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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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(see inside back page for details)

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# May 2013

Wed	1		
Thu	2	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	3		
Sat	4	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	5	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion; 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 "All is new" Families at Four - service for the whole family Re:Acts The Jesus Movement Acts 3 "The name to honour"
Mon	6		Bank holiday
Tue	7	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	8	7:30pm	Standing committee
Thu	9	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Deanery Communion at Standon
Fri	10		
Sat	11	2:00pm	Wedding - Daniel Moss and Rosie Kent
Sun	12	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer; 1 Peter 2:4-12 "A living stone" Re:Acts The Jesus Movement Acts 4:32-5:11 "Community of faith"
Mon	13	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	14	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	15		
Thu	16	1:20pm 6:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Christ Church First School governors' meeting

Fri	17		
Sat	18		
Sun	19	9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Communion; 1 Peter 2:13-25 "Live as God's servants" Families at Four - service for the whole family Re:Acts The Jesus Movement Acts 5:12-42 "The witnesses"
Mon	20	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	21	All day 9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:00pm	Archdeacon's visitation - wardens and clergy Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse yrs 2-4 Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	22	10:00am  7:30pm	Area Lecture Missional Communities - Dr Jonny Woodrow at St Francis Church Meir Heath PCC Meeting
Thu	23	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	24		
Sat	25		
Sun	26	9:15am	Family service; John 3:1-16 "You must be...?"
Mon	27		
Tue	28	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30am
Wed	29	7:30pm	Deanery Synod - Cotes Heath, speaker David Newson
Thu	30		
Fri	31		

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on May 26th

## How well do you fare?

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The new financial year began with big changes in welfare. Various reports and debates have argued both for and against the changes. At the grassroots we see a need to protect the vulnerable and provide for the needy: we are grappling with the right to life, dignity and the basics of food and a home.

We often talk about our rights, but it is important to consider our responsibilities - in particular, our family responsibilities. Public debate may run the risk of our being forgetful of the family, as if it's been airbrushed out of the picture. But the family is the foundation of society. Rather than letting it recede into the background, it has a key role to play. As state welfare shrinks, the family has a growing importance. To try and look at things positively we are rediscovering the importance of family relationships.

The Bible teaches lots about the family. The Old Testament spoke about the 'house' or 'household' when referring to the extended family. This was the way welfare was provided for relatives as well as ensuring stability for raising children. God's laws promoted good relationships in a household. The key principle was: *'honour your father and mother'* (Ex 20v12). God's law defined whom you could marry: one man to one woman so long as they were not close blood relatives, so as to minimize the disruption of harmony (Leviticus 18). The family was to help out relatives and even fellow Israelites who had hit hard times. Radical laws were given to guard against long-term debt: in the 7<sup>th</sup> year ('Jubilee') all debts were written off and land returned to the original family owners (Deuteronomy 15)! Family life was driven by a higher calling to love the Lord God with heart, soul and strength (Deut 6v5), while also loving our neighbours as ourselves (Lev 19v18) - this was Jesus' summary of the law (Mt 22v37-40).

The New Testament teaches that the family must meet its responsibilities in a society that had no welfare provision. It uses the family as a model for the churches that met in households: members were to relate to one another as if an extended family. They were to protect the vulnerable and provide for the needy (Acts 2v42-47), giving special attention to widows and orphans. The family and also the church family are to be modelled on the love and care shown by our heavenly Father.



Paul Kingman

## Forgiveness

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I was recently given a copy of ‘Our Prayer’ - an alternative version of the Lord’s Prayer that a friend, Paul, had written. He wrote it with the view of highlighting how radical and subversive the Lord’s Prayer actually is. Take for example **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**. In ‘Our Prayer’ Paul had changed this to: *Forget about our trespasses and punish those who trespass against us*.

I suspect that I’m not alone in reading ‘Our Prayer’ with significant unease and discomfort - not because it’s heretical but because it gets rather too close to the truth of how I pray at times. I treat my trespasses as if they can be brushed under the carpet and forgotten and while sport may seem trivial; when my team suffers through the opposition cheating, divine retribution is usually the first thing I crave!

Trespasses, sins or debts – whatever term we use, are highly offensive to God. Too often we think ours should simply be overlooked and forgotten, while at the same time we clamour for revenge and punishment when we are the injured party.

