

# Christ Church and People

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# December 2010

Wed	1	6:30pm	Breathe years 6-8
Thu	2	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	3		
Sat	4	8:30am	Prayer Meeting followed by breakfast at 9:00am
Sun	5	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion. Micah 2 "Rotten landlords" Evening Prayer at Christ Church John 7:14-18 "Willing to do the will of God"
Mon	6		
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 Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	8	6:30pm	Breathe years 6-8
Thu	9	1:20pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly
Fri	10		
Sat	11	5:30pm	Advent Evening (incl. Meal) - Diana Tunstall
Sun	12	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Micah 3 "shepherds turned cannibals!" Communion at Christ Church Luke 16:19-31 "Hearing Moses and the Prophets"
Mon	13		
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 Lighthouse years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 9-13
Wed	15	6:30pm 7:00pm	Breathe years 6-8 Christ Church First School Nativity in church
Thu	16	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly Stone Choral Society Performance in church

# December 2010

Fri	17	11:00am	Christ Church Middle School Christmas service
Sat	18	2:30pm 4:30pm	Christingle Craft and Service Dedication Andrew and Michelle Butterworth
Sun	19	9:15am 5:00pm	Communion Micah 4:1-5 "The Lord's mountain" Carol Service at Christ Church Luke 2:25-38 "Looking for the consolation of Israel"
Mon	20		
Tue	21	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am
Wed	22		
Thu	23		
Fri	24	11:00pm	Late night Communion Hebrews 1:1-4 "Trusting in his completed work"
Sat	25	9:15am	Christmas Day Communion at Christ Church Micah 5:1-5 "The Shepherd King"
Sun	26	11:00am	Boxing Day United Benefice service at Oulton Micah 6:1-8 "Valid worship"
Mon	27		
Tue	28	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am
Wed	29		
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Fri	31		



## Light in the darkness

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Who'd choose the dark winter nights over the light summer ones? If your idea of comfort is to sit in front of a fire sipping a hot drink, then I guess you'd go for the winter. If you prefer sitting reading in the garden or being active somewhere outdoors, then you'd probably opt for the summer months. Either way, we can manipulate the environment with artificial light, patio heaters or air conditioning to suit our lifestyles. Even those keen on winter usually meet the shortest day of the year with reluctance and look back on it in relief. Most would agree and say how welcome is the light!

As the day length shortens during December we have a very good reason to celebrate. For Jesus' followers Christmas is the time to celebrate the coming of light in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here's how John's Gospel puts it: *'The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world'* (John 1v9). He brought light to the darkness. The word *'light'* is figurative for the knowledge of God. Jesus is the true source of light *i.e.* He reveals God and makes it possible for us to know Him.

The Bible says that our natural state is to be separated from God due to our sin. This is likened to us being or walking in the dark, so that we are lost, lacking direction and far from God. But God has not left us in the dark. He has made Himself known by sending his Son Jesus into the world He has made. This is staggeringly exciting! But sadly not everyone at the time Jesus walked the earth was drawn to the light: *'He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him'* (John 1v11). Today there is a similar mixed reaction - not all accept or recognise that Jesus was God who became flesh, lived and died amongst us but rose again so that He is alive now. Yet some do still see His 'glory' as they read about Him in the Gospel records and meet Him for themselves – they recognise God's presence and power in Jesus Christ. The coming of Jesus makes it possible for us to know God personally.

Do come and join in our Christmas services as we look again at the good news of great joy for all the world.



Paul Kingman

## Remember... to forgive

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‘Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much’. Oscar Wilde’s comment may be flippant but he is only paraphrasing St Paul. Footballer, Wayne Bridge would not forgive his best friend and former team mate, John Terry for having an affair with his girlfriend. Who can forget that ‘missed handshake’ as Man. City lined up to greet Chelsea last season? Maybe in time Wayne and John will be reconciled. I hope so. Withholding forgiveness does not just punish the wrong doer. Nelson Mandela affirms a truth when he says: ‘To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you’.

