

Christ Church and People

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(see page 18 for details)

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November 2015

Sun	1	9:15am 4:30pm 6:00pm	Communion; Psalm 9 "Throne control" Bereans Youth Bible study Christianity Explored (4) The cross
Mon	2	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	3	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	4	9:25am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Finance Committee meeting
Thu	5	1:20pm 7:30pm	Christ Church Academy assembly Book Launch - David Pott's "Two Saints Way"
Fri	6		
Sat	7	8:30am 9:00am 10:00am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Church Open Day Coffee Morning and Jam Sale
Sun	8	9:15am 4:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm	Remembrance Sunday: Morning Prayer Psalm 10 "Unseen, but not unhearing" Bereavement service Bereans Youth Bible study Christianity Explored (5) Resurrection
Mon	9	6:30pm	Breath yrs 5-8
Tue	10	10:00am 12:30pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Autumn House Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	11	9:25am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	12	13:20:00	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	13		
Sat	14		
Sun	15	9:15am 4:30pm 6:00pm	Communion; Psalm 11 "Close to collapse?" Bereans Youth Bible study Christianity Explored (6) Grace

Mon	16	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	17	10:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	18	9:25am 6:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	19	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	20		
Sat	21		Craft Stall, Stone High Street
Sun	22	9:15am 4:30pm 6:00pm	Family service Psalm 12 "Spin-doctors" Bereans Youth Bible study Christianity Explored (7) "Come and die!"
Mon	23	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	24	10:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Christ Church Academy governors' meeting Youth Club yrs 9-13
Wed	25	9:20am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting
Thu	26	1:20pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	27		
Sat	28		
Sun	29	9:15am 4:00pm 4:30pm	Communion; Matthew 6:9-13 "The Lord's Prayer" Confirmation Bereans Youth Bible study
Mon	30	6:30pm	Breathe yrs 5-8

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on November 22nd

At ease in the world?

Refugees have continued to grab the headlines. What was once an issue, which was out of sight and out of mind, has now moved firmly into the foreground.

As we continue to see the desperate plight of refugees in Europe does Christian faith have any useful comment to make? Well, yes! The movement of people is nothing new. How we treat refugees matters a great deal. After all, if we were refugees then how would we want to be treated?

It is all too easy for what is unfamiliar and uncertain to become a target for criticism, a source of fear, or a reason to be biased. Christians are to base their own response to others on the teaching of the Holy Bible. If there is a whiff of unhealthy nationalism in the air, then it is right to think again and be wary of being drawn into such a worldview. For the Holy Bible teaches a different outlook on life: there's a choice between being worldly or heavenly minded.

To be heavenly minded is to know that your home is in heaven and not in this world. For those who have put their faith in the risen Jesus their home is with him. The Apostle Peter brings this out when he described Christians as '*strangers in the world*' (1 Peter 1v1). He dwells on the marvel of the grace of God, '*who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*' (1 Pet 1v3). Christians live in a country not their own.

A second similar line of thought comes from the Apostle Paul. While writing from prison he talks about how knowing Jesus will return one day dramatically changes your outlook: '*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body*' (Phil 3v20-21). Jesus will return to overthrow evil and establish his righteous reign. It means that the things of this world are temporary, while the things that belong to Christ's Kingdom are eternal. Jesus' followers are citizens of his Kingdom and are to live in the light of it. It changes our view of others from a worldly to heavenly perspective. *(continued)*



We will genuinely love others. We will want to bring people into the Kingdom of Christ. We will live for different goals. We will long to see our King face to face.

If we are at ease in this world, then we need to reconsider the direction we are taking. For Jesus has promised to return.

Paul Kingman

Questions for further reflection on Psalms 9-12

Psalm 9 *Throne control* (1st Nov):

This Psalm follows an ‘alphabetic’ structure or ‘acrostic’ (each verse starting with A, B, C...).

1. What is its overall theme as suggested by v1-2?
2. What do we learn in v3-6 about (a) David’s experience of the Lord? (b) the nature of his enemies?
3. What is the reason for David’s praise of the Lord and its consequences (v7-12)
4. Why should the Lord respond to David’s prayer (v13-16)?
5. What is David sure about (v17-20, see also v7-8)?