But God won’t allow us to pick and choose in applying his holiness, justice, mercy and grace; because as Jesus encourages us to pray **forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us** he’s inviting us to express 3 fundamental truths about God, ourselves and others.

1. ***Faith in God*** – the Bible teaches that disobeying God, neglecting his counsel, living as if he didn’t exist is to set course for death and hell. The only way to avoid it is by taking up God’s offer of a substitute. Asking for God’s forgiveness does just that and recognises that Jesus has indeed died in our place and taken the punishment we rightly deserve.
2. ***Our Confession*** – seeking forgiveness is to recognise and have the humility to admit that before Almighty God we come up short. As Isaiah 64:6 puts it **all our righteous acts are like filthy rags** and we need his help to live as he intended.
3. ***A Commitment to forgive others*** – forgiving others is a condition of our forgiveness from Jesus, because he loves them in the same way he loves us. This is not an issue that can be dealt with glibly but the parable Jesus tells in Matthew 25:21-35 indicates that although forgiving may be hard and costly, we have been forgiven so much more than we will ever be required to forgive.

Reflecting on these truths is both humbling and challenging and as I do so I’m made even more aware of my need for God’s forgiveness and help! But I think that’s what Jesus intended!

*Andy*

## **6 REACTS: the early church's impulse for mission**

There will be an opportunity to be part of an 8-session course of study on the book of *Acts* on **Sunday evenings at 6pm in Christ Church, Stone**. The aim is to look at how the early church functioned and what we can learn for today: giving us a framework for the everyday church. This is a ministry project for the course of study on 'Missional Leadership' that I have been undertaking during the last year. The project has to be presented to my fellow students in June. In one of the most exciting books of the Bible Luke tells how the gospel spread from Jerusalem (the capital of the Jewish world) to Rome (the centre of the Gentile world). He shows how Followers of The Way' emerged from the framework of the Jewish nation to become a global movement. The Followers of the Way soon became known as 'Christians.' The movement resulted from the continued activity of the risen and ascended Jesus by his Spirit.

The course will run from **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April-16<sup>th</sup> June**. We will start with a bring and share tea at 6pm, followed by a study of the *The Acts of the Apostles*. Please let me know if you would like to come. It is a course in the making and your taking part will help to clarify the sessions for me!

*Paul*

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### **Families @4**

For over a year now we've been getting together on Sunday afternoons in Christ Church Centre for cake, craft, stories and songs and most of all lots of fun! Starting at 4pm and finishing by 5pm, we are currently working our way through **the Jesus Storybook Bible** which shows how every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name! This term we're moving into the second half of the Old Testament – we'll have lions, giants a very big fish and a few sheep scattered along the way! And most of all we'll see how all these stories point to Jesus! The dates for this term are:

- 5 May** – *The young hero and the horrible giant*
- 19 May** – *The Good Shepherd*
- 2 June** – *A little servant girl and the proud general*
- 16 June** – *Operation 'No More Tears!'*
- 7 July** – *Daniel and the scary sleepover*
- 21 July** – *God's messenger*

We love welcoming newcomers so we do hope you can join us!

*Andy Cranston* (818983 or [acranston.ccstone@gmail.com](mailto:acranston.ccstone@gmail.com))

## The importance of having ‘structure’

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*In the Pastoral letter for May 2013, the Archdeacon of Lichfield, the Ven Chris Liley, who retires this month, looks back over his 12 years in the job and focuses on the importance of having ‘structure’.*

I remember back in 2001 that the headline in the Diocese’s quarterly newspaper *Spotlight* read something like ‘Chris won’t be an establishment man’!

Reflecting back on that expression and my thoughts at the time, I am fully aware that my great anxiety in coming to this post was that I would be tied up purely keeping a system going and not having any sense of the developing life of the kingdom of god. I suppose I feared that all would be ‘For the sake of the system’ rather than the kingdom.

Twelve years later I am glad that that feels it hasn’t been the case – though no doubt others will make their own judgements! Life in this Diocese has been very clearly focussed on purpose beyond purely maintaining a system – though one of the greatest challenges, however, has been in determining what that vision should be. Different experiences of faith and varied theological interpretations of the message lead to some very colourful encounters between members of senior staff! There is never a shortage of lively interchange!

