

# Christ Church and People

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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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(see page 18 for details)

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| Fri | 1  | 1:30pm                       | Holiday Club - <i>Jungle Jamboree</i>  |
| Sat | 2  | 8:30am                       | Prayer meeting followed by breakfast   |
| Sun | 3  | 9:15am                       | Holiday Club service with breakfast  |
| Mon | 4  |                              |  |
| Tue | 5  | 10:00am<br>3:00pm            | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Autumn House service                |
| Wed | 6  |                              |  |
| Thu | 7  |                              |  |
| Fri | 8  |                              |  |
| Sat | 9  |                              |  |
| Sun | 10 | 9:15am                       | Morning Prayer<br>John 21:1-14 "A miraculous catch (again)"                            |
| Mon | 11 | 6:30pm                       | Breathe yrs 5-8  |
| Tue | 12 | 10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>7:00pm | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13 |
| Wed | 13 | 9:25am<br>6:00pm             | Christ Church First School assembly<br>KingZone yrs 2-4                                |
| Thu | 14 | 1:20pm                       | Christ Church Academy assembly   |
| Fri | 15 |                              |  |

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| Sat | 16 |                              |   |
| Sun | 17 | 9:15am<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm   | Communion; John 21:15-25 "Reconciled"<br>Bereans Youth Bible study<br>Bring and share meal followed by<br>Study course - The Christ Files<br>(3) Lost sources and oral traditions |
| Mon | 18 | 6:30pm                       | Breathe yrs 5-8   |
| Tue | 19 | 10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>7:00pm | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13  |
| Wed | 20 | 9:25am<br>6:00pm             | Christ Church First School assembly<br>KingZone yrs 2-4   |
| Thu | 21 |                              |   |
| Fri | 22 |                              |   |
| Sat | 23 |                              |   |
| Sun | 24 | 9:15am<br>4:00pm             | Morning Prayer<br>Collossians 1:1-14 "The knowledge of God"<br>Annual Parochial Church Meeting  |
| Mon | 25 |                              |   |
| Tue | 26 | 10:00am<br>12:30pm<br>7:00pm | Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30<br>Seekers Club<br>Youth Club yrs 9-13  |
| Wed | 27 | 9:25am<br>6:00pm             | Christ Church First School assembly<br>KingZone yrs 2-4   |
| Thu | 28 | 1:20pm                       | Christ Church Academy assembly  |
| Fri | 29 |                              |   |
| Sat | 30 |                              |   |

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on April 24th

## Call my bluff

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There was once a television game show entitled “*Call my bluff*”. Two teams of celebrities took turns to provide three definitions of an obscure word, only one of which is correct. The other team then had to guess which was the correct definition, the other two being “bluffs”.

What about the word ‘resurrection’? It might seem that the worldwide Christian church has devised a huge bluff. The historical record of the risen Jesus (the four Gospels) has been interpreted in three main ways.

1. ***Jesus didn’t die, but swooned:*** crucifixion was a gruesome method of execution and 100% effective. Roman soldiers faced the death penalty for allowing a capital prisoner to escape or bungling their execution. John’s eyewitness account notes that when the soldier’s spear was shoved into Jesus’ side a flow of blood and water came from Jesus’ pierced heart. It showed he was clearly dead (Jn 19v34-35).
2. ***Did Jesus die, but not rise:*** sightings of the risen Jesus have been dismissed as (a) conspiracy - but no corpse was ever produced to refute this; (b) hallucination - but the large number and varied nature of witnesses tells against this and, we might note, hallucinations do not eat! (c) myth - but the gospel had spread widely within a few years and its own claim is that it is not a myth: *‘We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty’* (II Peter 1v16).
3. ***Jesus died, but then rose again:*** one of the disciples who had yet to see the risen Jesus said: *‘Unless I see the nail marks in hands hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it!’* (John 20v25). A week later he got a face to face with Jesus who invited him to stick his fingers in the wounds so he would not doubt but believe: *‘Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God”’* (Jn 20v28).



The first two possibilities don't hold up (I've only summarized here). The third possibility must be engaged with seriously. Followers of Jesus believe this and now are to live in the light of Jesus resurrection. He has demonstrated that he is the Christ, and that by believing we may have life in his name. He has called our bluff. We must now admit he is the victor, not in a game but over sin and death.

*Paul Kingman*

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### **Inspire – Volunteers ... We need you!**

Coming soon! An exciting new project for schools will be taking place at Lichfield Cathedral during May and June! Can you help us?

Running from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. each day will host about 130 pupils. The vision of Inspire is to provide a space that is 'Inspirational, Educational and Spiritual' for every child, young person and member of school staff that attends. Some of the exciting activities include graffiti art, exploring Christianity in our different link dioceses as well as opportunities to explore every nook and cranny of the cathedral (including going up the tower).

