

Christ Church and People

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PARISH DIRECTORY

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 page 18 for details)

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CHRIST CHURCH CENTRE

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CHURCH SCHOOLS

Christ Church C.E.(Controlled) First School, Northesk Street.

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| Head: Mrs Lynne Croxall B.Ed.(Hons) | 354125 |
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Christ Church Academy, Old Road

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| Principal: Mr C. Wright MAEd | 354047 |
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May 2014

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| Thu | 1 | 1:20pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 2 | | |
| Sat | 3 | | |
| Sun | 4 | 9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm | Communion. Acts 9 "The early church" Families at Four - The sun stops shining Identity course (1) The God who created us |
| Mon | 5 | | |
| Tue | 6 | 9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13 |
| Wed | 7 | 6:00pm 7:30pm | KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting |
| Thu | 8 | 1:20pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 9 | | |
| Sat | 10 | 7:00pm | Everybody's Smiling - Guides concert |
| Sun | 11 | 9:15am 2:30pm 6:00pm | Morning Prayer. Rom 1:1-17 "Paul's ministry" Autumn House Identity course (2) The God who wants to rescue us |
| Mon | 12 | 6:30pm | Breathe yrs 5-8 |
| Tue | 13 | 9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13 |
| Wed | 14 | 6:00pm | KingZone yrs 2-4 |
| Thu | 15 | 1:20pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on May 25th.

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| Fri | 16 | | |
| Sat | 17 | 10:00am | Marriage preparation |
| Sun | 18 | 9:15am 4:00pm 6:00pm | Communion. 2 Tim 1:1-18 "Paul's final days" Families at Four - God's wonderful surprise Identity course (3) The God we were made for |
| Mon | 19 | 6:30pm | Breathe yrs 5-8 |
| Tue | 20 | 9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm | Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13 |
| Wed | 21 | 9:30am 6:00pm 7:30pm | Area Lecture by Neil Hudson - St Francis Church, Meir Heath KingZone yrs 2-4 Archdeacon's visitation at St Luke's |
| Thu | 22 | 1:20pm 6:00pm | Christ Church Academy assembly Christ Church First School governors' meeting |
| Fri | 23 | | |
| Sat | 24 | | |
| Sun | 25 | 9:15am | Family service. Rev 1:1-8 "The end and the beginning" |
| Mon | 26 | | |
| Tue | 27 | 10:00am | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 |
| Wed | 28 | | |
| Thu | 29 | | |
| Fri | 30 | | |
| Sat | 31 | | |

Snap happy?

Following the Easter holidays you might now be sorting through snaps of your family and friends. The camera never lies, or so they say as the rest of the family squeal with delight at snaps that record your best and worst moments!

Software enables us to improve things a bit: enhance the colour, cut out distractions, slim the waistline or improve the exposure. If you accidentally erase a good picture, you can recover it. Digital technology always leaves a permanent record.

About 10% of all the photographs ever taken were shot in the past 12 months. The popularity of camera phones plus digital technology enables us to store loads of photographs and brings an end to piles of albums. The recent trend for 'Life-blogging' will increase the number of photographs: every 30 seconds a picture is taken whatever you are doing. The device is no bigger than a postage stamp clipped onto your clothing. You can record all those memorable moments and also those best-forgotten moments! Upload to server and your 'life-blog' grows daily. What more could you want? One thing that comes to mind is a permanent erase for my bad bits! But what if there was someone who had an accurate record of every moment we have lived, every thought we have had and every word we have uttered?

There is a full and accurate record of our lives in heaven. Jesus knows everything about us, but still offers us a new start. His death and resurrection makes possible a permanent erase for our sins: whether these were deliberate or accidental. Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension identify him as our Judge (who we're answerable to) and our Saviour (who alone can rescue us from sin and death). Jesus makes it possible to have a new start: *'For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us'* (Psalm 103v11-12). His death also serves to purify us: *'How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!* (Hebrews 9v14).

