

Christ Church and People

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Christ Church Stone

2006

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

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Please get your contributions for the January magazine to us by 12th December

Thank you to magazine distributors for their efforts during 2006.

Subscriptions!
Dear reader, the 2007 subscription of £3 is now due. Please give this to your magazine distributor

Cover Story:

Jerry Cooper drew lots of wonderful pictures for this magazine, all of them buildings in our parish. Here is a picture of Granville Square

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| Fri | 1 | 1:10pm | Alleynes Year 11 assembly |
| Sat | 2 | 8:30am 9:00am | Prayer meeting in church Breakfast in the Centre |
| Sun | 3 | 9:15am 6:00pm | Communion service Text: Leviticus 16 "Atoning for sin" Evening Prayer at Christ Church Text: Luke 1:1-25 "Silent witness" |
| Mon | 4 | 9:00am 6:30pm | Prayers for schools and young people of the town Cornerstone for teenagers 78 Oulton Road |
| Tue | 5 | 10:30am 12:30pm 7:30pm | Midweek service Seekers group at Christ Church Middle School Youth Club in the centre |
| Wed | 6 | 8:00pm | 20's group |
| Thu | 7 | 1:10pm 1:20pm | Alleynes Year 10 assembly Christ Church Middle School assembly |
| Fri | 8 | | |
| Sat | 9 | | |
| Sun | 10 | 9:15am 6:00pm | Morning Prayer. Text: Leviticus 18 "Pure sex" Communion service at Christ Church Text: Luke 1:26-38 "Heavenly messenger" |
| Mon | 11 | 9:00am 9:30am 6:30pm | Prayers for schools and young people of the town Toddler group with Christmas story Cornerstone for teenagers 78 Oulton Road |
| Tue | 12 | 9.30am 10.30 am 12.30pm 7.30pm | Christ Church First School assembly Midweek service Seekers group at the Middle School Youth Club in the centre |
| Wed | 13 | 7.00pm | Christ Church First School Christmas Service |
| Thu | 14 | 1:20pm 7:30pm | Christ Church Middle School assembly Choral Society Christmas concert |
| Fri | 15 | | |
| Sat | 16 | 12:00am 4:00pm | Churches Together carol singing in the town centre Christingle service |

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| Sun | 17 | 9:15am 5:00pm | Communion service Text: Leviticus 23:3 "Time for God" Carols: Text: Luke 1:39-56 "Mary's Saviour" |
| Mon | 18 | 9:00am 6:30pm | Prayers for schools and young people of the town Cornerstone social for teenagers 78 Oulton Road |
| Tue | 19 | 10:30am 7:30pm | Midweek service Youth Club in the centre |
| Wed | 20 | 11:00am | Christ Church Middle School Christmas service |
| Thu | 21 | | |
| Fri | 22 | | |
| Sat | 23 | 12:00 | Nativity in town centre |
| Sun | 24 | 9:15am 11:30pm | Morning Prayer. Text: Luke 1:57-80 "Get ready" Communion service at Christ Church Text: Matthew 1:18-25 "The best ever present" |
| Mon | 25 | 9:15am | Christmas Day Communion Service |
| Tue | 26 | | |
| Wed | 27 | | |
| Thu | 28 | | |
| Fri | 29 | | |
| Sat | 30 | | |
| Sun | 31 | 10:00am | Morning Prayer: Luke 2:22-40 "Ready to go?" |

Activities for young people take place in the centre during the Sunday morning service each Sunday except the fourth in the month, which is the family service.

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| 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.

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| Monday Toddlers | 9.30 am |
| Friday Little Fishes | 11.00 am |



the nativity story.

Thanks to a new movie you could learn a lot about Christmas without setting foot in church! A film called 'The Nativity Story' is due for release in December. Although it uses artistic licence to come up with a manuscript that will market well, it covers the birth narrative of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The film is a piece of cinema entertainment. It was shot in Matera, nestled in the hilly arch of Italy's boot (the Heely Land?), as opposed to the real events taking place in ancient Israel (the Holy Land) two millennia ago. The producer admits to giving a Catholic spin to Mary, and puts her on a pedestal, but many other aspects of the film remind us that she was just an ordinary young woman. It strays from the actual story in that the film uses artistic licence to include a fictional account of the extended family of Mary and Joseph, with a predictable romantic element en route to Bethlehem. But, as one reviewer has put it, the characters are seen wrestling with some of the fears, doubts and anxieties, all within the framework of faith in God. The actress who plays Mary is a New Zealander who turned just 16 before filming and plays Mary as a pregnant 14 year old, but it reminds us that this is a real story about how a miraculous (divine) conception changed the life of an engaged couple, and that of the world.

