacrifice”
Mon	26	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	27	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	28	9:25 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing committee
Thu	29	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	30		

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on June 25th
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Seasonal growth

What have the following got in common? Cardiff, Malvern, Chelsea, Chatsworth, Harlow Carr, Hampton Court, Tatton Park, Hyde Hall, Rosemoor, Wisley? This is *not* a shipping forecast, although it does sound a little like the radio broadcast, a quirky but much-loved national institution with its strangely comforting rhythm. Each of these is a venue for the *Royal Horticultural Society* flower shows that run through the summer months around the country.

These shows are a gardener's delight. One piece of advertising invites us: "Be part of the future at a show that breaks the boundaries and blends tradition with unexpected, innovative design" [RHS website]. Hours of pleasure come from seeing healthy blooms that aren't frost damaged, undeveloped or eaten by bugs. The colour schemes provide ideas as to which particular combinations go well together. Designs of the layout give ideas as to how our own patch can be enhanced to display plants at their best. All this against the backdrop of grand buildings from a previous era in luxurious grounds.

The splendour of the blooms speaks not only of the hard graft by the gardener but also of the Creator's handiwork to make the world beautiful. It's true even if we only have a tablecloth sized square. How wonderful flowers are to see.

Yet we know that even with the very best of blooms it is just for a season. Once the summer months are over the blooms soon disappear from view.

This is the picture used in the Bible to point out two realities: "*All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever*" (Isaiah 40v6-8 quoted in 1 Peter 1v24-25). As human beings we are temporary and our days are fleeting. We may put on a good show, a beautiful display, but the time is brief. The contrast and cure to this is turning to God who alone has made the offer of giving us life, which is open to all who turn to him. His word of promise will not be modified, compromised or even withdrawn. His word endures forever. The summer often gives time to reconsider the direction of our lives and the balance of daily life. Will you reconsider* what you have heard about the person and work of Jesus Christ in whom all the promises of God find their yes in him?

Paul Kingman

**Christianity Explored provides an opportunity*



Mission in South Africa

The churches in South Africa are very active in the communities, particularly as the needs of many poor and under-privileged people are vast. There are a number of very large (and growing) churches in the country, so they often have the resources to devote to charitable work. These are some of the initiatives:

Helping the helpers, equipping missionaries (3 John 5-8). As an example, Grace Family Church in Durban annually imports an average of thirty 40 foot containers of food, medical, school, office, sewing and household supplies, as well as shoes, baby equipment and other miscellaneous items. These goods are distributed to 150 mission partners spread throughout KwaZulu Natal, Zululand and Southern Mozambique.

Compassionate Relief and Development. The mission is to demonstrate compassion by addressing poverty through community relief and development which empowers, uplifts, teaches skills, builds capacity, and promotes self-help. This aims at holistic development; that is to address all forms of poverty by working with the whole person – their physical, emotional, cognitive, social, spiritual, and economic needs.

Development and empowering. Some programs seek to encourage people to be active architects of their own future; that is teaching people how to fish rather than just handing them a fish. In one 'job readiness' programme, people sign up for a small fee (in the belief that anything 'free' is taken for granted). These people get help with writing a CV, English lessons, computer lessons, practice interviewing skills, and there is a wardrobe of clothes for them to borrow when they go to interviews.

Mission trips. In the belief that every Christian should be exposed to and involved in serving the materially poor, some churches help members to experience reaching out to others. So regular local day missions and periodic night missions are organized, which go out to visit and pray with the homeless at shelters.

Education. Involvement at some schools aims at improving the standard of education through involvement of volunteers. Often food is also provided at poor schools.

With discernment before God, the churches seek to connect their congregations to God's mission to reconcile, restore, and make all things new (Colossians 1:15-20). The work the churches do there is amazing and deserves support.

Peter Rein

Christianity Explored

We all get one life to live and deep down we're all asking the same question – what's it all about?

'Christianity Explored' gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing
- You can ask any question you want, or just listen

Everyone is welcome: from the most sympathetic dyed-in-the-wool churchgoer to the convinced atheist. We will respect your background, culture and beliefs, and you can tell us as little or as much about yourself as you feel comfortable.

