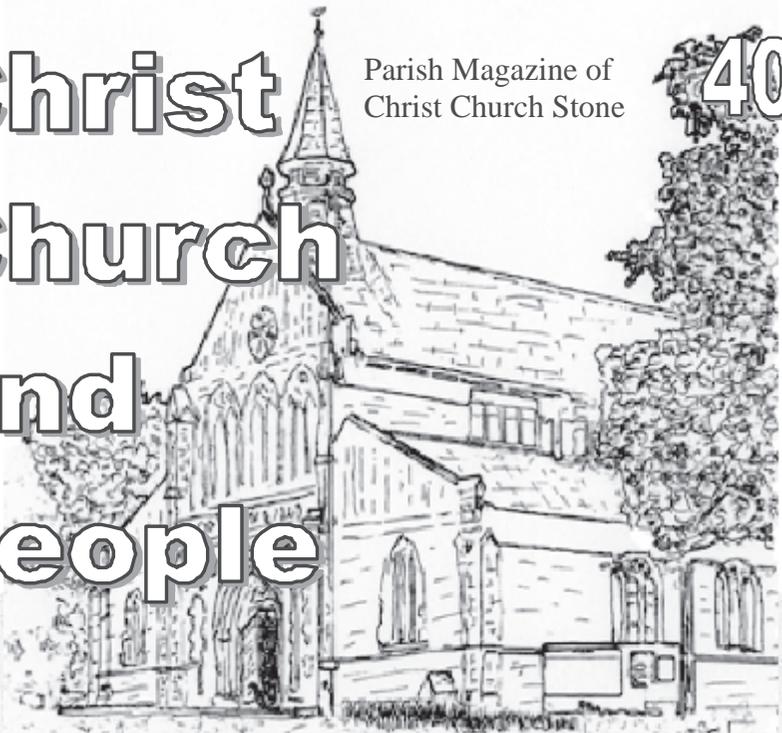


# Christ Church and People

Parish Magazine of  
Christ Church Stone

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# August

# 2009

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Details of our services are given on pages 2 and 3.

**Young people's activities** take place in the Centre at 9.15 am  
(see inside back page for details)

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Cover Story:- Trentside Clinic

# August 2009

Sat	1	08:30am 09:00am tba	Prayer meeting Breakfast in the Centre Visit St Edwards Church, Cheddleton
Sun	2	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Galations 4:4 "His timely birth" Evening Prayer at Oulton. John 3:16 "he that believes"
Mon	3	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	4	10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Christ Church Youth Club Pub evening - Wetherspoons
Wed	5		
Thu	6	8:00pm	Men's Curry night - Shaffers
Fri	7		
Sat	8	10:00am 3:00pm	At Home on the Phyllis May narrowboat Cream teas at the Vicarage
Sun	9	9:15am 8:00pm	Morning Prayer. Matt 3:17 "His baptism" Communion at Oulton John 6:35 "I am the bread of life"
Mon	10	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	11	10:00am 10:30am 11:00am 7:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Trentham visit, meet at Pie Minster Restaurant Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	12		
Thu	13		
Fri	14		
Sat	15	10:00am	Coffee Morning - Cecilia's, 23 Larchfields
Sun	16	9:15am 2:00pm 6:00pm	Communion. John 1:29 "His death" Trains & Tea - Pete and Liz's house Evening Prayer at Oulton John 8:12 "I am the light of the world"
Mon	17	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers

# August 2009

Tue	18	10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm 7:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Christ Church Youth Club Pub evening - Wetherspoons
Wed	19		
Thu	20	7:30pm	Girls' Night In - Caroline's house, 1 Navigation Loop
Fri	21	8:00pm	Dance / Cheese and Wine Evening - Tittensor Village Hall
Sat	22		
Sun	23	9:15am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. Acts 1:9 "His Ascension" Walk to Downs Banks - start at Alleynes Communion at Oulton John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd"
Mon	24	7:00pm	Cornerstone for teenagers
Tue	25	10:00am 10:30am 7:30pm	Coffee before service Midweek service Christ Church Youth Club
Wed	26		
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Sat	29	5:00pm	Karaoke with Bring and Share tea - Christ Church Centre
Sun	30	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer. John 14:18 "His gift of the Spirit" Communion at Oulton
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## Work, rest and pray