But there is no escaping the fact that an Archdeacon’s responsibility is to make sure that the system and the structure of the Diocese is maintained well. A structure that is efficient, fair and just is a structure that serves the work of the Church and thereby the purposes of the Gospel. Good systems can liberate the Church just as clear boundaries and frameworks are a safe and reliable basis upon which young people can thrive.

Like worship itself, if we have to totally reinvent a structure each week we will often find we are led into forms which are filled with novelty, but are lacking in direction and purpose. Structure and order is also important in the management of local Church life. People need to know where they are. Even when they complain about rules and regulations, the experience of their breakdown usually brings far greater unhappiness and conflict.

After 12 years I make no apology for spending my energies in trying to maintain good order and structure.

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## **The importance of having ‘structure’** *(cont)*

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Buildings which have often been the gift of former generations need to be cared for with responsibility and respect; behaviour within our parishes towards one another and the leadership is a matter of public concern; decisions based on fairness and justice are key to maintain the Gospel values of the Kingdom.

Of course people want to be free and find new expressions of life and faith – but it is within a secure framework that I honestly believe the best of these can happen. It has been a great privilege to share this particular responsibility in the life of the Diocese of Lichfield and I trust that those who follow in this work will find it as rewarding as I have myself.

*The Ven Chris Liley, Archdeacon of Lichfield*

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## **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid Week is Britain/Ireland’s longest-running fundraising week and has been a firm fixture in the calendar of many thousands of people each year since 1957. It is famous for the distinctive envelope that drops through the letterboxes of millions of homes each May – and for the massive impact that the week has made in the fight to end the scandal of poverty around the world.

### **This year’s Christian Aid Week is May 12<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>**

Christian Aid works with local organisations around the world to help poor communities find solutions to the problems they face and give them the support they need to make these changes. Last year Christian Aid Week raised over £12.5m. This money is being used to support some of the poorest communities around the world to create their own solutions to poverty. Here are 3 examples. In Kenya, text message technology and up-to-date weather forecasts are improving the crop yields and nutrition of farmers. In Bolivia, previously threatened rights to land for more than 1,000 families have been secured, while in Zimbabwe, a new dam has transformed lives.

**Please help by taking part in the door to door collection in our parish, look for the packs in the foyer or speak to Phil Tunstall 817028**

The prospect of moving to a new and challenging parish hung over me. My excitement was tinged with the anxiety of wondering how to help the congregation in my next church to understand more about the work of the Holy Spirit. I had already learnt that this was a process that needed to be handled with great love and care. A prayerful woman, who had experienced a powerful move of the Holy Spirit in her own life, said hesitantly that she had a “word from God” for me. The words were simple, memorable and challenging...”**STAND FIRM WITH GENTLENESS AND GOOD HUMOUR**”.

On another occasion words formed themselves in my mind directly, as a received communion and the consecrated wafer lay in my hands...”**I AM IN YOUR HANDS**”. A little later, as I received the wine, more words came ...”**NEVER FORGET YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MINE**”.

Such phrases become “tattooed on our souls”, because they are so memorable. The psalmist says *“I have hidden your word in my heart.”* (Psalm 119:11). The Bible is full of ordinary people experiencing, or learning to experience such words. (The story of the little boy Samuel and Eli in I Samuel 3 is a favourite of mine!)

Words like these, which we dare to believe may come from God, are often termed prophetic. St Paul writing in I Thessalonians 5:19 says, *“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all...”* Its sound advice when dealing with words which are not directly quoting scripture, yet seem to have the authority of God.

Of course, we can be mistaken or even deluded. So are there any ways of checking the authenticity of such words? Firstly let’s be clear, there is no absolute proof that such words come from God. God is love. If He spoke so directly that we had no doubt then we would have to obey, and God’s love does not control us in this way. I cannot categorically say that the words printed in capitals above, were from God, but I believe them to be so, and know that they helped shape my life.

Over the years I have come to the conclusion that there are some pointers to the authenticity of such words. Here are some.

- No direct communication will ever run contrary to God’s word in scripture. (“God told me to steal the bike” cannot be true, as it contradicts the eighth commandment)

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## Tattooed on my soul” (cont)

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- My limited experience indicates that such wonderful communications are brief, absolutely to the point, inspiring and challenging. (“*What are you doing here Elijah...*” 1Kings 19:9 is a very typical Biblical example.)
- Often the words are “framed in silence” .I am an expert in going for weeks without “hearing” any words that may come from God. That silence no longer worries me, but rather, it highlights a message when it is given.