This is truly wonderful! You may not be entirely happy about what the holiday snaps reveal, but we can delight in what Jesus' blood erases forever!

Paul Kingman



O little town of Bethlehem...

“O Little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie...” Well, that wasn’t exactly my experience as we finally passed through the checkpoint and got behind the 8m high wall that cuts the town off from Jerusalem and the West Bank. Car horns were tooting and street-shop vendors shouted their offers to passersby. The hustle and bustle of life was clear to see, as were the signs of poverty and oppression faced by Palestinians living there. Surrounding hillsides where shepherds once watched their flocks by night were covered with rubbish and the rubble of what had been ancestral homes. The silent night was broken by dogs barking, cocks crowing and Muslims being called to prayer. On the place where the lowly cattle shed stood now stands a church containing ornate and elaborate iconography.

Modern day Bethlehem is a far cry from the quaint little town that is pictured in so many of our Christmas carols. And yet during my week’s visit to learn about the experience of Palestinian Christians at the 3rd Christ at the Checkpoint conference organised by Bethlehem Bible College, I discovered that some things haven’t changed. Just as in the first century, residents of this town experience oppression and injustice. The theme of the conference in Bethlehem echoed the prayer that Jesus taught us – “Your Kingdom Come”, but so often our lives as individuals and nations are far from the reality of this – pain and suffering, oppression and injustice abound.

Of all the places and in all the ages, God chose a small backward town under Roman occupation and the rule of a puppet king to reveal himself in person to mankind. It was though Jesus that glimpses of what life in God’s Kingdom looks like were seen: a Kingdom of peace, prosperity, justice and generosity, where suffering and sadness are no more and abundance and plenty abound. And yet the King of this kingdom is a king who serves rather than subjects and who dies rather than defeats.

Just 6 miles north of Bethlehem lies Jerusalem, where, on a now not so green hill Jesus was crucified. There he took upon himself the punishment for all the pain and suffering, oppression and injustice that individuals and nations have caused, so that we might experience the peace his Kingship brings. It begins with peace with God as we recognise and turn from our own guilt and sin and leads to peace with others as we follow in Jesus’ footsteps.

The road to true and lasting peace for individuals and nations is not a straight forward one, indeed until Jesus returns it won’t be fully realised. But despite this, our calling as Christians is to give the world a window into the beauty and peace that his Kingdom will bring. I hope that you may you know something of that peace for yourself as we celebrate Jesus conquering death and opening the gates to his eternal kingdom.

Andy Cranston

Lichfield Cathedral

It's the start of the early summer visitor season at Lichfield Cathedral.

We welcome roughly 200,000 visitors and pilgrims every year. Nationally over 11 million adults visit one of the 42 English Anglican cathedrals - that's almost 27% of the population. When you add school visits, education and cultural activities and begin to count overseas visitors, the numbers soar. Cathedrals therefore have a wonderful missionary potential, not only to be the shop window for the rest of the church, but to help people on the fringes of faith, or outside any religious or spiritual affiliation, explore the God dimension.

We know from the enormous number of candles that are burned and the stack of prayer requests that we receive every day, that the cathedral is offering open access to faith, allowing people unpressured space and opportunity to explore their hope, longings and, all too often, bottled-up grief or hard-to-express joy.

A significant shift has also taken place in the way cathedrals respond to these new mission opportunities. Once, cathedral guidebooks and leaflets majored on history and archaeology, the grandeur of the architecture and the treasures we housed. Whilst that is still important, it is more crucial to tell the faith story well: to interpret the building as it is used by a faith community and how this fascinating structure of stone and coloured glass is a vessel for the praise and worship of God.

Increasingly, we have interpretation panels all around the cathedral, and we guide people around the building so that they understand its primary purpose and can take their time to stand still and reflect. The response is overwhelmingly positive. We also find that having lay and ordained chaplains, and well trained guides and welcomers on hand helps to 'maximise' the experience for visitors. Questions can be answered and ministry offered.