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I brought back a souvenir from holiday last year, which cost nothing but has been invaluable. A family were on the beach near to us. The parents made a brief visit to paddle in the sea. Their two young boys happily played on the beach during a bright but cool afternoon in very a poor summer. But something wasn't quite right. The father was agitated: "Next year we're going abroad! The weather in this country is unreliable. We'd get much better value if we went to the Mediterranean – the boys would simply love doing water sports and riding around on the Banana Boat".

I personally thought that the two boys, aged about 5 and 3 years old, would struggle to enjoy water skiing. In fact, they were happy as sand boys milling around on the beach. No doubt, from the children's point of view, time spent with dad and mum was what made the holiday special. The location was far less important. That was my souvenir.

Earlier in the year The Relationships Foundation published the findings from a study of working time and family well being. It found that the UK has one of the highest proportions of men working long hours of all EU countries. This is associated with poor physical and mental health outcomes, high levels of stress and tensions over work-life conflict. Rising stress is estimated to cost employers £3.76 billion per year. But the more worrying cost is that around 30% of employed people report that their job prevents them spending enough time with their partner/family, the third highest in Europe. Parents do not appear to make up for time lost by working atypical hours (*e.g.* the weekend) by spending more time with children on another day or at other times. These findings clearly point to the need for time off together and the researchers recommend that the country legislate to provide worker with one weekend day off.

The command to keep the Sabbath day holy, by stopping all usual activity to engage in worship and rest, brings us great blessings and would address these issues of concern uncovered by the research.

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## Work, rest and pray *(continued)*

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The Psalmist testifies that God's commands are good: *'How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!... Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right. The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy'* (Psalm 119 v103, 137-138).

So, I hope that you enjoy any summer holidays that you have planned, but I hope most of all that you make time to spend with God. Time together is precious, especially for children and parents, but time for worshipping the LORD is vital!

*Paul Kingman*

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### Songs from the Aisles

(Paul received this email from Radio Stoke after they had recorded children from the Middle School singing in Stoke Minster)

Dear all,

I'm writing an informal note at this stage to thank each and every one of you for your involvement in Sunday's BBC Stoke 'Songs From The Aisles' Final at Stoke Minster. As I said yesterday, I felt the Holy Spirit within the church and we were blessed with the highest quality participation and Joy.

It was an epic, 5 set (programme) match in front of an enthusiastic crowd and I'm glad we had the roof over the court! We hope you all left feeling like winners rather than beaten British semi-finalists.

Our programmes broadcast throughout the Sundays of August 2009 so at both 0900 and 1430hrs;

02/08/09 - Stafford Elim Christian Centre

09/08/09 - St. Thomas's, Kidsgrove

16/08/09 - Christ Church Middle School, Stone

23/08/09 - Rosary Rally

30/08/09 - Final and announcement of winner + short service

The BBC website will update throughout August as the programmes are edited and broadcast.

Due to copyright issues, it is possible for you to obtain copies of the programme from the BBC here in Stoke but we hope you'll understand the time taken to prepare and burn programmes onto CD means the BBC has to make a nominal charge for the service.

Yours sincerely,                      Lamont Howie

## The Gospel in Creation (2) – The Sun

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You will find sun worshippers all over the world. Some are only looking for bronzed skin, others think some sun-god can make their crops grow. In an ancient world tempted to worship things like the moon, sun and stars the book of Genesis shows that these are created objects, not divine beings. However – the sun is a fantastic preacher, and like all good preachers the subject of every sermon is Jesus Christ.

Psalm 19 begins by marvelling at the way “the heavens declare the glory of God” and King David gives us an example (verses 4-6):

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun,  
which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.

The sun is like a mighty bridegroom emerging from his pavilion in shining armour, sword at side, ready to marry his bride. In this way the sun proclaims Jesus, the true Bridegroom, victorious in battle over sin and death and now awaiting the glorious wedding feast when he is united to his bride, the Church. That's what we should think about whenever we see a sunrise and enjoy the warmth of the sun on our face! And just as nothing is hidden from the heat of the sun, so nothing is hidden from the love and life-giving mercy of our Saviour.