God uses many ways to tattoo a message on our soul. He may speak to us through other people, like my first example. Equally, it is the common experience of Christians to be reading a familiar passage of scripture and suddenly a few words seem to be highlighted and speak directly to their condition. Sometimes we sense that we must look at a particular verse of scripture, thus a Christian facing a difficult time may “hear” PSALM 37 VERSE 3. When they look this up they read “*trust in the Lord and be doing good*”, and this sets the rudder for their action.

However we should always be in awe that we are dealing with a living and loving God. We must never try to manipulate our own, or other people’s lives, by claiming divine inspiration. Directly hearing the voice of God is awe inspiring and sometimes life changing. This can be very challenging.

God is not averse to putting us right when we are wrong, but when he puts us right he never puts us down. A week before I was due to lead a televised Healing Eucharist, the reading for morning prayer was from the first chapter of Jeremiah. Jeremiah would speak to the nations. With my ego in overdrive I saw this as a word for me, but by the Friday before the Sunday service, when everything seemed to be going wrong, the reading was about Jeremiah being put into the pit! Perhaps it was my overactive mind, but these words are also in my special tattoo collection....”WELL, LITTLE JEREMIAH, HOW ARE YOU FEELING THIS MORNING?!” I was put right, but my spontaneous laughter showed that I was not put down! The last word goes again to St Paul (I Thessalonians 5:19-22)

***“Do not quench the Spirit.***

***Do not treat prophecies with contempt, but test them all;***

***Hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil”.***

*Roger*

## Rocky's Plaice

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Rocky's Plaice, a fun name for a fun Holiday Club at Christ Church this Easter. The setting was a fictional fish & chip shop, superbly re-created in the church.

The Christ Church Holiday Clubs always have a strong Christian input, with a clear message about Jesus presented in a fun but thought provoking way using drama, talks, DVDs, games, crafts & small group activities appropriate to the age groups of the children. This year we also enjoyed a 'laugh out loud' slapstick sketch at the end of each session, starring Salt & Vinegar (better known as Jacqueline & Marcus), involving eggs, cream pies and the likes. I couldn't eat mushy peas with my fish and chips that Friday evening....mmm, now why would that be?? Well done you two!!!

Our curate Andy excelled himself in the role of the 'chief chef' at Rocky's, Mr Tagliatelli, and by the end of the week we were all convinced the he actually WAS Italian...or were we???

Here are some of the comments from the children who came to the club:-

*Jack aged 6:-* I enjoyed the crafts & games & Mr Wobbly- Jelly (Tagliatelli !!)

*Phillippa aged 8:-* Holiday Club was fun. I learned about Pentecost & the man who couldn't walk.

*Elise aged 7:-* The Holiday Club was exciting. We played fun games & learned about Jesus.

*Tom aged 10:-* Salt & Vinegar were epic.

*Hannah aged: 8-* It was good, funny & shocking! I learned about the Holy Spirit & the Ascension.

*John aged 10:-* I liked making the fish mobiles.

*Hannah aged 7:-* I thought Holiday club was fun & exciting. I learned different things about Jesus. The best bit was the drama.

*Alex aged 10:-* I liked the games best.

Once again a very big Thank You to all those who worked so hard to make the Holiday Club such a success. Only time will tell whether the many seeds that were sown will bear fruit. It was a privilege to be a (very small) part of it.

*Diana Tunstall*

*Have a look at Holiday Club photos on the church website  
www.christchurch.org*

## **Bring and Buy Sale**

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Thanks to everyone who came along to support the bring and buy sale on 16th February. In total we raised £273 for the youth fund. customers enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee with a piece of cake whilst passing the time of day with friends. Some took part in the proverbs quiz which was won by the Kingman family who got the most correct answers.

### **Handmade Greetings Cards**

Handmade greetings cards are on sale once a month in the church centre after the family service. The cards are made by Jacqueline and Catherine Abrahams and Jacqueline's mum, Beryl who visits Christ Church when she is in Town. If you can't find what you are looking for cards can be made to order and can be personalised too, just ask. We have been selling cards since late 2009 and so far have raised £235 for the youth fund. Thanks for your support and keep it coming.

Thanks, *Jacqueline*

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## **The Bells**

The Easter Day peal at St Michael and St Wulfad's announced the official 'return to duty' of the 300-year-old bells that were taken down in September of last year for retuning.