Despite some of these odd elements the film does help to put back into the public realm an ancient story that is nonetheless true. Too often people give me the impression that they think the New Testament account of the life of Jesus is fiction: on a par with Superman, or Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory - stories which have moral value, but are only thought to be true by the gullible.

The real nativity story is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, with a condensed version by John (while Mark jumps straight into Jesus' adult ministry). It's a story that is entirely trustworthy, because the four Gospels are reliable historical documents - much more reliable than other historic records which historians do not doubt the reliability. They record the life of Jesus Christ right from the news of his mother's pregnancy through to his birth, life, death and resurrection.

The nativity story introduces us to the most significant event in history as announced by the angel: "*she [Mary] will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins*" (Matthew 1v21). This is why we celebrate Christmas, and we invite you to join us this year as we give glory to God in the highest!

Paul Kingman.



Bible Society's vision:

To be part of a global alliance, raising the spiritual, human and financial resources to make the Bible heard.

The Challenge:

They write – “We are passionate about ending Bible poverty – working for a day when the Bible’s God-given revelation, inspiration and wisdom is shaping the lives and communities of people everywhere.

Our task is urgent because of what people, communities and even nations lose by not coming to embrace the Bible’s life-changing message.

Our task is also huge because –

- More than 4,500 languages still wait for even one book of the Bible
- Though a billion people can’t read only 3% of languages have the Bible in audio
- Every 5 seconds someone goes blind but the Bible in Braille exists in only 30 languages
- A billion people live on less than 60p a day – making the Bible a luxury they can’t afford
- In our own land the Bible is no longer a point of reference for everyday life.”

“Although in some parts of the world the Bible plays a central role, in many others it is ignored or seen as irrelevant. And in too many areas its message has still hardly been heard at all or has virtually disappeared from the day-to-day reality of people’s lives.

All this means that our work has to be done with more energy, creativity and innovation than, perhaps, ever before. We are still, as ever, totally committed to **making the Bible and Scriptures available** where there are none, but, to this core task, we have added new activities. We are working in four key areas of society that carry great influence - in the **arts, media, education and politics**.

United Bible Society:

“In our fight to end Bible poverty we are working **in partnership with over 140 other National Bible Societies**. We do so as part of a world-wide fellowship called the **United Bible Societies** with a central support function that improves our effectiveness and increases our efficiency.

Vital too are our **partnerships** with other mission agencies around the world, and our **partnerships with our supporters**, individuals and churches, who’s sacrificial giving, prayer and sheer hard work makes what we do possible.”

(If you would like to know more, look at the Society’s magazine “Word in Action” on the cupboard under the Overseas Mission Notice Board, or on the web – www.biblesociety.org.uk, or speak to Cecilia)

Christ Church First School

On Tuesday November 7th after lunch- a coach of 33 excited children and 3 (excited!) teachers left Stone heading for Lichfield. It was the day of our eagerly anticipated “Music Share Concert” at the Cathedral.

The children were in awe of everything which the Cathedral had to offer from the moment of our arrival— from the initial sighting of the 3 famous spires as we entered Lichfield, to the gasps of wonder as we stood outside and marvelled at the vast size of the building and at the skill of the craftsmen so long ago.

On entering, they were amazed at the lofty heights and were enthralled as we were able to take albeit a brief tour around.

In the Cathedral School, we met the children and teachers from the two other schools whom we would be singing with and also the 15 or so Cathedral Choristers who would join us. Immediately things got off to a good start as we shared a snack of juice and biscuits together—guaranteed to break the ice, encourage “bonding” and develop the team-work which we would need to work together successfully as a choir! Following this, we returned to the Cathedral to begin rehearsals in preparation for the evening Concert. The children responded well to Alex Mason and the accompanist as they practised items as diverse as African chants, Maori, American, English and Irish traditional songs, a Beatles Medley and songs from the musical “Oliver”. They learned a great deal in a short time from these talented and enthusiastic professionals. Rehearsals drew to an end as the time for Evensong approached.