Think it through: when God gives us a task to fulfill, we may face enemies and temptation.

Psalm 10 *Unseen, but not unhearing* (8th Nov):

This is also an acrostic Psalm, but its theme is very different to Psalm 9 as it is a plea for the overthrow of the wicked.

1. What is said in v1-11 that is true of those who say ‘there is no God,’ or ‘what’s God got to do with it?’ How would you summarise this approach to life? How would you answer this outlook?
2. What does such a godless society lead the Psalmist to pray for (v12-15)?
3. What is the basis of the Psalmist’s assurance and his motivation to pray (v16-18)?
4. How far does v4 provide the key to this Psalm?

Think it through: a Christian cannot leave protest and action to others. Pray for those who are in public service.

Psalms 9-12 *(cont)*

Psalm 11 *Close to collapse?* (15th Nov):

1. Which are the strongest and most persuasive voices in your life?
2. Why does David not follow the advice of those who see the situation as hopeless? What gives him confidence to stand firm?
3. Do you have the same confidence? Why or why not? What Bible verses can you think of to encourage such a faith?

Think it through: in what do we trust? Whom do we believe?

Psalm 12: *Spin-doctors* (22nd Nov):

1. Despair characterises the opening line (v1). Note the similar cry of Elijah and its answer (I Kings 19v1-18).
2. Contrast the word of men with the word of God in this Psalm.

Matthew 6v9-13: The Lord's Prayer (29th Nov).

1. What was wrong with the religion of the scribes and Pharisees (6v1-8)? What does the Lord commend?
 2. What is to be learnt from (a) the order of the various requests and (b) the topics?
 3. What is to be our relation (a) to God and (b) to other men if we are to make it our prayer?
 4. Why is it wrong to say that receiving God's forgiveness depends on our forgiving others? (cf Eph 2v8-10 and Rom 5v1-11).
 5. Why does a readiness to forgive show about our knowledge of God (v12 cf Mt 18v23-34)?
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Craft and Collectibles Market

A group of us from Christ Church are taking a stall on the Craft and Collectibles Market in Stone High Street this month and next (October 17th and November 21st). This is to support the Benefice Youth Fund. Please come and encourage us on the day, and see what we have on offer - lovely hand made goods suitable for Christmas presents!

Coffee Morning and Jam Sale

There will be a Coffee Morning and Jam Sale at Christ Church Centre on Saturday 7th November, 10 am - 12 noon. Lots of homemade jams, jellies and chutneys will be available, as well as delicious cakes and good company. Please come along! All proceeds to the Benefice Youth Fund.

Sue Kingman

A New Bishop for the Diocese of Lichfield

When a much loved vicar leaves a parish there will always be a feeling of emptiness mixed with sadness in the immediate aftermath. But there will also be the lingering sense of thanksgiving for a much valued ministry, and for the warm farewells which brought everyone together in celebration and appreciation.

I am sure such feelings are prevalent across our large and diverse Diocese as we adjust to the reality of Bishop Jonathan's retirement and reflect on the memorable opportunities we have had to come together in a spirit of thanksgiving, most especially as we celebrated the 'Goodness of God' in West Bromwich on September 5th.

Inevitably the question in many minds will be 'when will we have a new Bishop?' accompanied by an interest in the process by which a new Bishop will be appointed. Although the answer to the question about 'when' will frustrate some - for a new Bishop will not be joining us, at best, until well into next year - be reassured that the process is already well under way.

Indeed many who are reading this will have been directly involved in the process through your participation in the widespread consultation which took place throughout the Deaneries during the summer. Your input has significantly shaped a key document entitled 'A new Bishop for the Diocese of Lichfield' which in many ways is similar to the 'parish profile' drawn up when parishes are seeking a new Vicar. It presents an informative picture of our Diocese, not being afraid to celebrate some of our most distinctive joys and treasures or to set out some of our greatest challenges. It concludes with a section setting out the qualities we think are most important in the person we seek as our new Bishop, qualities almost entirely drawn from statements made by those attending the Deanery consultations.

