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## Christ Church



## and People

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

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King's Avenue

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*But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did again and again—but Satan stopped us. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our crown and glory. (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20)*

Sadly, due to Coronavirus, almost all church meetings in April have been cancelled or postponed. If this changes, we will attempt to inform you. But as the magazine is compiled, the situation seems very serious.

But that should not stop us from doing God's work. As you will read, it is hoped that some services may be streamed online or recorded and placed on the website; details are not yet available but maybe you will hear from others. Do look at the church website [www.christchurchstone.org](http://www.christchurchstone.org)

Perhaps also, we could use more old-fashioned methods of communication; the telephone, or even a letter! Pick up the telephone or a pen and get in touch with somebody you are thinking about. Many will be feeling lonely or anxious at this time and will be very glad to receive a call or a letter. And we can pray for each other.

Some people may be so afraid to leave the house that they run out of essential food supplies. We should not allow this to happen because we forgot about a neighbour, friend or member of the congregation living close to us.

It has also become clear during the recent week, just who are the people who hold our society together— carers, cleaners, delivery workers, supermarket staff, teachers, nurses, binmen, 111 telephonists. Let's not forget.

*Dave Bell*

Events that have been regular for many years, this April will **not take place as normal.**

Sunday

Morning service, Bible study

Monday

Toddler Group, New Trekkers Group at CCFS

Tuesday

Midweek service, Pursuit Club at CCA

Wednesday

CCFS assembly

Thursday

Prayer time in church, CCA assembly

Friday

Bible study

Saturday

Prayer meeting

Also, PCC meetings, Care home communion, Alleyne's assembly, Fairtrade stalls, Sunday school, Everybody Welcome and other occasional activities.

Perhaps, at the times that these events would have taken place, we can pray for the people who are normally involved.

Cancelled events. Empty entertainment centres. Stockpiling. Social distancing. Illness. Death. Economic disruption. Lock down. Who would have thought this would be the stark memories of 2020? These things make us think again.

Thank God for being able to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The one who is stronger even than death provides us with genuine hope. His resurrection is the basis for walking by faith rather than by sight at this difficult time.

We have become acutely aware of being weak in the face of disease: 'all humans 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' (1 Peter 1v24-25 quotes from Isaiah 40v6-8). Permanence is found in the word of the Lord, since what He promises He delivers. The incredible promise of Jesus rising three days after his death on a cross show that God's word is sure.

We have become acutely aware that we can't control our world. We might be able to change the temperature of our house, optimize the growth of crops, modify our appearance, eat a good diet to remain healthy, with the help of medicine we can even alleviate suffering. But we cannot control everything. The LORD God Almighty is the revealed name of God, since He alone is sovereign.

We have learnt a new term: social distancing. A shunning of those who are possible carriers of infection is socially painful. We were made in the image of God with dignity and the capacity for relationships. To be denied this hurts.

We have learnt of our need for God! The God of the Bible is our creator, sustainer provider and protector. We are fallen beings who are in need His forgiveness and strength to live His way. The risen Lord Jesus Christ provides these things when we turn back to Him, trust and obey: 'For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and overseer of your souls' (1 Peter 2v25).

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## A great Saviour

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Surely you want to know more of this great hope through the risen Jesus! Then get hold of a modern bible to read a Gospel account; join us in our services via the website if you can; catch up by our "listen again" option to sermons. But do engage with the risen Jesus who is the source of our salvation and hope for this life.

May you have a peaceful Easter as you put your trust in Jesus who has risen!

*Paul Kingman*



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## Suspension of Church Services

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

As a result of this statement please note the following actions for the churches in our Benefice:

- You can access previous services through [www.christchurchstone.org](http://www.christchurchstone.org). Go to menu, select "Church life" and then "Listen Again".
- We are hopefully going to provide an act of worship on line in lieu of the Sunday service, this may in the form of a live stream via Facebook/You Tube or as a recorded service.
- For Pastoral Care please contact the vicar who in liaison with the Pastoral Care Groups will endeavour to provide support and stay in touch.
- As a new initiative we will be piloting a virtual children's club in for the benefit of children in these unsettling times.