As daylight faded, the candles were lit to prepare for Evensong. In their flickering light we were able to share a time of reflection and to focus on the beauty of the stained glass windows as we listened to the wonderful tones and colours of the organ and waited for the Clergy to begin the Service.

When Evensong began, the candle flames seemed to dance to the crisp, clear voices of the Choristers as they sang “Magnificat—The Song of Mary” and “Nunc Dimittis—The Song of Simeon” with breathtaking musical quality and skill. We were able to join in singing 2 well-loved hymns. We heard Old and New Testament readings. We prayed for the 3 schools who were represented and for all the visitors who would arrive to hear our concert later that evening.

Following Evensong, we were treated to a super tea (including 2nd and 3rd helpings if required!) provided by an army of dedicated volunteer helpers. It soon became evident that this excellent meal had put us in good voice for the ensuing hour of singing—during which our children sang our solo contribution to the Beatles medley, “Yesterday”, with a great sense of feeling. (*continued*)

All in all, this was a visit which teachers and children will never forget. One comment from a Year 3 boy the following day “It was the best night of my life..” says it all.

The excitement continued for Year 4 children the following day when they spent the day taking part in practical workshops at The City Museum and Art Gallery in Hanley. The medium which they were working in was clay, and from initially making a sketch of their partner’s face, they were then shown how to transfer this to a 3D clay sculpture beginning with a clay tablet and 5 small balls of clay. Their results were astounding and the whole school listened as they were able to tell us exactly how they had undertaken the task.

The day was only half way through, as the afternoon was spent learning about the skills of an archaeologist. They were shown how meticulously an archaeologist has to work on site, making an accurate grid of the area and causing as least disturbance as possible. They were presented with broken pieces such as which may have been excavated, and helped to piece them together again, looking for clues in the pattern, design etc. Finally, they were allocated a large sand tray to “excavate” carefully with a partner, using tools and a steady, careful hand(!) to discover what lay hidden underneath.

What an eventful week for these children!

The weeks fly by. Do put the date of our Christmas Presentation in your diary. You are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday December 13th at 7.30 pm in Church. “A journey ends, a journey begins”

Finally, we welcome the findings of Mrs Heather Peake, our Diocesan Inspector, who conducted the Diocesan part of our recent very successful Ofsted Inspection. The Summary Judgement of her report states;

“The School Values its name, its roots and its partnership with Christ Church and lays

the firm foundations of a Christian education for its pupils”

We are pleased that the Christian ethos of our school and the impact of our of our Worship and teaching has been recognised in this way.

May our Staff, children, parents and Governors wish all our Church family a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Janet Booth

(turn over to see a picture of the Christ Church group outside the cathedral)

Christ Church
First School
visit to
Lichfield
Cathedral

See page 6



Phyllis May
with other
boats near
Oriental,
USA

See page 11

The Donkey Column

Invitation to all fellow donkeys and humans to come to a re-enactment of our famous ancestor's walk to Bethlehem with her companions Mary and Joseph. See you in the High St at 12 noon on Saturday December 23rd.

From Daisy the donkey





Keswick 2007 Main Speakers

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Retired principal of Trinity College in Bristol



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The Ten Commandments -Responsible/Directed

ALISTAIR BEGG

Pastor of Parkside Church in Cleveland, USA

See further details pages 13 and 14



SAVED FROM HELL!

Mihalj, Mirsad & Dragec were all drug addicts. Now they're all God's agents, full of joy, evangelism and aspirations for life. They are three new members of the Dubrava church in Zagreb., Croatia.

Stephen Bell, part of the team that planted this new church, came to speak to us on November 16th. The new church will celebrate its birthday in February 2007. Now the Dubrava church wants to plant another new church 5 miles away.