Just before Leonardo da Vinci began painting The Last Supper, he had a bitter argument with another painter. Da Vinci was so enraged that he decided to paint the face of his enemy as the face of Judas Iscariot. In this way the hated painter’s face would be preserved for ages in the face of the disciple who betrayed Jesus.

Da Vinci painted the face of Judas quickly. At first he took delight as everyone who came past recognised the face of the painter in Judas. Work on the other disciples’ portraits continued. Leonardo tried several times to start Jesus’ face but couldn’t make any progress. Something seemed to baffle him, frustrating his best efforts. In time, da Vinci began to see his hatred of the other painter as the problem holding him back from finishing his work. Only after repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint Jesus’ face and complete his masterpiece. In his work on The Last Supper, da Vinci learnt something important about forgiveness.

Last month we were asked to remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives in the two Great Wars to preserve freedom in Europe and the world. We remember how an evil regime that exterminated six million Jews was defeated. For this we are grateful. There are circumstances, however, when remembering is not always a positive experience. For instance, in the Holy Land, remembering the past too insistently has been a deeply divisive power and a constricting source of conflict in the present. If different people groups, in particular, cannot let go of past injustices, sufferings and tragedies then it makes it impossible to bring creative ideas for the future. Work for settlement and peace is hampered as each generation sets about implanting in the next the memories of insults, injustices, age-old hatreds and suspicions. The revenge cycle keeps turning.

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## Remember to forgive (cont)

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Now again in Palestine there seems to be another concerted effort at making peace, brokered by the USA. Both sides – Israeli and Palestinian – are taking courageous steps towards forgiveness and reconciliation to break the bitter shackles of decades. Such a hope is not just fantasy. In breaking down the divisions of apartheid, South Africa, with its Truth and Reconciliation Commission, showed the world a real way forward. Desmond Tutu tells the story of an elderly woman who came before the Commission. When asked, ‘What do you want the Commission to do for you?’, she answered, ‘I want you to find the person or persons who tortured my husband and who murdered my son, so that I can look them in the eye and say, “I forgive you.”’

Such forgiveness seems divine. But it is also true that remembering past hurts is poisonous. Bitterness cradled and nursed causes untold damage. Forgiveness is the only common sense way ahead – but so hard to do! Perhaps the key is to realise that forgiveness must always be premature. As he was being nailed to the cross, Jesus cried out: ‘Father forgive them, they know not what they do’. While we were yet sinners Christ died for us – he did not wait for us to realise the error of our ways; and Jesus said we have to be able to forgive those who have trespassed against us before they have apologised. Peter said to Jesus: ‘How many times must I forgive my brother who sins against me? Seven times?’ ‘No, Peter’, replied Jesus, ‘seven times seventy!’ With humans this type of forgiveness seems impossible, but with God’s strength and his love sustaining us we can be set free from the bitterness of other people’s wounding actions. We are able to forgive.

Remembering how much God loves his creation and each one of us – remembering how much he has forgiven us – liberates us to forgive others. Pray for the courage to make the first move.

*Mark Rylands, Bishop of Shrewsbury*

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### Vicarage Jam Sale

The Vicarage Jam Sale on Saturday 13th November raised £325 for the Youth Fund. Well done to Sue and her helpers.



## Thousands Inspired by Archbishop

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The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill, has spoken of the inspiration that thousands of Christians received during the extended pastoral visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese of Lichfield, which concluded yesterday.

He said: “The Archbishop of Canterbury’s visit was the first time for many years that people from across the Diocese had the chance to come together en masse and every event was packed.”

The Archbishop began his visit on Friday after a morning address to a conference on the future of the rural church and arrived in Lichfield for lunch with business, civic, education, health, police and many other leaders from across the diocese. He listened to accounts of the joys and challenges of the West Midlands and spoke about the opportunity that the Coalition’s Big Society idea might give to us all.