*Paul Kingman (vicar)*

## **Children's Society Boxes**

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Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Society through the box collection. £297 -70p has been sent to the Society towards their valuable work with runaway children in the UK.

Every year incredible House Box Holders like you raise over £1.4 million to help vulnerable children in this country.

Thanks to your contribution we were able to support more than 11,000 young people who felt scared and alone last year and campaign to bring changes that help hundreds more.

If you would like a house box please let me know.

*Sandra Morray*

### **Other Donations**

The Toddler Group has given £130 towards the work of Mircea Pestean in Romania, funding food parcels to gypsy families who can't find work in Winter.

The "Everybody Welcome" coffee mornings last year raised £200 accidentally, from people who insisted on leaving some money even though coffee and cake were provided free of charge! This money has been given to Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe in Botswana, towards their work with young families.

Jonathan wrote

"Praying you are all well. The money from the Church arrived as \$288 from PCC. Please give our grateful thanks for this love gift. Be blessed"



## **Razzamatazz Robots Holiday Club**

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Those of you who were at Christ Church on 8th March will already know that we have decided, in view of the current coronavirus crisis and the likelihood that it will peak at Easter, to postpone our Razzamatazz Robots holiday club until later on in the year. At the moment we can't say when that will be, but we are sure that none of the hard work that has already gone into preparing for the club will be wasted. Many of the people on our team are in the age bracket that makes them more vulnerable to the virus, and we are concerned that we should not put them, or anyone else, in a dangerous position. Although this is disappointing, it is looking increasingly likely that such gatherings will not be feasible at that time anyway.

Thank you for all your work so far. It has not been in vain.

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" *Hebrews 13: 20, 21* With love, Sue

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### **Pastoral Care**

For some time it has been recognised by the PASTORAL CARE GROUP (PCG) that there are members of the Church family who would benefit from practical help at certain times.

It is proposed to make some assistance available for those who need it, and members of the group are willing to offer this.

In the first instance, and to trial this idea, it is suggested that anyone who needs help (for example with shopping, a lift to the doctors or for a hospital appointment) makes contact with Paul Kingman (812669) who will facilitate this through the PCG.

Members of PCG are...

Ann Butler	Helen Bowes	Dilys Davies	Joanne Hipkiss
George Holden	Sandra Morray		Dave Rowlands

## Quiz Night

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- Q.** What starts in late September and lasts until the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March?
- A.** Preparation for Arthur & Phil's quiz night. Well, actually Phil's preparation starts on the Saturday morning of the quiz!!

It's Arthur who has been hard at work for the previous seven months getting everything ready for the evening we've come to look forward to and enjoy. And what a fun time we had once again this year.

There were the usual guessing games, and of course lots of pots of daffodils for sale. Arthur led the evening in the way we've come to know and love, with the usual music questions to sing along to, guess the voice and a picture quiz.

Arthur still uses slightly dated technology and at one point Phil suggested we pause to let the tape recorder cool down and someone (one of the younger team members!!) called out "what's a tape recorder"!!! All good fun.

As usual Phil couldn't keep up with the scoring (that's why I keep the score when we play Scrabble!) and we had a slight hiccup when Phil got the sheets for the last round mixed up...it should have been Easy Listening but he gave out the Classical Music questions!!..... someone in my team, hearing Chariots of Fire said, "is this Brahms or Beethoven".....oops, but we ended the evening in good spirits. So, thank you Arthur for all your hard work over the past 21 years or so, and Tricia too for supporting Arthur and for providing us with the delicious cakes which we always enjoy during the interval.