A few weeks ago I rediscovered my love of blues music. The music is great, feeling blue is not, yet feeling the sun on our face can often lift our spirits. The same is true of Jesus: he is the Sun of Righteousness who rises with healing in his rays (Malachi 4:2).

So go outside and enjoy the sun. Give thanks to God for his wonderful creation. Then turn your heart and mind to Jesus and bask in his goodness. A sun tan will fade, but the Lord's love endures forever!

Tim Vasby-Burnie

## 7 Occasional church attendees are not hypocrites

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Thirty-eight million people go each year to a Church of England funeral service, according to the statisticians. Millions more come to weddings and baptisms. Research by the Church of England ‘Marriage Project’, which is coming to our diocese as soon as possible, shows that the majority of English people want God to bless them and their families. The metropolitan pundits in the broad sheets who constantly sneer at organized religion are out of touch with the deep spiritual desires of most people in our nation.

But the Church has a problem too. When people come to us with their spiritual needs and desires we often don’t know what to do with them and sometimes send them away with a flea in their ear. We are quite good at making them feel hypocritical if they want a church wedding or a christening; almost always they want to be serious in making their promises but we don’t quite hear them.

They don’t know how to put their spiritual experiences into our Christian language and so we dismiss their awkward or embarrassed attempts to say what they want. And then weddings are inconvenient because they disrupt our cricket and Saturday sermon preparation!

All the evidence shows that most people are far from hostile to the church; they are just not in a position to respond to an “all or nothing” commitment straight away. Adults who become Christians almost always do it in stages. They need to know Christians they can trust who will accompany them on a journey of faith, marked by several steps of commitment on the way. The man who said, “I’m a regular churchgoer, vicar, I come each Christmas,” was not just being flip. Underneath the joke was a serious desire to have God in his life.

Most parishes work hard at building up a fringe of people who are “not yet Christians.” The parents and toddlers club, the after-school club, the hospitality events, the open days - all these work well in many places. But there are still thousands of children wanting to join uniformed organisations attached to our churches but can’t because of lack of leaders.

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## 8 Occasional church attendees are not hypocrites

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A vicar from another diocese said to me recently that mission for him was getting the Sunday morning Eucharist right. I know what he means. Wesley said from his own experience that the Holy Communion was a converting ordinance. But in practice, whatever our style or tradition of Sunday service, we have turned in ourselves, concentrated on the detail, and made our “fringe” much smaller because our main services are less accessible.

When Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount he made sure that the crowds were in earshot as well as the committed disciples. The demise of matins has left a gap where the civic guests or the seeker after truth or the six times a year person used to feel welcome. If we are going to go on calling ourselves “parish churches” we have a duty to wrestle creatively with this gap we have created and find a way of filling it.

The parish communion movement was not meant to make us into an exclusive sect but in some places that is the unintended consequence. It need not be so.

Thousands of anecdotes tell us that undemanding friendship can help people see that the spiritual longings which they don't know how to verbalize can be met in Jesus Christ. Do you have a welcome pew-leaflet for mourners at funerals?

Jonathan Gledhill (Bishop of Lichfield)

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### Sermons in August

**Mornings:** there are texts of scripture on each of the five stain glass windows found behind the communion table in Christ Church, Stone. These span the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ followed by His gift of the Spirit.

**Moddershall & evenings:** the scriptural texts on the stain glass windows dotted around St John's, Oulton are the basis for our series. We hear some of the great one-liners of Jesus, which encourage persevering faith.

Friends of Shallowford House

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# *Garden Party*

*and*

# *Art Exhibition*

on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**2 – 4.30 pm at**

**Shallowford House**

**Norton Bridge, between Stone & Eccleshall**

**Stalls, games, cream teas**

**Tours of the house and plans for future  
development**

**Shallowford House ST15 0NZ 0178,5 760233**

## Drawing on Jesus

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by Ruth Radley in Sudan

‘Since coming to Sudan, I have realised that, although the actual war is over, there is still a long way to go before peace reigns in people’s hearts, especially children.