We quieten the cathedral for prayers at mid-day and at 3 o'clock. We hold before God the needs of the world, we pray for all in the cathedral at that time and we ask God's blessing on each one. We always end with an invitation to return. Our visitors like the friendliness of the approach, the freedom they have to walk at their own pace. They are often intrigued by the sheer range of activity that the cathedral stages each day.

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One good example is ‘Holy Writ’- an exhibition of modern Jewish, Christian and Islamic Calligraphy which runs until mid-June. It’s backed up by a range of learning activities: lectures on how each of the Abrahamic faiths read their scriptures; calligraphy workshops; community and school projects. All this is part of our vocation to make sure the Diocese and Region has access to interesting and exciting educational opportunities that help us deal with big questions and dialogue creatively with other faith communities.

Please look on the cathedral as a resource to strengthen and deepen our calling and mission. We receive no income from the Parish Share - financially we are independent of the Diocese - but we are here as a place where everyone in the Diocese can gather and be at home. You’re always welcome. The cathedral is delighted to play host whenever it can, and be a partner in mission, worship and learning.

The Very Reverend Adrian Dorber, Dean

Fairtrade Sales - April 2013 – March 2014

Fairtrade sales last year at Christ Church and Oulton (with a few additional sales elsewhere) were £3,773. Ruth donates 10% of our sales to Traidcraft’s own charity – Traidcraft Exchange. With the additional donations, she has been able to send £470 this year.

Traidcraft Exchange works to enable poor producers in Africa and Asia to grow their businesses, find markets and trade effectively.

The development projects benefit 2 million people directly and touch the lives of a further 24 million.

An example of a project in Asia – Fighting Child Labour in Crafts, India. This project is trying to help the 15,000 children employed by their parents in home based crafts, to get the childhood and education they deserve.

An example of a project in Africa – Bee Keeping Economic Empowerment, Tanzania (BEET)

In rural Tanzania, there aren’t many opportunities for workers to improve their livelihoods and those opportunities damage the environment e.g. tobacco farming, logging. Beekeeping provides a sustainable income which helps the environment (and also provides valuable employment for women).

Sheila

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 11th to 17th

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

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week. This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying. Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

£40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

£150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

Shallowford House 1939 – 2014

Saturday 3 May 10am-4.30pm

Open Day and Art Exhibition

Free entry, many and varied attractions, activities and food available through the day

Sunday 4 May 4-5pm

Songs of Praise

A selection of classic and favourite hymns chosen by people with connections with the house. Free entry.

Tuesday 6 May 7 for 7.30pm

Charity Dinner and Auction of Promises

A 6 course meal with wine, entertainment and an auction. Bookings required as places are limited. £35 per person

Thursday 8 May 10am-4pm

A prayerful meander around the gardens

Reflections, inspirations and a prayer walk to help you enjoy the day. Bring your own lunch, refreshments provided. £10 per person

Thursday 8 May 7.30-9.30pm

An evening with Dave Hopwood

A contemporary Christian communicator, mime artist, author, friend. £10 per person

Friday 9 May 7.30-9.30pm

Lichfield Gospel Choir

A community choir whose repertoire spans from traditional to contemporary gospel. £5 per person

Contact Shallowford House for more information or to book

Shallowford, Stone, Staffs ST15 0NZ

01785 760233

info@shallowfordhouse.org

Website

www.shallowfordhouse.org

See the poster on the notice board in the centre for more information.

London Marathon 2014

Katherine Wilson completed the course in 4.09 hours and vows it's her last!

Thank you all who sponsored her for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. So far she has raised £5,620. there is still time...

Dorothy

10 **Fundraising for Stone Outward Division Guides to Mombasa in October**

Catherine Abrahams is raising money for her trip to Mombasa, where she will be helping a project in Kididima that will see the building of a toilet block, community hall, health centre and playground. Help her by dining with the Abrahams family at their house or at The Crown of India. For evening meals Catherine suggests you might pay £15, for Strawberry Teas £2 - but you are welcome to make a larger contribution.