Our aim is to help people investigate Christianity in a relaxed and accessible way, and we encourage guests to come with all of their questions. In just a few weeks we won't be able to cover everything, but many people have found the course to be a good introduction to the big issues. You will also get a chance to take away and read one of the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life over the duration of a course, and there are options for further investigation afterwards if you find you are still interested. Who was Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean to follow him?

- When?** Sundays with bring and share supper at 6pm from 4th June to 16th July.
- Where?** Christ Church Centre, Christchurch Way
- Contact?** Speak to Revd Paul Kingman (01785 812669)

More information: website <http://www.christianityexplored.org>

CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED

This year's Holiday Club

During Easter week we held our annual Holiday Club at Christ Church and the theme this year was Cops and Robbers. The Bible stories were from the book of Genesis and were based on the life of Joseph and his rise from being a rather boastful young man to being the second-in-command in Egypt at the time of great famine. Each day we learned from the episode in Joseph's life that we were studying, some truths about how God wants us to live our lives.

We had a good number of children attending each afternoon and we leaders all agreed that they were a wonderfully receptive, happy and enthusiastic group of children. The following comments from some of the children would certainly back that up.

"I like all the crafts"

"All of it, especially making the craft and doing the games. The puppets, drama and music."

"I like it because I make new friends"

"I like all the crafts and the Watt Family adventures"

"I really like doing the fun games and making all of the exciting crafts"

"I enjoyed making stuff"

"I enjoyed the art"

"I enjoyed everything"

"I want to stay here forever and next year I'm going to be a leader"

A poem by Theo....

Cops and Robbers is the best
 Even better than the rest
 Cops and Robbers is so cool
 That when it's over I'll feel like a fool
 At Cops and Robbers I would like to stay
 But I'm glad that we don't have to pay!

(Actually the parents did pay, but thought it was well worth it)

Our prayer now is that the children will not only remember the crafts and the fun they had but will sing along to the CD's they took away with them and understand that God loves them deeply and has a plan for their lives just as He had a plan for Joseph

Special thanks to Sue Kingman for once again organising the Holiday Club and to everyone who took part or helped in any way whatsoever and to Chris Nix who worked his usual magic on the sound desk.

Diana Tunstall

Reconciliation

For many of my generation, our early years were dominated not by the shadow of violence cast by wars in distant lands, but by a conflict much closer to home. With an awful, relentless predictability, our TV screens were filled night after night with images of death and destruction in Northern Ireland. And then the terror came to England; to London, Guildford, Birmingham, Brighton... Security alerts and baggage searches became a routine part of our daily lives. The political leaders on both sides of the conflict became household names, and their blood curdling rhetoric served to emphasise the seemingly unbridgeable gap between them and between the Unionist and Nationalist positions. At the forefront were Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander, and Revd Ian Paisley, a fiery Protestant clergyman. Despite both being committed Christians, their common religion served only to divide them, being unable, it seemed, to see beyond their denominational identities as Catholic and Protestant.

The Good Friday Agreement, which eventually brought peace to Northern Ireland in 1998, had many architects, but none more significant than Martin McGuinness and Ian Paisley. Rather like F.W De Clerk and Nelson Mandela in South Africa, they committed themselves, courageously and wholeheartedly, to the cause of peace making, incurring the wrath of many of their own supporters as they did so. The road to peace was painstaking, risky and costly. At its heart was an extraordinary challenge. Not simply to achieve the laying down of arms, but to bring about a significant measure of reconciliation between deeply divided communities, so that the peace would be a lasting one.

Nothing symbolised the commitment to reconciliation more powerfully than the personal friendship that developed between McGuinness and Paisley. They set aside decades of deep animosity to work together as First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland and got on so well that they became known as the 'Chuckle Brothers' because of their smiling camaraderie. After McGuinness' death earlier this year, Ian Paisley's son, Kyle, paid a warm tribute to him, not only reflecting on the 'great good' that the two men did together during their time in office, but also saying that the family would never forget McGuinness' 'ongoing care' for Ian Paisley during his final illness.