‘While on a peace building and trauma healing course, I met with a couple of women to explore the possibility of running trauma counselling sessions with local children.

‘A week later, we began visiting children in a local orphanage. During the session we used a book which contains stories designed to help children feel more comfortable talking about their own experiences. The stories centre on a brother and sister living in an unspecific location, who suddenly have to flee their home. Forced to live as refugees, they get separated from each other, watch loved ones die and endure fear, loneliness and hunger. In other words, these stories reflected real life for many of the children we were counselling.

‘One of the sessions was about taking our pain to Jesus, and asking him to come and heal us. The children were asked to draw or write either some wrongdoing they wanted to confess, or horrors they had seen. Then one of the leaders picked up a wooden cross, and the children formed a line and followed her outside. We took the papers, laid them at the foot of the cross and burned them.

‘While the words and images of pain dissolved in the flames, we held hands and sang “cast your burdens onto Jesus” slowly and quietly. It was an overwhelming sight.’

*(Excerpt from CMS’s July ‘Mission Update)*

Give thanks to God that he has not given up on Sudan and pray for CMS mission partners involved in the healing and rebuilding process.

## Summer Socials 2009

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Here we are! Lots of exciting events planned for the summer. If you want more information on any of these then please contact the organiser directly. We encourage you to bring friends / family / neighbours to these events. Thank you very much to everyone involved!

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August                      Visit St Edward's Church, Cheddleton**

Visit to St. Edward's Church, Cheddleton near Leek. This is a 12th Century Church with Pre-Raphaelite stained glass and old embroideries worked by the Leek School of Embroidery plus a flower festival (see current Spotlight article). Ploughmans lunches and teas available. There is the possibility of a stroll by the nearby Caldon Canal.

This event will be either in the morning or afternoon; please let Dorothy know what you prefer.                      Contact: Dorothy Wilson (01785 812078)

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### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August                      Pub Evening (Wetherspoons )**

Join us at Wetherspoons (1 Granville Square) from 7.30pm. Some may have dinner there, others will just come for a drink. You are warmly invited!

Contact: Tim Vasby-Burnie (01785 814244)

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### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August                      Men's Curry Night**

Men – this is for you. Curry Night at Shaffers (3 Lichfield Street) at 8pm. Come along, maybe bring some friends. It is helpful (but not necessary) to let Tim know if you want to come.

Contact: Tim Vasby-Burnie (01785 814244)

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### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August                      @Home on the Phyllis May**

From 10 am to 12.30 pm Terry and Monica Darlington will be At Home on the Phyllis May. The boat will probably be somewhere in Canal Cruising Basin or on the towpath close by. Drop by for a tea, coffee or glass of sherry, see the narrowboat, maybe buy a book. Contact Monica the week prior to the At Home for joining instructions.

Suitable for all ages. How long guests stay will depend on how many turn up, as there is not much room on a narrowboat! Guests must be prepared to depart when the boat starts to sink!!

Contact: Monica Darlington (01785 814120 or 07875 457840)

## **Summer Socials** *(continued)*

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### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August                      Cream Teas @ The Vicarage**

Picture the scene: hot sun, cool grass, refreshing tea, delicious food and great company. The Kingmans can guarantee the tea and food but we'll have to pray about the weather. As for the great company: that's up to you! 3 pm – 5 pm at the Vicarage, Bromfield Court.

Contact: Sue Kingman (01785 812669)

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### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August                      Trentham**

This was going to be a trip on the Trentham wheel – but it has vanished! Have a word with Estella if you like the idea of a visit to Trentham and a picnic.                      Contact: Estella Woodhead (01785 761659)

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### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August                      Coffee Morning**

Cecilia is hosting a coffee morning at her home (23 Larchfields Close) from 10 am – 12 pm. Suitable for all ages.