After moving visits to a young offenders prison at which the Archbishop was able to meet with and pray for prisoners; and a hospice where he blessed patients who were close to death and prayed for their families; the Archbishop changed gear for a fun evening at Walsall’s Banks’s Stadium with the comedian Tim Vine and a brilliant question and answer session.

Saturday saw over 2,000 people gather at the International Centre in Telford for a keynote lecture by the Archbishop. Bishop Jonathan commented: “The Archbishop overturned our notion of what heresy is and encouraged Christians to be on fire to serve our communities. It was an amazing day”. The Archbishop concluded his day in Shropshire with a visit to the Ark homeless project in Shrewsbury.

On Sunday morning the Archbishop was the preacher at a very full service at Lichfield Cathedral, and in the afternoon at an equally full evening service at St Mary’s Stafford, followed by an exciting time with young people at Rising Brook Church.

On Monday morning he met students from two schools in the city of Stoke which are due to merge to form the proposed St Peter’s Academy. He followed this with a Civic Prayer Luncheon at the Civic Centre.

Jonathan Gledhill added: “Throughout the Archbishop’s visit we have had wisdom, solid teaching, encouragement, humour and not a little inspiration. Thousands of people, both regular church goers and enquirers, have discovered the real Rowan Williams, which is rather different from the public image.”

*from the Lichfield Diocese website*

# **<sup>8</sup>Christmas 2010 in the Benefice of Christ Church, Stone & Oulton\* with Moddershall+**

We welcome all to join our celebrations of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It may help to know that the Christingle services are particularly suitable for children. Christmas morning services are for all ages. So, we hope to see you during this season with your family and friends.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Sunday 12th December</b>	Christingle	4:30 pm	Oulton
	Carol Service	6:30 pm	Moddershall
<b>Saturday 18th December</b>	Christingle craft and service	2:30 pm	Christ Church
<b>Sunday 19th December</b>	Carol Service	5:00 pm	Christ Church
	Carol Service	7:00 pm	Oulton
<b>Friday 24th December</b>	Holy Communion	11:00 pm	Christ Church
	Holy Communion	11:00 pm	Moddershall
<b>Saturday 25th December</b>	Holy Communion	9:15 am	Christ Church
	Holy Communion	11:00 am	Oulton
<b>Sunday 26th December</b>	Boxing Day Praise	11:00 am	Oulton

\* St John's Church, Oulton

+ All Saints Church, Moddershall



## Stone Advent Windows 2010

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All is on schedule for the start of Stone advent Windows when the window at Tofts is due to open on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the shops are doing their windows themselves, but others are in partnership with schools and other groups. The days on which each shop will open their window are listed below.

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Toft Violins, Granville Square
Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chantilly, High Street
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Radford Gallery, Radford Street
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regent Travel, High Street
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Crown Hotel, High Street
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Katharine House Hospice charity shop, High St
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Bike Shack, Radford Street
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	M-Viron (Orange phone shop), Somerfield Arcd.
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Blue Rooms, Radford Street
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yarn Gathering, Radford Street
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tailored Floors, High Street
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Mill, Mill Street
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Birchill & Watson Pharmacy, High Street
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Shelter charity shop, Lichfield Street
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wikijum, High Street
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tinsley Garners, Mill Street
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Russell's Butchers, Adie's Alley
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Baileys Hardware, High Street
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	The Royal Exchange, Radford Street
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Traditional Flower Co., Lichfield Street
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Home and Colour, High Street
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Shear Genius, Oulton Road
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kitchen Shop, Somerfield Arcade
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church

The big day when the Christ Church "Once in Royal David's City" window opens is Christmas Eve. To start with there will be a unique carolling event. Please meet up at 9:30 with your voices and your instruments on Lichfield Street opposite the Shelter Charity shop. We'll then sing the relevant carol/song at each shop window, ending up at Christ Church at 11am when the window will be opened.