*Diana*

<b>Mission Prayer Diary</b>	
	<i>Scripture Union</i>
1st	All events have been cancelled up to the beginning of June. Pray for all who will now miss out, especially those in great need due to difficult home circumstances
2nd	Pray that cancellations will not stop work going ahead, maybe now through other routes and methods instead
3rd	Pray about Go Wild (May 22), and the SU conference scheduled for the beginning of June
4th	At this time, Scripture Union Bible notes may be very helpful. Pray that production and delivery will continue
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia</i>
5th	The Dubrava Church is now FULLY PLANTED, Praise the LORD! We started the Dubrava church back in 2004, together with another missionary couple. Now it is a fully fledged church, and at our request, we appointed the new pastor.
6th	As our son Benjamin finishes his Grammar School in Croatia this year, it is "The Great Opportunity" for us to take some study leave. Thus September 2020 we both study at Capernwray Bible College, together with Benjamin
7th	Varaždin – We are moving Sept 2021 to this town 50 miles north of Zagreb and we already have a great relationship with Pastor Jonatan (Tabita's cousin)
8th	There are 2 small churchplants in Varaždin and the aim is to open 3 other towns for the Gospel
	<i>Tear Fund works in many countries to support poor people and show God's love in practical ways.</i>
9th	Pray for comfort for people around the world who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, and healing for those who are sick.

10th	Ask God to give strength to those who are caring for people who are ill, and that they will be protected from becoming infected themselves.
11th	Increased tension in the north of Central African Republic has led to attacks being carried out against communities. Please pray for peace across the country
12th	Lift up people suffering from extreme weather in Zimbabwe. While many have been experiencing the country's worst drought in over 40 years, people in other parts of the country have suffered from severe flooding following heavy rainfall. Please pray for protection for communities and for our partners working with those who are most vulnerable.
	<i>Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). They are our CMS Link Missionaries</i>
13th	Please pray for Jigsaw's feeding program that we may find a way to provide the hot meals that the children need even in these difficult challenges and that we may find a way to resource hand wash and sanitizer for the staff and children.
14th	Please pray for healing for those who are sick, for Simon a boy recovering from a stroke, for Noli who has heart disease, for Elena who has a kidney infection, for Mia's Father who is still in hospital from the car accident, for Eva who still has a lump in her nose, for Ramil a father who is an alcoholic and for Athena who is very sick and has been paralysed since December and Loma to recover from drug addiction in the rehab.
15th	Praise God for the Mathew project in Manila which is providing hot meals for 5000 children each day, some of them Jigsaw children
16th	Please praise God for the workers of Jigsaw who work each day in the most difficult conditions sharing God's love with those in such need. Pray for strength, encouragement, good health, and for blessings for them and their families.

	<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>
17th	A farming project has begun, multiplying seed of Safflower. Petals have been harvested for tea. Pray for this project as 2 Hectares of seed planting was lost in the drought
18th	We now have a proper partnership with Scripture Union and need more space to start trainings. Things are moving really fast and we thank God
19th	Pray for the new pastor in Jonathan’s local church, as the church tries to reach people in shopping malls and commercial exhibitions in Gabarone
20th	All our children are grown and have left the house. Timothy also known as the ‘Missionary on a Bicycle’ continues to enjoy working with schools and nursery schools teaching them God’s word through his organization ‘IOUJC’ or I Owe You Jesus Christ Ministry. He does a minimum of 30 km a day or 9,000km a year for Jesus
	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements</i>
21st	In the Covid19 crisis, pray that MAF can maintain flight operations to reach isolated people in need, while avoiding spreading Covid19 in remote places
22nd	Seeking to return to normal operations as soon as possible
23rd	Upholding our commitment to be a caring and dedicated organisation
24th	Pray for MAF pilots and staff, who don’t just fly planes but have opportunities themselves to share the Gospel