'People in the benefice and the ringers themselves are delighted that they are now backing ringing out the good news,' said the rector of Stone with Aston, the Revd Ian Cardinal.

A total of £140,000 was raised for the refurbishment of the bells helped by grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the North Staffordshire Association of Bell Ringers.

'The enthusiasm for the project has been wonderful,' said Ian, 'and we are so grateful to everyone who has given so generously.'

The retuned bells have also been hung with some new ones to make a peal of 10.

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Our claim is that God has revealed Himself by speaking; that this divine (or God-breathed) speech has been written down and preserved in Scripture; and that Scripture is, in fact, God's Word written, which therefore is true and reliable and has divine authority over men.

*John Stott*

The P.C.C. met on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and the following matters were reported:

- (Heating system) Mr Mason reported that he is currently looking into the feasibility and cost of various options, including:
  - Ø Sealing the roof better. A scaffolding tower will be required for this and consideration will need to be given to the ability of the balcony floor taking the concentrated weight of the scaffolding tower
  - Ø Additional radiators and finned pipes to replace the central floor pipes.
  - Ø A pump for extracting water from the old boiler house is being arranged urgently to prevent any future damage from rot. It is suspected that the origin of the water is a cracked down spout which runs down the side of the building.
- The Orient Express Evening raised £1.500 (before gift aid). Mr Reynolds expressed his thanks to Mr Mason for on behalf of the P.C.C putting on the evening and all the hard work he put in to make it such a great success.
- Rev Kingman announced his plans to produce and run a course to learn about the early church as a ministry project for his course. This will run in lieu of evening services for 8 weeks starting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- The Autumn House services are now back to normal after the last two months disruption due to weather and sickness. Dss Butler expressed her gratitude to the staff at Autumn House for their assistance and hard work in getting the services back to normal.
- Details of a planning application for the Old Vicarage have been received. Permission is being sought for two blocks of six flats and conversion of the Coach House.
- The Royal Foundlings are coming back for a 10 – 14 day visit from 14<sup>th</sup> April. They will be visiting schools, teaching the children their songs and inviting the children to learn and record the songs.. There are plans for a Royal Foundlings Concert at church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April and they will be at the service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next P.C.C meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm.

## Pause to reflect:

### Going deeper with Sunday sermon passages

The following questions are given as suggestions for individual or group study with the hope that they will take you deeper into the passages we're thinking about on Sunday Mornings in May.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Thoughts before the sermon</i></b>
<p><b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><i>1 Peter 1:22-2:3</i></b>  <i>All is new</i></p>	<p>How should our lives as Christians be characterised?            What changes or new standards should we be seeking to adopt? And what things should we be looking to get rid of?            What role does the Bible play in helping us to develop as Christians?            What steps can we take this week to help ourselves and others 'grow up in our salvation'?</p>
<p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><i>1 Peter 2:4-12</i></b>  <i>A living stone</i></p>	<p>When we gather as church what should be our primary focus v.4?            How does this compare with how you view church?            With what images does Peter portray the church in this passage?            What are the blessings and responsibilities of each image?            What are the requirements for being part of the church?            What one thing can you do this week in response to v.12?</p>
<p><b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><i>1 Peter 2:13-25</i></b>  <i>Living as God's servants</i></p>	<p>What are the boundaries of our freedom?            What are the implications of v.13-17 for you?            What might you need to change?            In what ways does Jesus' life and suffering provide an example for us to follow?            What was the purpose of Jesus submitting himself to suffering in our place?            How has his sacrifice for you made a difference to your life?            Do you know of anyone who is suffering for their faith in Jesus? Take time this week to pray for them. (See <a href="http://www.opendoorsuk.org">www.opendoorsuk.org</a> for ideas)</p>
<p><b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><i>John 3:1-16</i></b>  <i>You must be....</i></p>	<p>What had Nicodemus got right in his assessment of Jesus?            What did he lack and how did Jesus correct him?            Why do we need to be 'born again of the spirit'? (See also Matthew 18:3; John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Romans 8:8-9)            Why did Jesus need to be lifted up v.14-15?            What does it mean to believe in Jesus?            What difference does believing in Jesus make to your daily life?</p>

## *The Sale of Work*

The Sale of Work, on May 28th and 29th, was an unqualified success. When all engaged were so determined to do their parts so thoroughly and so well the result was a foregone conclusion ; none the less however do they merit a word of praise.