Contact: Cecilia Wilding (01785 817987)

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### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August                      Trains and Tea**

Trains will be running at the Mason's from 2pm to dusk. Bring a shared meal (Tea) and eat it on the train! Drinks (non-alcoholic) will be provided. Trains will run whatever the weather, and one carriage does have a roof!                      Contact: Pete Mason (01785 815854)

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### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August                      Pub Evening (Wetherspoons )**

Tim will still be here, enjoying a real ale. Maybe a large mixed grill on the side. Come and keep him company (from 7.30pm)!

Contact: Tim Vasby-Burnie (01785 814244)

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### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August                      Girl's Night In**

Come along to 1 Navigation Loop from 7.30pm for puddings and chat. If you are able bring your favourite pudding / cake with the recipe to share with us all. All women welcome.

Contact: Caroline Vasby-Burnie (01785 814244)

*(more fun over the page!)*

## **Summer Socials** *(continued)*

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### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

### **Dance / Cheese & Wine Evening**

Come along to Tittensor Village Hall at 8pm for cheese, wine and dancing. Dancing will be a variety of styles: ballroom, Latin, sequence, line dancing, head banging, break dancing...

This is a ticketed event; tickets available from Shirley Hallam, Sally Vaughan or Alison Greer (price £5). Thank you to the Coalport Drive Homegroup for organising this.

Contact: Shirley Hallam (01785 814593)

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### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

### **Walk to Downs Bank**

Barry, Margaret and Alison invite you to join them for a walk, starting from Alleyne's school entrance at 12pm then proceeding to Downs Bank. Here there will be a picnic lunch. After some time to enjoy the area we might walk to Barlaston and back along the canal. Feel free to join for some or all of the walk.

Contact: Alison Greer (01785 814732)

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### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Karaoke with Bring and Share tea**

A family event, open to everyone. From 5pm at Christ Church Centre.

Contact: Jacqueline and Catherine Abrahams (01785 817020)

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## **Thank you from Carole**

Carole would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to her 'Open House' and helped to celebrate her 40th birthday. It was so good to share the day with so many friends and family. Thank you too for all the kind gifts that you gave - I received so many beautiful (and tasty!) things.

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Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride and Walk - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
See Dorothy Wilson for details

## Seekers Club Outing

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Thirty-five eager children climbed aboard the yellow school bus and we were off on the first Seekers Club outing.

First stop was to see the birds of prey at the Gentleshaw Bird of prey and Wildlife Centre, near Eccleshall. We admired the amazing animals and birds and read about the unsuitable homes where some of them had previously lived. Owl and falcon flying demonstrations were followed by a visit to the reptile house and the opportunity to hold and stroke snakes and lizards, scary but exciting.

All too soon we were on the bus again but not back to school. More treats were in store as we were off to Amerton farm for a picnic and a ride on the train followed by ice creams. Every child was allowed to blow the train whistle- great fun!

The weather was kind on a somewhat dubious St. Swithen's day and the children (and adults) had a great time.

Our thanks to Mrs. Slater for organizing the trip, the P.T.A. for funding and Adam, Tim and Paul for coming along to help. Enid Bell

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## Christ Church graveyard

We have now installed a water butt so that there is a water supply for where ashes are interred. This provides an environmentally friendly source of rain water for flowers placed on memorials (which have an inbuilt receptacle).

As the Diocesan guidelines do not permit artificial flowers or the addition of any further pots or objects to the plots, we would appreciate your cooperation in keeping things in good order.

Thank you.  
Rev Paul Kingman.

## 2nd August

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square  
York Street

## 9th August

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton View/Way



## 16th August

Bentley Close  
Rendel Grove  
Brindley Close  
Rudyard Close

## 23rd August

Cressey Close  
Joules Drive  
Cauldon Way  
Harecastle Bank

## 30th August

Saltersford Rise  
Rolt Close  
Millenium Way  
Cameron Wharf

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## Meals with Jesus

In the Tuesday housegroup, we have been studying “Meals with Jesus” in Luke’s gospel. Focus Radio produced the studies, and they can be found on the internet. The meals took place in Levi’s home, Simon’s home, Mary and Martha’s home, in the homes of two pharisees, Zacchaeus’ home, at the Last Supper and on the road to Emmaus. The feeding of the 5000 isn’t included in the studies, though it definitely relates to a meal.