Another significant part of the process has been the election of six members of the Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee, to serve the Diocese on the Crown Nominations Commission, the body which will oversee the appointment process from here on, including the interviewing of the shortlisted candidates early in the New Year. Those who have been elected are a mix of ordained and lay and represent something of the diverse church traditions and contexts which make up our Diocese. Their names are on the Diocesan website.

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The appointment process has much in common with the sort of methods used to appoint senior leaders in other walks of life but it also has significant differences, most notably in the encouragement to all of us to pray throughout the process.

A man of prayer has left us. Let us show that part of his legacy is a Diocese committed to and united in prayer as we seek God's will for this appointment.

+Clive Wulfrun

TEARFUND – Refugee Crisis Fund

Over £2500 was collected at Harvest for this fund. Thanks to everybody who contributed.

Outgoing Chair of Governors for Christ Church First School

I'd like to thank Elly Handy who is the outgoing Chair of Governors for Christ Church First School. Elly has served as a Governor for a total of nine years, the last eight of which have been serving as the Chair of Governors. The Chair plays an important role in working with the leaders of the school, coordinating the efforts of committee members and assisting the Head Teacher. Elly has demonstrated great insight with regards to the ever changing world of educational policy and the need for schools to adapt and develop within the slimmed down LEA structures. As one of our three Church schools in the Benefice we take this work seriously as it is an expression of Christian care to provide a safe learning environment in which our pupils can receive a good education. In this way we hope to serve our local area well and Elly has helped to make this possible. So, we would like to thank Elly for her work and also recognise the support of her husband Keith in order to deliver this. Thank you very much for what you have done.

Revd Paul Kingman.

Vicar of the United Benefice of Christ Church, Stone & Oulton with Moddershall

September Prayer

During the September month of prayer I was 'surprised' just how many days my bible notes focussed on 'prayer' – maybe yours did too; but when you think that all bible notes must be written way in advance of publication – is this a God incidence and should I be 'surprised'?



Anyway I thought that I would share some of the points with you that have struck me and that we explored a little during our 4 prayer hours.

- find a prayer style that works for you. For some, as in the Bible, stand, kneel, sit, stretch out your hands, lift your face to the sky – or bow. There's no reason that we should sit eyes closed

- maybe praying whilst walking/running to work, school, gardening, even doing the dishes or dusting for example

- if you're in worship mode you could look upwards but if reflective a humble pose. If asking for guidance turn your palms upward – that's a great way to receive any blessings from God. Put on a CD, sing and dance.

I learnt years ago many forms of prayer – praising, seeking, asking for forgiveness but I can lose sight of them. At times prayer can be exciting, especially when we get encouragement and answers. Also be careful what you pray for – the answers to some prayers are unexpected and not always as you might wish.

I heard it said over the 2 weeks that I was able to attend the prayer hour that some don't know how or what to pray – I came across this guide recently that I share with you. Start by thanking God for something – anything – the birds singing, that you have friends.....

Then confession – Forgive me Lord I am not all that I might be; but you have promised to forgive me and help me to do better. Next you could pray for those on your heart – just naming them – no need to do more. God knows their needs.

Then pray for the day ahead or thanks for the day gone.

The most important point is that you approach God with joy and excitement and in a way that is comfortable for you and which may be different each day.

Jeanette Rowlands

Quiet Mind. Joyful Spirit

Over the summer I attended a course run by "The John Foundation" and led by Rev'd David Primrose at Littleworth Church, Stafford.

We all have both physical and mental health and either let us down. Do you know that 1 in 4 people, at some time in their lives, experience some form of mental illness? Do you realise that this means many of our church members are or have been affected personally, by family members or others?

A couple of the questions this raises are...

- Why, when people generally discuss their physical illnesses openly and are prayed for, do we hear so little about their mental illnesses?
- How do we, as Christians in our own churches, provide love, understanding and support for each individual who is struggling with mental health issues?

During each of five helpful and informative sessions we learned from bible characters how God approaches and cares for those suffering from different sorts of mental distress. In so doing we studied, discussed and shared our perception of...