Under the skilful hands of Mr. Hammond, assisted by Mr. Bradbury, our schools were completely metamorphosed, flags, banners, and streamers on every side, within and without the building. On the North side of the room were four large stalls, While a fifth looked down the room from the West end. On the South side were the Teachers', the Flower and the Advertisement stalls. These were all laden with useful and fancy articles most tempting to the eye. The East wing was transformed into a most attractive refreshment room, while in the West wing were elaborate preparations for the Wax Work Exhibition. Two Class-rooms were set apart for the really wonderful collection of curiosities kindly lent by friends far and near.

The Bazaar was formally opened by Lady Stamer at 3 o'clock on the Tuesday, and thenceforward was a very busy time for the energetic stall holders, continued until past to o'clock.

The Waxworks Exhibitions were greatly appreciated and those who witnessed them will not soon forget the humourous groups presented to them by Mr. Morns.

The sale was continued on Wednesday and also on Friday Evening.

In looking back upon the great effort so happily carried out, one could not but be struck with the general harmony which prevailed throughout. The one thought on every side being how to advance the success of the sale. On the second evening, Mr. Harding very kindly brought his Camera and took photographs of the stallholders and the Wax-work figures. We must also mention the kindness of Mr. Walters, Junr., who gave his services at the Auction on the last evening. After the payment of the School debt and the usual sum of £40 to the Working Party for Missions, there remains a balance in hand of £100.

The Church Council has unanimously decided to apply this amount towards the rebuilding of the Church Wall, which is as unsightly as it is unsafe.

*(£312 4s 0d was raised in the sale, of which £152 was used to pay off debts on the new school buildings.)*

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

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**5th May**

Kent Grove  
Meaford Avenue  
Mount Avenue  
Mount Crescent

**19th May**

Stonefield Square  
Victor Street  
Victoria Street  
Whitebridge Lane

**12th May**

Mount Road  
Mount Street  
Old Road  
Stonefield Court

**26th May**

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




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### Christ Church, May 1889

*Church of England Temperance Society.*

The Annual Sermon was preached in Christ Church on Sunday evening, May 5th, by the Rev. H. V. Stuart, Curate of St. Paul's, Burslem. Unfortunately, owing to a severe thunderstorm, our congregation was not large. We had a most earnest sermon, based upon Joshua xxii. v. 20, "Not alone," showing the evil effects of intemperance upon others beyond the actual drunkard. We were pleased to see so many availing themselves of the opportunity of coming to the Lord's Supper.

. The Annual Tea was held in the Schoolroom the following evening, May 6th, at seven o'clock, and more than 100 sat down to tea; and thanks to the exertions of the lady members, a bountiful tea was provided. We were very pleased to see our neighbour, the new Rector, walk in and join us in our social gathering. After tea, the Vicar spoke for a short time on the position of the Society and its prospects. A series of views descriptive of Palestine were then exhibited by Mr. Hammond, of Barlaston, with the aid of his powerful lime-light apparatus, the views being accompanied by explanatory reading of the scenes by Rev. E. J. C. Ince. At the conclusion of this exhibition some further pictures of a miscellaneous character were shewn, and the evening concluded with a few remarks from the Rev. R. Johnstone, who expressed his pleasure at being present at a Temperance gathering in the Parish.

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

19th Feb	Elsie Bagot	Age 89
20th Feb	Marjorie May Jenkinson	Age 88
21st Feb	Geoffrey Richman	Age 62
8th Mar	Sylvia Davis	Age 84

## BAPTISM

17th Mar Isla Marie Sweetman

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTAS

AM

5th May	K. Thompson	T. Woodward
	D. Davies	K. Woodward
12th May	V. Ledward	G. Donaldson
	D. Pickles	J. Abrahams
19th May	A. West	G. Holden
	C. Wilding	D. Wilson
26th May	P. Hipkiss	K. Thompson
	P. Roberts	V. Ledward



## FLOWER ROTAS

5th May	Mrs S. Vaughan
12th May	Mrs M. Hutchinson
19th May	Mrs M. Jones
26th May	Mrs A. Illidge



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Mrs S. Sanders

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## 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>Men's Fellowship</b>	Mike Thompson.....	813712
<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> (Mo 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

## THE MAGAZINE TEAM

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

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