The word reconciliation means to 'bring back together again' that which has been broken. It is a word that was central to St Paul's understanding of Christianity. As he writes in the letter to the Corinthians;

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Mission Prayer Diary	
	<i>Kieran and Ashley McKnight are with Emmanuel Church . People in the Church come from many countries. Kieran of course was Youth Minister at Christ Church .</i>
1 st	Emmanuel Church has applied to register as an official organisation in the UAE. This would allow the church to have bank accounts and other useful rights
2 nd	Many in the congregation will return to home countries in summer and may not be able to go to church. Those who stay will have the soaring temperature to contend with.
3 rd	Ashley has had health problems and has visited several doctors and dentists
4 th	A women's conference will be held in October
	<i>Dagmar and Ralph Baron help to run Murree Christian School, in North Pakistan. They will visit Christ Church on July 9th.</i>
5 th	The school is very short of staff and Dagmar is teaching several subjects. Ralph teaches Physics and looks after the IT equipment
6 th	The school has an high standard, and a lot of work is involved in keeping up with academic requirements
7 th	Many of the pupils are children of missionaries who would find it difficult to have their children with them where they work

8 th	The school has a lot of rain and snow in winter but summer is hot and dry, so water shortages can occur. Water storage and rationing are very important
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting and supporting evangelical Churches in Croatia and The Balkans</i>
9 th	Emanoel and Francine, from Brazil, have been leading the Dugo Sela church. Pray for local leaders who will be able to run the church when Emanoel and Francine return to Brazil
10 th	The Muzikids singing group gives concerts in the churches and in local halls. This brings many people to hear the gospel.
11 th	The Dubrava and Dugo Sela churches have joined with other denominations and independent churches to hold a joint service. Pray that more united activities will be possible
12 th	A 5 day children's club starts today in the Dubrava church
	<i>Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Now they live in the UK but still support and fund-raise for JigSaw. They are our CMS Link Missionaries</i>
13 th	Parts of Manila are very dangerous, with gangs and drug dealers controlling some districts
14 th	Jigsaw provides a meal for many children who otherwise would not get a proper meal
15 th	Providing a home for a child is expensive and difficult, but Jigsaw does what it can to help homeless children

16 th	Tim Lee has had some health problems, which have restricted his visits to Manila
	<i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gabarone, Botswana. Their organisation is "Bows and Arrows Ministry", and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults</i>
17 th	Official permission is required in order to work in schools. So far this has been approved without any problem but it is a concern for Jonathan
18 th	Robinah has been training Sunday School teachers and joining with Joanathan in school visits
19 th	Jonathan and Robinah are supplied free of charge with over 10,000 Christian leaflets and they try to distribute these efficiently to people who want to know more about Jesus
20 th	Six of Jonathan and Robinah's children now live in other countries and it is expensive to visit them
	<i>Maranatha Ministries is a group of about 30 churches in Romania, working in poor communities. Our contact is Rev. Mircea Pestean</i>
21 st	Maranatha Ministries provide support for pastors and other church leaders. There is severe poverty in some areas with average salaries as low as £250 per month
22 nd	MM host Summer camps for almost 1000 children, and aim to give a Bible to every child who attends
23 rd	The women's ministry is developing. Many of the women are illiterate but they are able to learn the scriptures and recite them from memory.

24 th	The vision of MM is to plant a church in every village in Transylvania
	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship run a small fleet of aircraft flying church workers, medical teams and missionaries into very remote areas in Africa, Papua New Guinea and Asia</i>
25 th	The training base in Mareeba, Australia, needs experienced instructors and also needs to agree a long-term lease for use of the airfield
26 th	MAF is flying in a team of nurses and plastic surgeons for the floating hospital moored in Mollar, Bangladesh, on the bank of the Brahmaputra River. They hope to provide treatment for burns victims
27 th	Pray for pilot Keith Southcott as he flies the amphibious Cessna Caravan in Bangladesh
28 th	MAF flies in supplies to the Wamba Hospital in Kenya, which cares for 40 handicapped children; these children have been abandoned by their parents
	<i>UCCF - The Christian Unions in universities. Many people become Christians while at university and this is important work</i>
29 th	Chris Simons is our local UCCF rep, soon to be replaced by Olivia (Liv) Rigby. Chris will be giving a talk at our next deanery synod
30 th	As students leave university, pray that they will take their faith with them and join a church wherever they move to next

Reconciliation *(cont)*

"...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us"

In an interview given shortly before his death, Martin McGuinness, said how much he had appreciated all the cards and good wishes that had been sent to him. And he said that he had been particularly moved by the many Protestants who had said that they were praying for him.