Book Reviews

“Approaching Christmas” by Jane Williams

Lion Books ISBN 0 7459 5198 8

The author starts by telling us how much she loves Christmas and all the things that go with it, cards, carols, even standing in supermarket queues waiting to buy things she would not normally dream of buying. She loves the fact that Christmas is enjoyed all over the world.

In each chapter just one small thing at a time is dealt with, followed by appropriate references that tell the Christmas story. In total it is a reminder of all that Christmas should mean to us. We all love to give and to receive gifts at Christmas and these remind us that God gave us the most precious gift of all, on the first Christmas Day, His only Son,

Jane refers to John Betjeman's poem 'Christmas', which reminds us that Jesus came at Christmas to a little town in Palestine, Judea and that we remember him when we take Communion.

As we enjoy this Christmas, all the preparation and the fun, may we not forget that Jesus, God's own son was born on Christmas Day and so gave us this wonderful opportunity to share our faith and love with our family and friends, and the worldwide family who are not so fortunate as us.

Enjoy Christmas.

Audrey Heywood

Over the summer I have read two books which I would thoroughly recommend to you.

1. “The Pursuit of Holiness” by Jerry Bridges

Holiness is the Christian's joint venture with God. So why does it often seem so unattainable? This book helps you discover how God equips you to lead a holy life – how reason and emotion influence your will and how habits and personal discipline play a part in holy living.

Only read this book if you are willing to be challenged!

2. The Drama of Scripture” by Craig Bartholomew & Michael Goheen

Have you ever wondered how the whole Bible story all hangs together? This book views it as a drama in six acts – from Creation through Sin, Greed, Jesus, Mission and finally New Creation. As the drama unfolds we see God working in his world and his people shaping them into the Kingdom that has been his plan from the beginning. We see how this ongoing story relates to us in the here and now and find where our own place in it might be!

A most helpful and easy to read book which gives a good overview of the bible as a coherent story of God's purposes for the world. A must book to read!

If you would like to borrow either of these books ask me.

Dave Rowlands.

From our American Correspondent

Dear Friends

I am writing to you today from Oriental, a very small town on Pamlico Sound, North Carolina. We have done a lot of open water boating in the last few legs of our journey, helped by our two American pilots who've taught us about charts and markers and how to use the VHF Radio. The river estuaries going off Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds are often 4 miles wide and you can hardly see the shores. It has been a pretty daunting experience but I have been supported by a poem Barbara Sutcliffe gave me before we left.

Pilgrim:

When your ship, long moored in harbour
 Gives you the illusion of being a house;
 When your ship begins to put down roots
 In the stagnant water by the quay;
 Put out to sea!
 Save your boat's journeying soul
 And your own pilgrim soul.
 Cost what it may.

“A thousand reasons for living” – Dom Helder Camara

We are now having a few days in harbour, though not long enough to put down roots, surrounded by shrimp boats. Every so often they fire up their boilers, belch a cloud of black smoke and leave port, returning a day or so later to their factory pier. The shrimp are processed by young Mexican women who come over on short-term contracts to do this menial job and send money back to their families. One of the churches here has notices outside in Spanish as well as English.

We are moored in a slip next to the main road and have become one of the main (forgive the pun) attractions of Oriental. At St Thomas' Episcopalian Church this morning some members of the congregation couldn't wait till coffee.....Peace be with you, what sort of engine have you got? Peace be with you and how does she handle in a beam sea? I feel our Lord would have understood – fishermen won't have changed much over the centuries!

God bless you all and I pray that your pilgrim souls are having as rich and rewarding a journey as ours are.

Monica Darlington

(see picture on page 8)

On Monday, 2nd October, a goodly number from Oulton, Moddershall and Stone (Christ Church) gathered at 7 pm at Moddershall Village Hall for our Harvest Supper – a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Wonderful food was enjoyed by all along with wine and fruit juices. The collection of food was well supervised by Ivan only allowing one table at a time to the sumptuous buffet.

This was followed by a quiz to complete sayings and proverbs (not biblical!), won by Gordon, Sally, Roger and Mike who shared a bottle of shampoo and Roger pointed out the “instructions” on the bottle – “Shampoo with Rosemary! Cecilia then gave this years Tear Fund presentation entitled “Feeling Peckish”, followed by a “Mr & Mrs” quiz in which Paul & Sue and Dave & Jeanette competed and the latter won a bottle of wine for 2 out of 3 correct answers.