- **Stigma**, which hinders people from sharing their difficulties, causes isolation and low self esteem. Being valued is vital and can make a huge difference.
- **Depression**, the most common mental health problem, is not about the ups and downs of life which are normal, but interferes with or prevents day to day function. There are varied treatments but 'pulling yourself together' is not one. The Christian community can help with the isolation and loneliness by caring.
- **Anxiety** is a vital emotion warning us of potential risks and problems. However sometimes it can overtake us. Simple responses help but the church can put people in a place of condemnation rather than freedom. Listening and empathy are essential.
- **Psychotic** illness, e.g. schizophrenia or bipolar. 1 in 12 people have a psychotic episode during their lifetime. Psychosis describes experiences such as hallucinations, hearing voices, delusions and mania. The church can offer acceptance, friendship and practical help.
- **Self harm and eating disorders**. A World Health Organisation survey found that 1 in 5 British 15 year olds have self harmed in the last year. Other studies reveal 1 in 4 teenage girls show signs of eating disorders.

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Quiet Mind, Joyful Spirit *(cont)*

- These difficulties often develop as a way of dealing with difficult feelings or emotions and are connected with control.

This links in with OCD. CBT can be an effective help. Sufferers need to **be-loved** unconditionally and know that nothing at all will influence this. It is important that the church should be aware of the frequency of mental illness and know how to share Gods unconditional love and care with those suffering this sort of debilitating distress.

If you would like to talk further please speak to me. *Dave Rowlands*

Christ Church 130 years ago

OUR C.E.T.S. MEETING.

In a former number, we spoke of the importance of the Temperance question, and the great desirability of forming a Branch Society for the parish.

The subject was brought prominently to the front at, the men's tea party by Mr. Pearman and Dr.. Fernie, the latter stating as his deliberate opinion from professional experience, that temperance was not only most desirable but really beneficial.

On Monday, Nov. 9th, a meeting was held in the Upper Schoolroom, of those members of the congregation interested in the work of Temperance. There was a good attendance, representing all classes. The chair was taken by the Vicar, who in his opening remarks dwelt upon the dual basis of the C. E. T. S., and its superiority over all others in the fact that its work was inseparably bound up with religion. The following resolutions were unanimously carried :-

(1) "That a Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society be now formed for our parish." Proposed by the Rev. A. Pearman, seconded by Mr. H. Ravenscroft.

(2) " That the management of the Society be in the hands of a President, Vice-Presidents, Committee of ten, with Secretaries and Treasurer." Proposed by Mr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. T. Harris.

(3) " That in connection with the above there be monthly meetings for Lectures, Debates, and Recreation." Proposed by Dr. E. Fernie, seconded by Mr. W. H. Bishop.

(4) "That a Reading Room for men be opened on Saturday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m., with papers, games, etc., to be supplied with temperance refreshments." Proposed by Mr. J. Lamont, seconded by Mr. H. Millman.

The meeting throughout was of a most encouraging nature. It must now be our earnest aim to give effect to the resolutions. Ours must not be a society in name, but a real thing, whose power and work must be felt.

More on Fracking

“For the first time in 18 years, America is poised to produce more of our own oil than we buy from other nations. And today, we produce more natural gas than anybody else. So we're producing energy. And these advances have grown our economy, they've created new jobs, they can't be shipped overseas -- and, by the way, they've also helped drive our carbon pollution to its lowest levels in nearly 20 years. Since 2006, no country on Earth has reduced its total carbon pollution by as much as the United States of America.” –President Obama.

The October edition of our parish magazine posed some "thoughts" on fracking. This is a debate fueled by speculation, with few of the facts being quoted. Here are some facts.

Fact 1. Replacement of all coal with natural gas from fracking would lead to an immediate reduction of 40 % in greenhouse gas emissions. Renewables will take a long time to make that kind of difference.

Fact 2. The US will soon be independent of outside oil imports, with benefits in energy security amongst others.

Fact 3. The low cost supply of gas has re-vitalised the US chemical industry, creating massive new economic wealth and literally millions of jobs. Isn't this what we want for the Stoke-on-Trent area?

Fact 4. This source of low cost raw material and low cost energy means that the UK could make more locally and reduce imports of manufactured goods from countries less concerned about the environment.

Fact 5. One report of an earth tremor as a result of fracking is used to scare us - in places with extensive underground mining (for instance Johannesburg) earth tremors were frequent and cause no damage.