Martin McGuinness and Ian Paisley, through their commitment to the demanding and costly work of reconciliation, not only helped to 'bring back together again' the divided peoples of Northern Ireland but also helped to bring Christians back into fellowship with another. They became ambassadors for Christ whereas once their warlike rhetoric must have made many wonder whether Christ was present in either.

Peace and reconciliation are at the heart of the identity and calling of the people of God. How might we live out this calling, as individuals and as the local church? How might we play a part in transforming conflict?

Canon Sarah Snyder, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor for Reconciliation, is to address these questions in her forthcoming lecture to Clergy and Readers within the Wolverhampton Episcopal Area. Details can be found on the Lichfield Diocesan website.

+Clive Wulfrun (*Bishop of Wolverhampton*)

Mission Aviation Fellowship Big Church Day Out: NORTH (together with TEARFUND)

Date: 2 Jun 2017 — 3 Jun 2017 12 noon to 10:15 pm

Location: Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire, SK11 9JY



Come and visit our aircraft and exhibition trailer at Big Church Day Out. Learn more about the exciting work of MAF and have a go at landing an MAF plane on our flight simulator.

THY KINGDOM COME

Spring, warmth, a whole new world of fresh life, new buds promising blossom and colour and joy to lift the heart after the diminishing memory of winter!

EASTER: *CHRIST IS RISEN!*

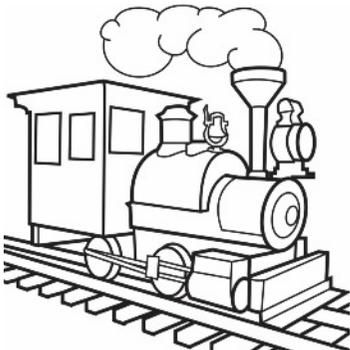
With one voice the Church of God responds
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The old order of sin and death has been defeated – the Revolution has happened. “A new Day has dawned in which everything becomes possible” writes Philip Mounstephen, Executive Leader of the Church Mission Society.

And as God's people we have all been called to respond by joining together in prayer with fellow Christians the world over in these perplexing days. ' **THY KINGDOM COME**' is our theme. It was indeed the prayer that Jesus, himself, taught his disciples to pray, so that his light might shine in this dark world. And we might add, to let his love show in our greedy competitive world, and to pray for the defeat of violence and cruelty, to offer our lives, filled with his Spirit, in worship and service, beginning where we are. We belong first to our families and neighbourhoods, and go out from there to others we encounter whatever their circumstances. We long for others to know that God loves them. We are called to pray for national and world leaders bearing such huge responsibilities in these fraught and uncertain times.

THY KINGDOM COME is a national call, supported by all denominations to specially directed prayer by Christians everywhere to use the days between ASCENSION DAY (25th May) and THE DAY OF PENTECOST-WHIT SUNDAY (4th June) : what more appropriate day to seek the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit as we come together for worship?

Cath Reeve



**JigSaw kids trains in the
garden**
Saturday 17th June, 2 pm

Traidcraft Exchange

Traidcraft Exchange is Traidcraft's charity. It is the only international development charity in the UK, specialising in making trade work for the poor. It has 20 years experience in managing and implementing large trade-focused projects across Africa and Asia.

Traidcraft Exchange is not funded by Traidcraft's trading company profits, which are used to benefit the producers. The charity relies donations from individuals, together with major grants from trusts and governmental organisations. Each year Ruth gives 10% of sales from Christ Church and Oulton to Traidcraft Exchange. Sales to the 31st March 2017 were £2,987. Including additional donations, she has been able to send £500 to the charity this year. Here are 2 examples of projects which may benefit from our donation.

1 FIVE – (Flourishing in Vulnerable Environments) - Central Kenya

This project targets men and women under the age of 35 because of the very high levels of youth unemployment in this area. Smallholder farmers are being helped to get organised, learn new farming techniques and work together to counter the effects of climate change on their farms. The farmers are building their skills, increasing incomes and improving the quality of life for themselves and their families. Nearly 30,000 people are benefiting from the project.

2 Sustainable Livelihoods – N Bangladesh

This project has been partly funded by UK Government's Department for Overseas Development. It will ensure sustainable livelihoods for poor and marginal communities. Improvements to small scale agriculture will lead to a 50% increase in income, benefiting about 45,000 smallholder farming families; 40% of the target group will be women.