Speak to Catherine or Jacqueline for details

A Date for your Diary – June 20th at 7p.m.

Supper followed by a talk by **Mags Vaughan** (Roger and Sally's daughter) who is the **Chief Executive** of **Traidcraft**.

More details next month.

PCC News

The P.C.C. met on 22nd January 2014 and the following matters were reported: *(sorry, this should have been in the April magazine - DB)*

- A vote of thanks was expressed to everyone who helped over Christmas: decorating the church, organising or helping with events and opening and closing the church and centre.
- The advent windows were a great success with good attendance at most of the openings.
- A new head teacher has been appointed at Christchurch First School, Mr N Chesters, formally the Deputy at a school in Eccleshall. He will join the school in the summer term.
- Rev Kingman advised that the current council youth provision is under review. It was recommended that we keep abreast of any changes as this may affect the youth groups and clubs that we provide.
- The fund for bibles for Pastor Joshua, in Kenya, has been a great success with enough money raised to purchase over 100 books.

The Zagreb Missionary Team

Dear friends,

Quite a lot of water has passed under the bridge since we last wrote!

Firstly we had to buy a new hard disc for our computer, losing most of our email addresses in the process! Then we were able to buy the new car PRAISE THE LORD! It is a 13 year old Chrysler Voyager, very comfortable and seats 7. A great answer to prayer! Thanks to all of you who gave. We have already driven it 25 thousand kilometres, often full of Brazilians, Ukrainians and Croatians... as well as our family. It is great for people carrying and excellent for helping people move house! The kids as well love it!

Wonderful happenings in Dugo Sela

Such a joy! After 4 years of hope and prayer, finally the churchplant is moving. Since Emanoel and Francine arrived with their 3 children from Brazil in May 2013 we have held housegroups every Friday at their house. Steadily people have committed from the locality and we have now rented a building for Sunday services. We have really seen God's hand at work. A couple in their 50's travel even 19km every Friday. On the 21st February 2014 26 people attended the Dugo Sela church.

We need to paint the whole premises, and also on our wish list are: digital projector, musical instruments, 2 loud speakers and microphones. But above all we need God's blessing and revival power! Please pray with us that the 100 square metres would soon fill! May God save many lost! The building is right on the main high street and the 200 pounds monthly rent has been generously provided by a Brazilian church in England!

Ukraine is knocking at Europe's Door!

As you well know, Ukraine is a great part of our Balkan vision, namely to see Brazilian and Ukrainian missionaries come from their revival countries and energise us here in Central-Eastern Europe and share the blessing. Determination, experience, innovation and sheer faith – these are the qualities we have already seen. To date we have seen 9 missionaries come from Brazil and we are waiting to see how Ukrainians can be mobilized. Imagine our (sheer) joy when we received one of our regular visits from the 3 leaders of bible and churchplanting training in Ukraine just one week ago! As we were drinking our first tea, Kostya smilingly proclaimed that he and his wife and son Andrew had decided to come to Croatia to help our churchplanting efforts!

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Keeping up with *The Story* in 2014

The Sunday sermons continue to tackle various chapters illustrative of what is being covered in in *'The Story'*. This book is written like a novel with various Bible passages and summaries of events to help us grasp the big picture or the the story of salvation – God’s dealings with humanity from Genesis to Revelation.

If you’ve not started, or are lagging behind, then join in with the following schedule below. Happy reading!

| Sunday | Chapter | |
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| May 4th | 29 | Paul’s Mission |
| May 11th | 30 | Paul’s Final Days |
| May 18th | 31 | The End of Time |

Zagreb Missionary Team - (*cont*)

Kostya actually comes from one of the trouble spots in Ukraine but he has been challenged these last years with the needs in the former countries of Yugoslavia. He has been involved some 23 years with Biblical education by Extension throughout Ukraine, as well as pastoring churches and I can only imagine how God can use him and his wife here in Croatia. Already he has won the respect of the Croatian Baptist leaders, preaching in conferences and also in the fact that he has made many visits here these last 3 years.