	<i>The Bible Society's Bible-a-month club is delivering Bible resources in South Sudan (population 10.2 million)</i>
25th	Please pray for peace across the nation, and for an improved economy
26th	Praise God for translators working on the Bari Bible revision
27th	Please lift up to God the women taking part in the Bible-based literacy classes this year (literacy is only 27%)
28th	South Sudan is one of the poorest nations in the world. Pray against the Coronavirus reaching such poor people
	<i>Ralph and Dagmar Baron help to run the Murree Christian School in Northern Pakistan. They sent prayer requests</i>
29th	The school will close down in Summer 2021 as the number of pupils has gone down. Most students will leave in 2020 but up to 12 will stay for the final year 2020-2021. We have peace that this is God's timing and that we will be able to complete the ministry of 65 years at Murree Christian School in a fitting way that prepares everyone in transition well, over the next 16 months.
30th	Meanwhile the school has closed temporarily due to Coronavirus restrictions. As you can imagine these last weeks have been an emotional time at school and we value your prayers for our students, staff and especially for the parents as they look for and consider other options for their children for next school year.

## Ash Wednesday

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The reading for the Ash Wednesday Service on 26th February was John 13: 18-38 which has two sections headed...

*"Jesus Predicts His Betrayal"*  
*"Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial"*

Having considered the circumstances around Judas and Peter, their weaknesses and motivations, their actions and the outcomes, I ended by reading a poem hoping it might help in our reflection and self-examination during Lent. Immediately after the service a member of the congregation came up to me and suggested I should have it printed in the magazine. So here it is...

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door.  
Not by the beauty of it all, by the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven who made me splutter and gasp -  
The thieves , the liars, the sinners; the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the lad from back in school, who stole my dinner money twice,  
And next to him was my old neighbour, who never said anything nice.

Fred, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well!

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I'd love to hear your take,  
How'd all these sinners get up here, God must've made a mistake"?

"And why's everyone so quiet, so sombre? Give me a clue".  
"Hush child" said He, "They're all in shock; no-one thought that they'd see you".

*Dave Rowlands*

## Hospital Notes 23

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Before Christmas I was asked if I would be willing to help with the Sunday Morning Holy Communion services at County Hospital. Although I am often busy in our own churches I agreed to give it a try.

And so on 16th February I turned up just after 9am. There was a surprising amount to be done. First the lists of people to be visited were allocated and I was sent off with 10 patients to see – the first of which had asked for Communion on the ward.

The last patient I saw had just been telling me about a favourite hymn (“In Christ Alone...” which generally brought tears to their eyes) when another volunteer came along with wheelchair transport to the chapel. Imagine my reaction when this hymn was printed out on a separate sheet for us to sing!

At 11am the worship began and we had a full service of Holy Communion including the 3 set lectionary readings, sermon and intercessions. I had been asked to read the Gospel and lead short intercessory prayers.

At the end I helped by returning one patient to EOU (one of the wards I visit on a weekly basis) and then my work was done.

I arrived back home at 12.30 after a very good morning at the hospital although the time commitment means I certainly won't be able to do this very often.

*Dave Rowlands*

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*Are you able to go to the shops?  
Do you know of isolated elderly neighbours?  
Use the cards on pages 17/18 to offer to help*



**HELLO!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

**My name is**  
.....

**I live locally at**  
.....

**My phone number is**  
.....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping   | <input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies |

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

**Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.**

**#ViralKindness**

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## **The Inn Ringers – 43 Years Young**

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The Inn Ringers are a group of handbell ringers who originally came together in 1977 practising in a room above the Red Lion in the High Street, Stone. Back then, most of the people in the team lived in Stone, today it's a different story – they now base themselves at St Luke's Church Hall in Tittensor and no members of the team live in Stone.

Musical Director Paul Mellor (originally from Stone) says 'I have no idea how it came about that all our Stone ringers moved on. We are in a situation now where we need to recruit some new ringers so we can safeguard the future of the team'.

Paul goes on to say 'like so many traditional art forms and past times, bell ringing is out of favour – people have busy lives and don't like the long-term commitment. I get that, but it is sad to hear about handbell teams disbanding or struggling to get people to join their ranks to make practise nights worthwhile'.