Muklasur, a vegetable farmer, says 'Now we always help each other. I am growing more, my neighbour should grow more'.

This month's Fairtrade Sale is on 25th June; look out for a new Crafts Catalogue which has just been published. Thank you for supporting Fairtrade. If you don't usually buy, perhaps you could try one item this month – 'Every little helps!'

Sheila

News from Zagreb

Dear Friends,

We'd like to really thank you for your prayers and support. God is working his purposes out and it is together with you that we can see His hand moving. Thanks for partnering with us in the Gospel. These are the four areas we need YOU to pray for. If prayer can move mountains, then we would love to see breakthroughs and blessing on these fronts. We believe that many missionaries are needed in Croatia and the wider Balkan area. PRAY that the LORD would call out and bring His workers From especially UKRAINE and BRAZIL. 18 months ago 120 Brazilians went forward to volunteer for service here, however, none has yet been able to arrive here. Pray for the ORGANISING SENDING BODY and for THE BRAZILIAN CHURCHES that many would be called, empowered and financed. So far we have done very well and Brazilian missionaries Emanoel and Francine, with Carla, are doing great work.

LAUSANNE Churchplanting Movement, comes to Croatia

At God's initiative something beautiful is happening in Croatia. It has been a sheer joy for Emanoel and Stephen to encourage and co-ordinate key national church leaders and developing younger leaders from all denominations and independent groups. There is a desire to seek God's highest and work together towards that goal. So far there have been 2 national consultations and some 6 regional conferences, and as a result of one on the Dalmatian coast the first ever united service took place with some 300 attending. The joy factor was high! June 1st the new overseeing board will meet and be formed, and on the agenda are plans to hold training for laity and pastors in 5 ministry spheres. For Evangelism and Discipleship we intend to train the "1st generation" of 20 Croatian trainers, who themselves will seek to train the "2nd generation" of maybe some 150 others. These will be held in 5 regions. Then on a national level, we will Facilitate training for "Mentoring", "Churchplanting" and "Revitalising struggling churches"

YOUTH – MUSIC – CHILDREN – EVANGELISM

Tabita excels and has really pioneered in all these areas. Liljana, our neighbour over the road, has attended evangelistic meetings with Tabita, and they do gymnastics together every week. Pray that she may accept Jesus together with her son Tomchek.

Tabita has also been inspired to reach out to children from outside the church. One Saturday each month we drive some 20 kids to church and, together with some 8 church children, we enjoy a 2 hour programme of games, songs, drama and Gospel story. The kids love it and have got "used to church". Mid June we will hold a 5-day children's club. Pray! Tabita also organizes the youth, whether it be from 7PM to midnight at our house, or with the Dubrava and Dugo Selo music groups. Pray for spiritual growth, conversions and a great sense of worship.

Stephen and Tabita Bell

Christ Church 10 years ago

(Information about Jigsaw Ministries which is still relevant now)

Jigsaw works with over 800 kids each week. Some of these kids spend their lives literally 'on the street from early morning to late at night – some even sleeping on the street. Doing what? you may ask. Trying to get a few pesos by begging from cars waiting in traffic; selling cloths in exchange for food from syndicates; escaping the abuse of crowded homes. No-one seems to care where they are.

Imagine hot sun and clouds of polluted smoke not to mention the danger of being hit by a car – would you let your child do this? – for 10 or 11 hours a day? These kids range in age from 5 to 16 and thankfully some of them do now come to our Jigsaw centres where they get fed, have a rest, and be special kids for a while. It's not enough but it's a start and we at Jigsaw are always looking at ways that we can help them more permanently. For some, this may be school sponsorship; sadly, for others, they are too old to start school. For others it may be finding residential care – again though, after 12 years of age, this is not an option. For some drug rehab, but for **ALL** of them **JESUS** is there and freely available and it's his message of **LOVE** that we want the children to hear and know.

Pray for these kids at risk.

Tim and Kate Lee

Christ Church 132 years ago

DUES V. THE PEW RENTS.

AT the Annual Tea, on Thursday, the 28th May, the Vicar, in his opening remarks, referred to church restoration—now an accomplished fact—and the greater provision made for the accommodation and comfort of the parishioners generally.