Victor, Sasha and Kostya came with moving stories of how Ukrainian Evangelical Christians are at the forefront ministering to people in despair, advising how to peacefully oppose evil and with wonderful testimonies of God's providence. I was personally moved as the Croatians, Slovenians and Brazilians came to show their respect and Christian solidarity, assuring the Ukrainian church that „we stand with you“. Pray for them at this time. We also are praying that The Lord of the Harvest will send out many missionaries to us.

So, it is a while since we last reported. Lots of love from us all!

As we lost many email addresses, please ask everyone in your churches who wants our email letters to send us an email, so we can re-install them on our mailing lists. Thanks!

Stephen, Sasha, Victor, Kostya - local Baptist leaders

Christ Church CE (VC) First School

Statement on behalf of the Governing Body to Celebrate the Career of our Head Teacher, Mrs Lynne Croxall, on the occasion of her Retirement

Our longstanding and much loved Head Teacher, Mrs Croxall, is due to retire at Easter. This is the last term of Mrs Croxall's Stewardship. We had hoped to be able mark this occasion together with Mrs Croxall in Church on a joyful and celebratory note, recognising the outstanding and far-reaching achievements of a remarkable career and delighting together in that treasure of Mrs Croxall's vision, creativity and leadership, that is our School. It is a great sadness that due to illness Mrs Croxall will not be able to join us.

Mrs Croxall came to Christ Church CE (VC) First School on 1st January 1993 bringing a new year and a lease of new life to our School. She came from Dove First School in Rocester, where she had been Head Teacher since the age of twenty nine. A dove from Dove "and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace". A career spent nurturing the children of God in her care. A life time of service: entire and whole and perfect. Our heritage: Mrs Croxall has safely ferried the traditional values of our parents and our own childhoods into our children's future. Continuity: The Dance goes on.

What a gift Mrs Croxall has been to Staffordshire, to Stone and most especially to our local community of Christ Church and Stonefield. I do not think we realise just how much Mrs Croxall has shaped our landscape and touched our lives. Over more than twenty years she has, by example, shown our children how to live well in community and encouraged and guided them to be "the best they can in God's wonderful world". Those of us who have entrusted our children to Mrs Croxall's care will have experienced the benefit first hand in our homes and families. The whole community has benefited, families, residents, businesses and organisations alike. We are a better place because of Mrs Croxall.

Over the years, Mrs Croxall has been outward looking and engaged with others. Our School has many friends in the world, reflecting the wide range of colleagues and organisations that Mrs Croxall has fostered and helped along the way.

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Many people have remarked to me on the quality and impact of Mrs Croxall's Leadership. I shall mention just two. John Brewer, our former Chair and much respected former Head Teacher in Stone, always held Mrs Croxall in the highest regard. Irene Gassor, the administrator in the Church Office, was here when Mrs Croxall was appointed. Irene knows the journey travelled and bears witness to the full extent of Mrs Croxall's achievement over her time as our Head Teacher. Mrs Croxall's vision and leadership is imprinted on the DNA of our School.

Governors, staff, children, families and the local community could not have wished for a better Head Teacher and Role Model to lead our School. Most especially we value the essential nature of the learning community Mrs Croxall has created and continues to foster, the enduring heart and soul of our School.

The Governing Body congratulates Mrs Croxall on her outstanding and far-reaching achievements.

It is with the greatest respect that the Governing Body wishes to record our grateful thanks to Mrs Croxall.

We extend our best wishes to Mrs Croxall and her family at this time.

Christ Church CE (VC) First School welcomes Mr Neale Chesters as its new Head Teacher

The Governing Body is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Neale Chesters, as Head Teacher Designate. Mr Chesters joined the School at half term and will take up his substantive appointment of Head Teacher on the retirement of Mrs Croxall.