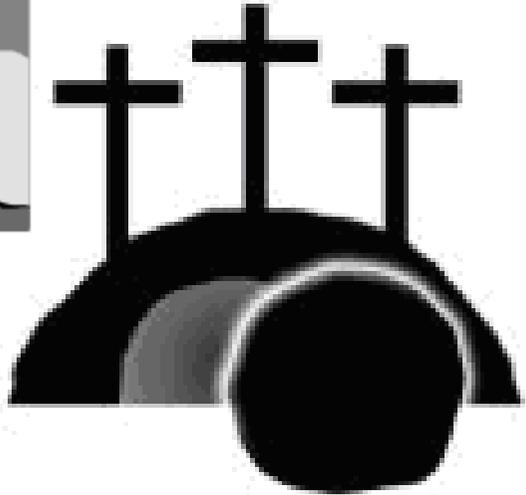
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We will be providing hospitality for those who have made the carolling journey with us as well as other shoppers who we expect to call by plus last-minute shopper's soup + roll. There will also be children coming with their cards stamped with the evidence that they have visited every window. They will receive a small gift. Finally there will be a quiet space in church for those who would like to spend a few moments away from the Christmas rush, light a candle, pray and relax. We aim to finish at 2pm.

So, we invite you all to participate in this event in the following ways...

1. Prepare some food for guests on Christmas Eve. (Please contact Dilys or Pam)
2. Come along at 9:30 and join the carolling journey.
3. Above all PRAY!

The Advent Windows project is a gift from Christ Church to Stone which we pray will in some way also “open the windows of heaven” to many in Stone at this Christmas season.



# Alpha and Omega

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Might of the Creator, governing the world,  
 Mite of the Maternal, in her flesh enfurled,  
 Mate of the Eternal, wed with time and space,  
 Jesus, Son of Mary, win back our futile race.

Joy of the Madonna, (fingers, toes and eyes!),  
 Justice of the Maker, fencing in the skies; Jesus, Joseph's  
 "prentice, with pierced and peerless hands,  
 Adonai, Adorable, unloose us from the bands.

Wisdom of the Father, urging outer stars,  
 Weakness of a woman, healing human scars;  
 Wonder of all Christians, calling us by name,  
 Jesus, of the Godhead, uplift us by thy shame.

Festival of Mothers, rejoicing of their men,  
 Felicity of children, Mass of stall and pen;  
 Fixity of riches, (men's gain is not God's loss),  
 Take up thy crib and stagger -the wood will make a Cross.

- A. R. Barnard (*who is Sally Vaughan's dad*)

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## CHRISTMAS CARD LIST (*from Jeannette*)

Here is a list of friends we know  
 Collected in a book  
 And every year at Christmas time  
 we go and take a look.  
 And that is when we realize  
 These names are really part  
 Not of the book they're written in  
 But of our very Heart

For each name stands for someone  
 Who's touched our life sometime  
 And in that meeting they've become  
 The "rhythm of the rhyme".  
 We really feel we are composed  
 Of each remembered name  
 And while you may not be aware  
 Of feeling quite the same,  
 Our life is so much better than  
 It was before you came.

For once we have known someone  
 The years cannot erase  
 The memory of a pleasant word  
 Or of a friendly face.  
 So never think our Christmas cards  
 Are just a mere routine  
 Of names upon a list that we've  
 Forgotten in-between.  
 For when we send a Christmas card  
 That is addressed to you\_  
 It is because you're one of those  
 That we're indebted to.  
 And whether we have known you  
 For many years or few,  
 In some way you have had a part  
 In shaping things we do.  
 So every year when Christmas  
 Comes, we realize anew,  
 The greatest gift that God could give,  
 Would be a friend like you.