The evening was rounded off with a musical quiz organised by the Campbell-Kelly family.

Dave Rowlands

Dear Readers,



The Light Party that was held at Christchurch Centre, on the 31st October 2006, was a great success.

Everybody who went had a great time!!

Thank you to everybody who helped the children to play some fantastic games. The games included the Chocolate Game where a child had to dress up in a hat, a pair of gloves, an apron and then eat the chocolate with a knife and fork (in order to do this the child had to throw a 6 on the dice).

Also there was the Doughnut Game, which involved eating a doughnut off a piece of string without using their hands. Plus there was a big Bouncy Castle, a range of craft activities and lots of party food.

I couldn't have wished for a better way to spend my 10th Birthday!!

Thanks again,

Richard Cumberlidge

What is The Keswick Convention?

It is the main event organised annually by Keswick Ministries and has been taking place since 1875. It offers something for everyone - life-changing Bible teaching, uplifting worship and great fellowship combined with the chance to relax and enjoy a holiday in the wonderful setting of the Lake District. What happens at the Convention?

MAIN PROGRAMME

- Prayer (wherever you are)

SATURDAY - FRIDAY 9.00am - 9.30am

- Seminars/lecture

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.30am - 10.30am

- Bible Readings

MONDAY - FRIDAY 11.15am - 12.30pm

- Afternoon Studies

(Week 1 and 2 only)

MONDAY – FRIDAY 2.30pm - 3.30pm

- Evening Celebrations

SATURDAY - FRIDAY 7.30pm - 9.00pm

On Sundays an All Age Service is held in the Main Tent at 11am. Keswick speakers can be heard in some of the local churches.

'Unshackled? -Living in Outrageous Grace.'

Ever said, "God, that's not fair!"? Ever smarted because someone should really get what's coming to them - and it never seems to happen? Ever believed that forgiveness is so easy, and then found it so hard to forgive someone who has cut you to the quick?

'Grace' is such a tricky word. One moment it's used to cover a multitude of sins, the next to excuse shocking behaviour by Christian people. No wonder some think it 'Outrageous!' How dare God let the guilty go free! How can He do that? Set free to do it 'My Way'. Or redeemed to do it His? That's the issue for Keswick07 - 'Unshackled? -Living in Outrageous Grace.'

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Week 3 28 July - 3 August

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(see pictures on page 9)

OTHER KESWICK 2007 SPEAKERS:

- Jonathan Lamb - Director of Langham Preaching (WK1)
- Simon Manchester - Senior Minister of St Thomas' North Sydney (WK1)
- John Stott - Rector Emeritus of All Souls, Langham Place (WK1)
- Rico Tice - Associate Minister (Evangelism) of All Souls, Langham Place (WK1)
- Clive Calver - Senior Pastor of Walnut Hill Community Church, Danbury, Connecticut (WK2)
- Liam Goligher - Senior Pastor of Duke Street Church, Richmond (WK2)
- Chris Green - Vice Principal of Oak Hill College, London (WK2)
- Dotha Blackwood - Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Moorlands Bible College (WO)
- Dave Fenton - Director of Programming (or Keswick Ministries)
- Peter Maiden - Chairman of Keswick Ministries & International Director of Operation Mobilisation

Keswick Ministries Position Statement

Keswick Ministries is committed to the deepening of the spiritual life in individuals and church communities through the careful exposition and application of Scripture, seeking to encourage the following:

- Lordship of Christ To encourage submission to the Lordship of Christ in personal and corporate living.
- Life transformation To encourage a dependency upon the indwelling and fullness of the Holy Spirit for life transformation and effective living.
- Evangelism and Mission To provoke a strong commitment to the breadth of evangelism and mission in the British Isles and worldwide.
- Discipleship To stimulate the discipling and training of people of all ages in godliness, service and sacrificial living.
- Unity To provide a practical demonstration of evangelical unity.