Fact 6. The US has been doing fracking commercially for 10 years - why do we need more research?

Fact 7. The US Environmental Protection Agency is one of the most diligent environmental agencies in the world. The fracking industry there meets their requirements.

Fact 8. In June 2014 Public Health England published a review of the potential public health impacts of fracking. From the summary: "..... the potential risks to public health from exposure to the emissions associated with shale gas extraction will be low if the operations are properly run and regulated

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More on Fracking *(cont)*

.contamination of groundwater from the underground hydraulic fracturing process itself is unlikely".

Fact 9. The drilling plant is low rise and will not be easily seen, nor will it represent a blot on our landscape, as wind turbines do.

We are all stewards of God's world and need to keep on looking at ways to reduce energy usage and promote viable renewable energy solutions. But is fracking a "short-term distraction"?! Rather it is a great opportunity.

Peter Rein

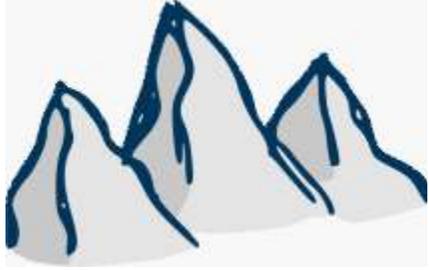
PCC News

The P.C.C. met on 17th September 2015 and the following matters were reported:

- The Puppet Service held during the Puppet Festival was a great success and will probably lead to more Bible Reading dramas using puppets.
- On Thursday 5th November we will be holding an evening to launch David Potts' "Two Saints Way" guide. Coffee and cakes will be required.
- 9th December looks like the decision day regarding the appointment of the new Bishop of Lichfield.
- Members of the Church Family will be selling crafts at the Stone High Street Craft and Collectables Market on the third Saturday in November, with proceeds to go to the Youth Fund.
- A recent review of the usage of the Church Centre highlighted that it was important to promote the benefits of the centre as an ideal venue for children's parties.
- The Advent Windows will be running again this year with some new venues and organisations involved

The next P.C.C meeting is on Wednesday 25th November 2015.

I know I am not alone in receiving a mountain of information via the post, e-mail, social media, telephone, radio and television every day. How are you dealing with it? I'm talking particularly about the amount of post I receive at home and at the church. Do you too, from time to



time, feel that you are being buried under it. I'd like to throw it in the bin (re-cycling it of course so I don't feel so guilty!!), or leave it in a pile on the side to read when I have time, which never seems to come! What I am particularly concerned about is that so much of the material – magazines, letters, CDs and videos and letters that I receive as Missions Secretary for Christ Church are asking for our prayers, and thanking us for our prayers, and gifts. Being retired, I should have more time than most other people to read this material and respond appropriately. In fact I have been disciplining myself to read all that comes in, but I still have not solved the problem. What do I do with the stuff once I've read it? Do I consign it to the recycling bin? Do I try to pray for at least some of what I'm asked to pray about? Do I give more in response to their requests, or do I find others to pass the material on to? Some of you know that I do just that and so I add to your information mountain!! Some of the material I receive is incredibly encouraging and exciting as we see what God is doing in our country and overseas, especially in our colleges and universities, and I want others in the church family to praise God with me, and pray, and perhaps give. **So I've had an idea:**

On the second Sunday in the month, I will put out on a table in the Centre, the most recent magazines and letters we have received as a church from our mission partners and those organisations we support, for you to look at, read, and perhaps take away to read at home. I want you to have the joy of seeing God at work in our world and to feel the burden to pray, become involved, and perhaps to give. *(At all other times this same material is in pockets at the foot of the overseas mission notice board)*