## Light Party

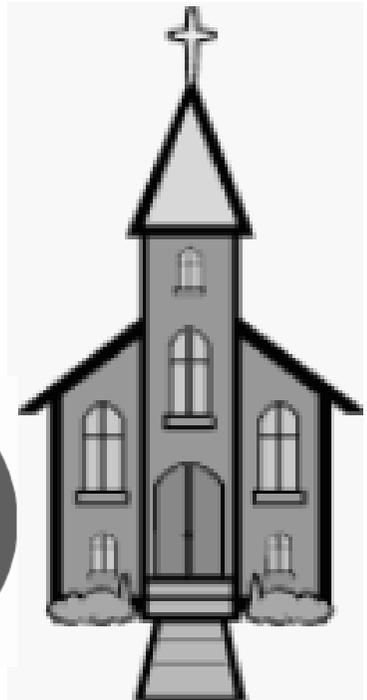
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Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010. Hallowe'en. The clocks changed and the world got a little darker. All over the country people were choosing to celebrate the darker side of the Spirit world. Ghosts, ghouls, witches, vampires and werewolves were about to parade in the streets.

But at Christ Church we were having a different celebration! Children aged 4 to 11 years were invited to have fun in the LIGHT at our annual Light Party, where we shift the focus away from the darkness and onto Jesus, the Light of the World. It's always a challenge to think up new light-themed games and crafts for this event, but the team rose to the occasion with a light-hunting game, parachute games with glowing balloons, making coloured lanterns and window roundels with tissue paper, and creating designs with glow-in-the-dark Hama beads. This year the children themselves also glowed, following energetic bouncing on a Bouncy Castle, which fitted neatly into our newly opened up space!

Once all cheeks were rosy and the children were in need of a breather, Kieran gave a talk about what Jesus has done for us, using the story of Charlie and his bicycle – giving Giles the perfect opportunity to ride his bike twice round the inside of the church building as a visual aid! A party tea followed, generously provided by members of the congregation, and eagerly consumed by children and helpers alike! The children left with party bags and, I hope, a lasting glow from the fun of the evening.

Many thanks to all the helpers who made this year's party a joy to run. *Sue Kingman*



## Christmas Word Search

The words are all hidden in the grid. They can be forward or backward, up or down or diagonally but always in a straight line. The letters can be used more than once - the unused letters read from left to right and from top to bottom will spell out the first few words of a carol. Which carol?

W	N	H	I	Y	S	Y	O	T	B	L
M	I	N	C	E	E	S	R	Y	E	S
S	G	N	I	K	E	E	R	H	T	T
D	H	P	H	R	E	A	E	P	H	A
R	E	O	H	U	M	E	R	G	L	R
E	L	D	L	T	E	S	I	H	E	S
H	F	S	W	L	L	N	G	G	H	L
P	I	A	B	E	Y	I	N	I	E	O
E	R	A	G	L	F	A	T	E	M	R
H	T	N	O	T	M	C	H	L	E	A
S	A	H	P	E	S	O	J	S	D	C

BETHLEHEM HOLYNIGHT STAR SHEPHERDS THREEKINGS  
 MANGER CAROLS JOSEPH MARY ANGELS INN SLEIGH TREE  
 TURKEY GIFT TRIFLE MINCE PIES TOYS HOLLY STABLE

*Arthur*

## To our dear friends at Christ Church, Oulton and Moddershall

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Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe Christmas is around the corner. The days are short, the evenings dark and I must say there's a notable difference in the amount of rainfall we have up here in Lancashire! The past few months have been a whirlwind. We are settling well into our new little home, village and church. Eden at two and a half and Judah at six months keep our family life busy and full of joy--as well as adding a few challenges!

At this time of year when we are focusing on the Father's great gift to us in Jesus, we are also reminded of the gifts you have given to us. We wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank you for the support you showed us when we moved from Stone. Thank you so very much for the very generous financial gift you gave us, as well as the mirror and coffee set and the fun gifts for Eden and Judah! Your gifts have been a great help to us as we've started this new adventure for Jesus. Thank you most of all for your prayer support and friendship. We have loved seeing those of you who have stopped by for a visit (and given us more opportunities to use our lovely cafetiere). You have been and continue to be a great encouragement to us.