ROADS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for people living in these streets of our parish

3rd December

Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane
Alma Street

10th December

Bromfield Court
Dominic Court
Granville Terrace
King's Avenue

17th December

Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Road
Newcastle Street

24th December

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road

31st December

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive



Stewarding at Keswick

As some of you know, I stewarded at Week 1 of the Keswick Convention this summer. Although it was quite demanding, I thoroughly enjoyed this experience of serving those who came to the meetings at the Skiddaw Street tent and I hope to go again next summer. Some 550 volunteers are needed in various capacities to enable the smooth running of the Convention. Accommodation and meals are provided and help with travel and other expenses is given. In addition there is the privilege of being present at all the main meetings and receiving excellent Bible teaching. Why not apply to be a volunteer?

Keswick 2007 weeks are as follows:

Week 1 – 14-20 July Week 2 – 21-27 July Week 3 – 28 July – 3 August

For more information, see me or telephone 01785 817987. Cecilia Wilding

CHRIST CHURCH FIRST SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE

as seen by a member of the congregation

This took place on Friday 6th October with parents and friends present. The children walked over to the church from the school in a downpour of rain but this did not seem to worry them! They had with them as their contribution to harvest tins of food which was later taken away by the Salvation Army for use in one of their shelters. During the service each year acted out the creation of the world in song, dialogue and dance followed by prayers and a talk by the Rev Paul Kingman on the “parable of the sower”. The children took their part very seriously and they and the staff are to be congratulated. During the service a school banner designed and made by Mrs Starky and a cloth, designed and produced by Christ Church Banner Group for the school worship table, were dedicated.

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

30th October

Thomas Waspace Hetherington

Age 83

SIDESPERSIONS FOR DECEMBER

AM

PM

3rdJ. Rowlands, T. MacFarlane
B.Hutchinson, M.Hutchinson

P.Tunstall

10thA.West, S.Hallam
P. Tunstall, D. Pickles

D.Shemilt

17thD.Wilson, C. Wilding
A.Greer, V.Ledward

P.Tunstall

24thP.Hipkiss, J. Rowlands
A. West, P. TunstallP. Tunstall
D. Rowlands25thS. Hallam, T. MacFarlane
D. Pickles, D. Wilsonno evening
service31stC. Wilding, A. Greer
V. Ledward, A. Westno evening
service

FLOWER ROTA

3rd

Mrs D. Wilson

10th

Mrs B. Ewart

17th

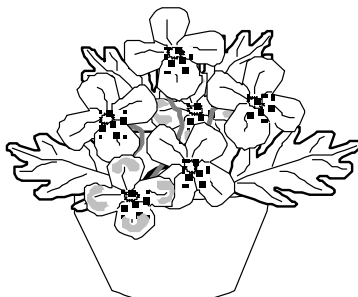
Flower Guild

24th

Flower Guild

31st

Flower Guild



Deanery Synod Reps Mrs S Hallam, Mr I Hawley

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| P.C.C. Members | Mr J Challinor, Mrs B Guerrard, Mrs I Gassor Mr D Guerrard, Mrs M Hillman, Mr T Lockett Mrs E Mason, Mr P Mason, Mrs D Wilson Mrs E Woodhead | |
| Secretary | Jacqueline Abrahams..... | 817020 |
| Treasurer | Kevin Reynolds..... | 851595 |
| Envelopes | Ian Hawley..... | 811646 |
| Gift Aid | | |

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

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| Climbers | Sandra Morray..... | 286093 |
| Explorers | Estella Woodhead..... | 761659 |
| Pathfinders | Enid Bell..... | 815775 |
| Banner Group | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| Church Missionary Boxes | Barbara Ewart..... | 760352 |
| Flower Guild | Marylyn Hillman..... | 815936 |
| Men's Fellowship | Mike Thompson..... | 813712 |
| Missions Secretary | Cecilia Wilding..... | 817987 |
| Mothers' Union | Irene Gassor..... | 814871 |
| Prayer Group | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am) | Sandra Morray..... | 286093 |
| Friday "Little Fishes" (Fri 11am – 1.30pm) | Cecilia Wilding..... | 817987 |
| Uniformed Organisations | Janet Smith..... | 815939 |
| Rainbows | Mon 6.00 pm | |
| Brownies | Mon 6.00 pm | |
| Guides | Wed 7.00 pm | |

THE MAGAZINE TEAM

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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 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). 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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