Cecilia

Please, please, have a look at it on
8th November & 13th December 2015

Advent Windows plan 2015

Day	Creator	Host Location
Tues 1 st	Manor Hillbillies	Katherine House shop
Wed 2 nd	Dunoon	Dunoon
Thu 3 rd	Oaktree Farm	Petals
Fri 4 th	Trinity Skills	Gr8 Kitchenware
Sat 5 th	Hub Craft Group	Stone Library
Sun 6 th	First Steps Nursery	Crown and Anchor
Mon 7 th	Mumbles Nursery	Cats Protection
Tues 8 th	St Dominic's Primary	Lock-keepers Salon
Wed 9 th	Walton Priory School	Donna Louise shop
Thu 10 th	Pirehill School	John Burton Solicitors
Fri 11 th	St Michael's School	Zeta
Sat 12 th	Brownies	Cancer Research shop
Sun 13 th	St Dominic's Priory	Royal Exchange
Mon 14 th	Oulton First School	Mayfair Dry Cleaners
Tues 15 th	Oulton Abbey Play-group	Follwells
Wed 16 th	Christ Church Academy	Shear Genius
Thu 17 th	Alleyne's School	Home and Colour
Fri 18 th	Birchill and Watson	Birchill and Watson
Sat 19 th	Dezign Room	Dezign Room
Sun 20 th	Women's Institute	Stone Pharmacy
Mon 21 st	Giggles and Wiggles	Flavours of Flora
Tues 22 nd	Smarty's Nursery	Outdoor Pursuits
Wed 23 rd	Meaford Nursery	Maison Jacqueline
Thu 24 th	Christ Church	Christ Church

Ron's Top Tips for the Winter

Tips for families who want to make sure their homes are able to withstand the predicted conditions. Checking your roof is up to the job is one of the ways homeowners can protect themselves against the approaching winter. Prepare for the cold weather ahead by making sure roofs are leak-free and well insulated.

Experts predict one of the worst winters for several years. Long-range weather forecasts suggest plunging temperatures and snow from as early as next month. Some scientists are concerned about the El Nino effect, which they say is the strongest for decades. The phenomenon is caused by changes in ocean temperatures, which in turn creates weather problems around the world. Met Office meteorologist Tomasz Schafernaker told reporters at The Telegraph: "This time round it could be the strongest in decades. In Europe, sometimes winters end up much colder and drier and last much into spring. In 2010 the El Nino played a part in bringing huge amounts of snow to the UK."

People should inspect their roofs and gutters for signs of leaks and think about making any necessary repairs sooner rather than later. It is better to act before the winter arrives as roofs can deteriorate pretty quickly, meaning your home can lose warmth and as a result bills go up when you feel the need to turn the heating up. Ensuring gaps are filled around windows and doors is another way to prevent draughts and weather-proof your home. Now is also a good time to check the insulation in your attic or roof space. Having poor insulation results in lower energy-efficiency which will have a big impact on your household heating bills.

Ron Fox

ROADS FOR PRAYER

1st November

Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane

8th November

Alma Street
Bromfield Court
Dominic Court
Granville Terrace

15th November

Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Road
Newcastle Street

22nd November

Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road
King's Avenue

29th November

The Avenue
Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive



REGISTERS AND ROTAS

FUNERALS

15 th September	Shirley Evelyn Heath	Age 70
29 th September	Irene Steele	Age 88

WEDDING

19 th September	Matt Parrott and Rebekah Fuller
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BAPTISM

20 th September	Myles Peter James Mortimore-Price
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SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

1 st November	J. Abrahams	D. Pickles
	G. Holden	K. McKnight
8 th November	G. Latos	D. Shemilt
	C. Leithead	P. Roberts
15 th November	C. Wilding	D. Wilson
	P. Kelly	C. Reeve
22 nd November	K. Rein	R. Brandon
	D. Davies	M. Hillman
29 th November	K. Thompson	D. Garrington-Miller
	J. Bowes	K. Woodhead



FLOWER ROTA

1 st November	Mrs D. Tunstall
8 th November	Remembrance
15 th November	Mrs D. Davies
22 nd November	Mrs E. Woodhead
29 th November	Mrs D. Tunstall



Groups and Activities

Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes, Helen Kennedy	
P.C.C. Members	Kate Latham, Irene Gassor, Phil Tunstall Shelagh Sanders, Pete Mason, George Holden Angela Burton, Marylyn Hillman, Pam Shields Kevin Reynolds, Estella Woodhead, Rob Shields	
Secretary	Shelagh Sanders	
Treasurer	Kevin Reynolds	850135
Envelopes, Gift Aid	Richard Latos	

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

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
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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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