We pray you will find even greater joy in Jesus in this new year to come.

Much love,  
*Adam, Helen Clare, Eden  
and Judah*

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Archbishop Cranmer thought it essential that people should be able to pray and worship in their own language. Article 24 of what is now the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion for the Anglican Church states: “It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God ... to have publick Prayer in the Church ... in a tongue not understood of the people”.

For many people across the world essential things like worship books and Bibles are still not available in their spoken language. Earlier this year there were scenes of rejoicing when the Bible was produced in the Kaguru language - spoken in part of the Diocese of Morogoro where I used to work.

Translator Michael Nhonya has spent four years working on the new Kaguru Bible. He said: “This is great. To finally hear and read it feels like I’m in heaven. It feels like Jesus is speaking in the synagogue, only he’s speaking here. It means that Christianity will grow here.”

This is why APF is concerned to provide literature in local languages. Our Safari Book project continues with dual-language stories in 10 Ugandan languages and several other languages for East Africa. We aim to produce 9 more titles as and when finance and translated scripts are available. Our New Testament Bible Commentaries continue to be popular - produced in Swahili and Kirundi. In conjunction with SIM (Serving in Mission) we hope to shortly see all the Swahili commentaries produced in one volume.

The Bible is widely available in many different languages. Now pastors need the tools to help them understand and apply its teachings to their own situations. That is where APF has so much to offer. Through our training courses and our literature work we can continue to help pastors strengthen the church to fulfil its mission - all in a language that people can understand.

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## BAPTISM

14th Nov Lewis Mark Sweetman

## FUNERAL

20<sup>th</sup> September Kathleen May Wright Age 80

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

	AM		PM
5th Dec	D. Davies	B. Hutchinson	D. Shemilt
	V. Ledward	M. Hutchinson	
12th Dec	G. Holden	D. Pickles	P. Tunstall
	C. Wilding	A. West	
19th Dec	D. Wilson	K. Thompson	D. Shemilt
	J. Abrahams	T. MacFarlane	
24th Dec	D. Rowlands	A. Stone	
25th Dec	P. Hipkiss	B. Hutchinson	
	J. Rowlands	M. Hutchinson	

## FLOWER ROTA

<u>5th Dec</u>	Mrs E. Woodhead	<u>12th Dec</u>	
<u>19th Dec</u>	Christmas	<u>26th Dec</u>	Christmas

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### 5th December

Bentley Close  
 Rendel Grove  
 Brindley Close  
 Rudyard Close  
**19th December**  
 Saltersford Rise  
 Rolt Close  
 Millenium Way  
 Cameron Wharf

### 12th December

Cressey Close  
 Joules Drive  
 Cauldon Way  
 Harecastle Bank  
**26th December**  
 The Crescent  
 End Granville Terrace  
 Millers Gate  
 Hartley Drive



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**Climbers 3-7 years** Sandra Morray.....286093  
**Explorers 7-11 years** Estella Woodhead.....761659  
**Pathfinders 11-14 years** Enid Bell.....815775  
**Banner Group** Jeanette Rowlands.....816713  
**Church Missionary Boxes** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Flower Guild** Marylyn Hillman.....815936  
**Men's Fellowship** Mike Thompson.....813712  
**Missions Secretary** Cecilia Wilding.....817987  
**Prayer Group** Jeanette Rowlands.....816713  
**Parents & Toddlers** Sandra Morray.....286093  
 (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)  
**3rd Stone Brownies** Janet Smith.....815939  
 (Mo 6:00-7:30pm, First School)

**Young People's Activities** take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

*Climbers* 3-7 years      *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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# 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.

This magazine and the church website concern Christ Church in Stone, but we are linked with the churches in Oulton and Moddershall (see separate magazine and website).

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