Mr Chesters joins us from Bishop Lonsdale CE (VC) Primary School in Eccleshall, where he is currently Deputy Head Teacher. We extend our thanks to Bishops Lonsdale School for solidarity and support during the transition.

On behalf of our School and the local community in Stone, we would like to offer a warm welcome to Mr Chesters.

Mrs Elly Handy

Chair of Governors Christ Church CE (VC) First School

1st Stone Christ Church Scout Troop

Ready For An Adventure?

Find yourself bored on a Wednesday evening?

Are you looking for some fun?

Aged 10-14?

Maybe scouting is for you!!!

Camping, climbing, canoeing, fire lighting, adventure!!!

Come and meet new people and enjoy the ride!!

We meet Weds 7pm-9pm, Westbridge Park scout hut.

We are the biggest and longest running group in the
Stone District.

We are looking to recruit scouts to join our troop.

Could you be the next Bear Grylls???

Email firststonescouttroop@gmail.com for more info.

Or Phone Wayne The Scout Leader on 07599439677

News from Christ Church Stone Monday 23rd February, 1966

Members of the Christ Church Young Wives Fellowship began discussion last September as to the possibilities of starting a Children's Play Hour for some of their young children under school age, and under the leadership of Mrs Judith Dixon, began investigating ideas. Encouraged from the outset by the help and assistance given to them by the County Council Medical Authorities, they soon sorted out all the immediate problems and now, only about three months later, they have begun to put their scheme into practice. Although none of the mothers interested had any previous experience of anything of this sort, they didn't let uncertainty deter them, and at 9:30, one of the rooms at the Christ Church Parish Hall was opened for their youngsters. The first day brought seven young visitors. It was a very cold morning and all of them arrived well wrapped up and muffled against the weather. Though they seemed a little quiet, they were happy enough, and it was thought that things were off to a good start. The next play hour was planned for the Friday morning. *From The Advertiser, provided by Patricia*



The Euphonic Belles Present
EVERYBODY'S
SMILING

CHARITY CONCERT

In aid of SMILE 4 Kididima International Service Project

Saturday 10th May 2014

7:00pm

At Christ Church, Stone

Tickets: £5.00 (includes tea/coffee)

For tickets/further information

Contact Jacqueline Abrahams

01785 817020

SMILE 4 Kididima is a registered charity (no. 524559)

All proceeds will go to this charity

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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| 4th May | J. Bowes | K. Woodward |
| | D. Davies | K. Thompson |
| 11th May | J. Abrahams | D. Shemilt |
| | D. Pickles | J. Rowlands |
| 18th May | G. Holden | K. McKnight |
| | C. Wilding | P. Tunstall |
| 25th May | P. Hipkiss | P. Roberts |
| | J. Bowes | K. Woodward |



FLOWER ROTA

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| 4th May | Mrs S. Vaughan |
| 11th May | Mrs M. Hutchinson |
| 18th May | Mrs M. Jones |
| 25th May | Mrs A. Illidge |



ROADS FOR PRAYER

4th May

Mount Road
Mount Street
Old Road
Stonefield Court

18th May

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

11th May

Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane

25th May

Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Road
Newcastle Street



Groups and Activities

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| Deanery Synod Reps | Mrs S Hallam, Mr R. Brandon, Mr D. Rowlands | |
| P.C.C. Members | Mrs I. Gassor, Mr G. Donaldson, Mrs K. Latham Mrs S. Sanders, Mr P. Mason, Mrs D. Hazlehurst Mrs A. Burton, Mrs M. Hillman, Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs E. Woodhead | |
| Secretary | Shelagh Sanders | |
| Treasurer | Kevin Reynolds | 850135 |
| Envelopes, Gift Aid | Richard Latos | |

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

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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 |
| Missions Secretary | Cecilia Wilding..... | 817987 |
| Prayer Group | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am) | Sandra Morray..... | 286093 |
| 3rd Stone Brownies (Mon 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 **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday 6:30 pm

Youth Club (years 9-13) Tuesday 7:00 pm **Kingzone** (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

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