Over the last 43 years they have performed with their 116 handbells in concerts in many parts of the country, highlights being a performance at the Barbican in London and playing at the Victoria Hall in Hanley. The team have recorded three albums and made numerous TV appearances. They do an annual charity concert and a Christmas concert every year, these are the dates in their calendar they most look forward to.

Paul says 'Getting new members is a difficult task, without some new recruits the Inn Ringers will be forced to pack away their bells for good. We have to try to keep our traditional activities going – once we lose them, they will be gone for good'.

All you need to a member of the Inn Ringers is commitment, enthusiasm, a sense of humour and a sense of rhythm. You don't even have to be able to read music - the Inn Ringers have their own music notation that can be picked up in minutes. The commitment is attending a weekly practise (Monday evenings at St. Luke's Church Hall in Tittensor) and honouring the concert bookings we get. The team often get together socially and generally enjoy the camaraderie of being part of a team. It is great hobby to become involved with.

If you are interested in joining the team or if you would like to pop along to a practise night to find out what it's all about - contact the team secretary Rowena Dawson on 07816 545713 or email [theinnringers@aol.com](mailto:theinnringers@aol.com)

With the potential for school closures hitting the headlines, let us celebrate what has been managed to teach children about Jesus in the schools these terms.

We are a few weeks away from the Easter Holidays now, and so it's been nearly two whole terms of the Trekkers clubs in both Oulton First School, and Christ Church First School.

And what an exciting opportunity it has been!

We have been exploring the parables that Jesus teaches us in the Bible, unpacking what they might mean to our lives. And we've covered quite a few! From the Lost Sheep, to the parable of the two servants, to the parable of the Sower, we've learnt lots about who Jesus is and how he can teach us how to live, as well as who Jesus says that we are.

We've learnt about forgiveness and kindness, and remembering to pray to God and being sorry when we've done things wrong. I have been blown away by the wisdom and maturity that the children have shown when discussing and responding to stories that deal with these themes.

We've also played many games! Wink murder has become a particular favourite with the children at Oulton, and both groups have loved the treasure hunts to find items or words relevant to the story we are looking at that week.

And who could forget the crafts. While there have been many messes (the sponges and water session to represent Jesus washing us with his forgiveness led to a certain amount of spilled water and soap!) the children have often managed to take away colouring in and crafts relevant to the story. They particularly enjoyed the cotton wool sheep last week!

We've had lots of fun in these clubs over the past few weeks. But we've also always looked at a story about Jesus in the bible, and examined what we think the passage is saying that could help us in our lives. As is said in the book of Matthew: 'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."' (Matthew 19:14) Hopefully despite the volatile situation, there will still be the opportunity in the future to let the children hear and learn about Jesus because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them too. *Peter*

## **21 Zagreb news from Stephen and Tabita Bell**

Hello again, We hope you are well and thank you once again for joining with us in the evangelism and encouragement for Croatia and the Balkans. Your endeavours are by no means in vain. The Dubrava Church is now FULLY PLANTED, Praise the LORD! October 1st 2019 our new pastor Teofil and his wife Petya moved into their new apartment in the church as Teofil took over as the pastor of the Baptist Church Dubrava, Zagreb. As we experience their style and ministry these last 3 months we can only say, "Hallelujah, God has given us a great couple". They have over 20 years of experience and are enthusiastic and very much "hands on". The building project has also come to an end and is looking sparkling clean. This church, God willing, will now go places. Congregations are on the up and optimism is in the air. So, it should be, with our God.