In consenting to the " free seat " system throughout the church, the Vicar, as custodian for the time being of the living of Christ Church, surrenders £100 per annum of the income which has been hitherto derived from pew rents. This sum has now to be provided by the voluntary offerings of our people. It would be neither right nor just to expect any clergyman to take away any part of the actual income of a benefice which he only holds for the time being, and for which, he is responsible to his successor. Hence, as our church is to be free, we must rely upon all who value the ministrations provided for them, and derive that help and comfort it is ordained to give, to take care that the income from the living does not suffer by the change. Will those members of the congregation who desire to contribute to this fund kindly make it known to the Churchwardens or Sidesmen ?

THE ANNUAL TEA.

Our Annual Gathering of parishioners took place in the Town Hall on Thursday, May 28th. About 220 sat down to tea, which was presided over by various ladies of the congregation. Each table was adorned with a choice collection of beautiful flowers, and did much to add to the brightness and happiness of the more substantial accompaniments. We shall have a balance of £10 to hand over to the Restoration Fund. After tea, the Vicar took the chair, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The entertainment was commenced with a pianoforte duet by the Misses Smith, followed by a stirring and appreciative song by Mr. W. H. Bishop. Then came in quick succession the various items of the programme. The general rendering of the pieces was so uniformly spirited and thoughtful that it would be almost impossible to make special mention of any one in particular. There was a very happy choice in the music selected. One could not but admire the touching pathos of Tours' "New Kingdom," rendered as it was so feelingly by Mrs. Lord; and equally, on the other hand, " Tit for Tat" and "The Broken Pitcher ; " partaking as they did fully of happy and innocent sentiment, *(continued on next page)*

Christ Church 132 years ago *(cont)*

and given with the spirit and happiness which renders such music so acceptable and enjoyable, did not fail to touch the vein of humour in the audience and bring back the Misses Kermode with an encore. The instrumental quartettes by the Misses Smith, Mr. E. Thompson and Mr. Frank Smith added much to the success and pleasure of the entertainment. Miss Green completely carried away her listeners by her skilful and beautiful rendering of " Irish Diamonds " and Thalberg's " Home, Sweet Home." Nor were we the less able to enjoy Mr. Wood's "Bugler," by Pinsuti, or the familiar and always welcome " Auld Lang Syne," by Mr. R. Stubbs. In addition to the above, there were several glees by the Choir and members of the congregation, and two songs by the Rev. A. Pearman. We trust we may long be spared to enjoy many such gatherings, and that they will serve from time to time to bind us all the more closely together.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. George Meakin for an abundant supply of beautiful flowers; and to Mr, and Mrs. Matthews, who so kindly and readily lent us their pianoforte.

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BAPTISM

28th May Esme Rosalie Clarke

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

4 th June	D. Shemilt	K. Woodward
	L. Fforde	D. Davies
11 th June	P. Roberts	D. Wilson
	D. Pickles	P. Kelly
18 th June	J. Bowes	J. Abrahams
	A. Smith	R. Brandon
25 th June	E. Kingman	G. Leithead
	K. Rein	C. Reeve



FLOWER ROTA

4 th June	Mrs I. Gassor
11 th June	Mrs A. Brandon
18 th June	Mrs V. Ledward
25 th June	Mrs S. Vaughan

ROADS FOR PRAYER

4th June

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Court

11th June

Kent Grove
Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent

18th June

Mount Road
Mount Street
Old Road
Stonefield Court

25th June

Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane



Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes
P.C.C. Members	Kate Latham, Irene Gassor, Pete Kelly, Sue Fox Pete Mason, Estella Woodhead Peter Rein, G. Leithead, Angela Burton Rab Shields, Louise Kelly, Debbie Hazlehurst
Secretary	Shelagh Sanders
Treasurer	
Envelopes, Gift Aid	Richard Latos

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers 3-7 years

Explorers 7-11 years Estella Woodhead.....761659

Banner Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

Church Missionary Boxes Church Office.....811990

Flower Guild Marylyn Hillman.....815936

Prayer Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

Parents & Toddlers Sandra Morray.....286093

(Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)

3rd Stone Brownies Janet Smith..... 815939

(Mon 6:00-7:30pm, First School)

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 **Junior Church 7-13 years**

The following activities take place every week in the Centre during term time.

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday 6:30 pm

Kingzone (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

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