Some of the meals became very fraught as Jesus spoke his mind to the pharisees. We don’t learn much from Luke about what was eaten. What we do learn about is the joy that people experienced as they allowed Jesus not only into their homes, but also into their lives (see how Levi and Zacchaeus changed). There were also challenges from Jesus, especially to Peter and to the pharisees.

Allowing Jesus into our homes is not an easy thing, but the result can be life-changing.

Dave Bell

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## Christ Church on the Internet

Parish website     [www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/stone/stonecc](http://www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/stone/stonecc)  
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 Magazine contributions     [christchurch\\_mag@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christchurch_mag@yahoo.co.uk)

## BAPTISMS

28th June	Laila Amsellem
12th July	Ashley Harold Wagg
12th July	Rees Lewis Chamberlain

## MARRIAGE

10th July	Jason Fazackerley and Lisa Dudley
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## FUNERALS

30th June	Charles (Charlie) Clifford Cope	Age 80
	(Stafford Crematorium)	
3rd July	Ellen Mary Ecclestone	Age 71

## Sidespersons ROTA

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2nd August	D. Pickles	D. Davies
	V. Ledward	K. Thompson
9th August	D. Wilson	J. Abrahams
	T. MacFarlane	C. Wilding
16th August	A. West	G. Holden
	A. Greer	I. Gassor
23rd August	V. Ledward	M. Hutchinson
	K. Thompson	B. Hutchinson
30th August	P. Hipkiss	D. Wilson
	C. Wilding	T. MacFarlane

## Flower Rota

2nd August	Miss D Price
9th August	Mrs M Hillman
16th August	Mrs B Boote
23rd August	Mrs A Greer
30th August	Mrs C Stone



<b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>	Mrs S Hallam, Mr D. Rowlands	
<b>P.C.C. Members</b>	Mr G. Holden, Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs J. Rowlands Mr A. Stone, Mrs E. Woodhead, Mrs D. Davies Mrs I. Gassor, Mrs E. Mason, Mr M. Thompson Mrs D. Wilson, Mrs J. Abrahams, Mrs K. Latham Mr P. Mason, Mr A. Rushton, Mr T. Woodhead	
<b>Secretary</b>	Jacqueline Abrahams.....	817020
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kevin Reynolds.....	851595
<b>Envelopes, Gift Aid</b>	Nesta Challinor	

## 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
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<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

**Please send material for the magazine to**

Dave Bell, c/o Christ Church Parish Office, Christ Church Way,  
Staffs ST15 8ZB or by email to christchurch\_mag@yahoo.co.uk

# Christ Church welcomes you!

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Whether you are new to the Stone area or have been living here for some time you are welcome to come to this church. The church is made up of adults and children who want to know more about the living God, who has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and continues to speak to us through His Spirit-inspired word, the Holy Bible (which can be read online at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and we recommend a modern translation e.g. the New International Version or English Standard Version).

We are a Christian church, because at the heart of what we believe is the fact that to know God personally we must put our trust in Jesus' death for our forgiveness so that we can be reconciled to God. We are part of the Anglican church, the basis of its Trinitarian belief is summarised in the Book of Common Prayer with its 39 articles, though we unite in Christ irrespective of denomination. We are an Evangelical church, as we see that the Bible is God's word for us and so is to inspire all that we do. This church was established with the help of the renowned Charles Simeon.

Our church meetings help us to grow in our understanding of what the Bible tells us about God, and this is something that we encourage others to investigate especially through our *Christianity Explored* course (see details on the national website [www.christianityexplored.com](http://www.christianityexplored.com)). If you would like details of when the next local course is starting then please contact the church office.

We have children's and youth activities running during the Sunday meetings and also during the week, such as our Tuesday evening youth club. Adults may be further involved through small groups which meet for Bible study and prayer, a midweek communion service and a monthly prayer meeting.

Our community involvement includes links with the local schools: Christ Church First, Oulton First, Christ Church Middle and Alleyne's High.

We also have links with the Church in India, The Philippines, Croatia, Botswana and Pakistan.

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