Stephen & Tabita are moving on... Study Leave in UK and relocation to Varaždin We started the Dubrava church back in 2004, together with another missionary couple and the central 1st Baptist church in Zagreb. Now it is a fully fledged church, with its own building and at our request, we appointed the new pastor. Now our church-planting task is completed and we are free to move on. The pastor has taken over preaching and teaching, we have handed the youth work over to be led by the youth themselves and Tabita will hand over the children's work and church worship group. As our son Benjamin finishes his Grammar School in Croatia this year, it is "The Great Opportunity" for us to take some study leave and fully recharge our batteries in preparation for the next decade of ministry. Thus September 2020 we both study at Capernwray Bible College, together with Benjamin. We will be living out, as he moves on campus with the other students. Thanks to all who provided for Benjamin's fees, now pray that we (God) would raise money for our fees and accommodation totalling £10,000. Varaždin – We are moving Sept 2021 to this town 50 miles north of Zagreb and we already have a great relationship with Pastor Jonatan (Tabita's cousin), the leadership and the Brazilian missionaries. They have small churchplants in two nearby towns and want to open 3 other towns for the Gospel. There will be plenty of work!

*Stephen and Tabita*

Tough times filled with miracles of "Jesus" LOVE

Dear friends, we are living in very difficult times with so much fear and worry of Coronavirus which is especially true in Manila where the population is so densely set and poverty means families and children don't have the soap, cleaning materials and hand sanitiser needed to protect themselves and as many rely on going through rubbish and live in the dirt of the slums they are at high risk. Poverty also means that if the children and families get sick their access to medical care is limited or non-existent due to lack of money to pay, therefore many are afraid. But as pastor Jolly wrote to me this week from Isaiah 41: 10 we do not need to be afraid for God is with us. It is from within this security and assurance of Jesus that Jigsaw stands as a rock and a light of hope for so many, yet Jigsaw is facing difficult financial times. So many of you give so much and every penny you give directly brings God's love in action to so many in need. We are not asking for more money from you, but please continue to join us in prayer for God to touch hearts and provide through his people and churches the monthly money Jigsaw needs to continue to minister. It is such a life saving ministry and we really need some miracles to be able to continue and share God's love in the most difficult of places. Thankyou for being with us in this mission and ministry of God and for your continued love in prayers, love, gifts and support. We ask again if you can join us in prayer for all of Jigsaw's needs. God's Peace and Blessings be with you,  
*Tim, Kate, Lendehl, Jolly, Jenalyn and all in Jigsaw*

*A story of God's love: Loma a 21 year old father was caught this week by Pastor Jolly stealing the battery out of Jigsaw's Isuzu van. In danger but in the spirit of the Lord Jolly told Loma he had a choice, be reported to the police or turn to God and come with him to a government rehab. Loma turned to God and went with Jolly and his wife to the rehab. The last news is he has been admitted to the rehab but is struggling as he faces the battle of drug withdrawal. Please pray for the mighty hand of God to heal Loma of his drug addiction and that he will know the love and security of Jesus in His life. Amen.*

## **A night with the Street Pastors**

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Storm Ciara was due to hit on the weekend the 8th and 9th of February and it was the Saturday night that I went to observe the Street Pastor work in Stafford.

An intrepid team three, Chris, Steve and Mandy gave me a taste of what was involved. We met some interesting people and had some lovely conversations as well as seeing some sadder aspects of society.

Such worthwhile work which I felt had God's input throughout the night and left me feeling spiritually uplifted and safe at all times.

On a practical level over ten pairs of flip-flops and numerous lollipops and bottles of water were handed out as well as scriptural information to interested ones.

If you can spare one night a month then maybe some street pastor work would be a way for you too to show love to your neighbour.

*Diane Morris*

*Stafford Street Pastors—07507 567072*

### **FLOWER ROTA**

April 5th	Flower Guild
April 12th	Easter
April 19th	Flower Guild
April 26th	Mrs M. Hillman

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## FUNERALS

14th February Stanley Gordon Dyke Age 87 years  
4th March Norman Graham Gerrard Age 89 years

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### 5th April

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square  
York Street

### 12th April

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton View



### 19th April

Bentley Close  
Rendel Grove  
Brindley Close  
Rudyard Close

### 26th April

Cressey Close  
Joules Drive  
Cauldon Way  
Harecastle Bank