23-27th May - Year 4 pupils,

6-10th June - Year 6 pupils

16th-17th June - Year 8 pupils

We are looking for volunteers who are able to help out in a variety of ways to ensure that each day runs smoothly and is a meaningful and engaging day for all pupils and staff. Volunteers can give as much or as little time as they feel comfortable doing from 1 day to the full 12 days. For further information or to register you interest please contact either Sue Blackmore on 07891 611760, [sue.blackmore@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:sue.blackmore@lichfield.anglican.org) or Libby Leech on 07891 290564, [libby.leech@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:libby.leech@lichfield.anglican.org)

Many thanks, *Paula Lloyd*

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## **99th Bishop of Lichfield named**

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The Right Reverend Dr Michael Ipgrave has been named as the new Bishop of Lichfield. He assumes responsibility for one of the Church of England's largest dioceses, leading an episcopal team with the Bishops of Wolverhampton, Stafford and Shrewsbury.

Bishop Michael (57), the current Bishop of Woolwich in the Diocese of Southwark, will be the ninety-ninth Bishop of Lichfield, in a line going back to St Chad in the seventh century. He succeeds the Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill, who retired last year.

In his personal welcome message to the Diocese, Bishop Michael said:

"I've had twelve wonderful years in London but I am so looking forward to coming back to the Midlands. Lichfield is the mother church of the Midlands, and the city of St Chad, a man of great humility and profound Christian faith."

The Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Right Reverend Clive Gregory welcomed the news: "A year ago on St Chad's Day, Bishop Jonathan announced his retirement as Bishop of Lichfield. Today, on St Chad's Day, we can share the wonderful news that Bishop Michael is joining us here in the West Midlands. He brings with him a rare combination of gifts, as theologian and teacher, pastor and mission enabler, which will greatly enrich our life as a Diocese."

The Reverend Sarah Schofield, Vicar of All Saints, Wolverhampton, said "I'm excited that Bishop Michael is coming first to Wolverhampton, to see our diverse churches and discover the joys of the Black Country and its people."

The Right Reverend Geoff Annas, Bishop of Stafford, said "I am really thrilled by the news of this important appointment. Our new Bishop brings a valuable wealth of experience and expertise, especially in the area of Inter Faith relations."

The Archdeacon of Salop, the Venerable Paul Thomas, said "I have known Michael since we were both students at Oriel College, Oxford and I hold him in high regard as a person of deep integrity, high intelligence and wide-ranging interests. I believe he will bring both enrichment and encouragement to Christians in North Shropshire, and a genuine openness and attentiveness to people of other persuasions and perspectives."

The Very Reverend Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield, said “I’m extremely pleased to welcome Bishop Michael to Lichfield. He is a person of proven experience and wisdom, combining his many gifts with great approachability and personal warmth.”

The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, said “I rejoice that Bishop Michael Ipgrave has been appointed to the See of Lichfield. He will bring to his new role a heart for mission and a humble, gentle, yet purposeful manner which will be a blessing to the people of Lichfield Diocese. He will be much missed and we will all pray for him as well as the parishes and people of his new Diocese.”

#### About Bishop Michael

The Right Reverend Michael Geoffrey Ipgrave OBE, MA, PhD is currently Bishop of Woolwich in the Diocese of Southwark. He grew up in a small village in Northamptonshire. He studied mathematics at Oriel College, Oxford, and trained for the ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford after a year spent working as a labourer in a factory in Birmingham.

He was ordained Deacon in 1982 and Priest in 1983 in the Diocese of Peterborough. After more than twenty years’ ministry in Leicestershire and Japan, he became Archdeacon of Southwark in 2004. He was Canon Missioner at Southwark Cathedral from 2010 to 2012, Chair of the Southwark and London Diocesan Housing Association, and Anglican Borough Dean of Southwark. Prior to this he had been Inter Faith Relations Adviser to the Archbishops’ Council and Secretary of the Churches’ Commission on Inter Faith relations.

He was awarded the OBE in the New Year’s Honours List in 2011 for services to inter faith relations in London. Since 2012 he has been Area Bishop of Woolwich in the Diocese of Southwark. He chairs the Council of Christians and Jews, and is co-Chair of the Anglican-Lutheran Society and of the Church of England’s Mission Theology Advisory Group.

Bishop Michael has written extensively on inter faith issues, religion and human rights. He has edited six volumes on Christian-Muslim relations, is the author of *Trinity and Inter Faith Dialogue* (Peter Lang, 2003), and has contributed about thirty journal articles and book chapters.

*(continued)*

Bishop Michael is married to Dr Julia Ipgrave, a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Humanities at Roehampton University. They have three grown up sons, one with a German and one with a Russian wife, and are looking forward to the birth of their first grandchild in Germany.

Michael and Julia are enthusiastic about things Japanese. They enjoy walking, and are looking forward to exploring Staffordshire and Shropshire on foot. He is a supporter of Leicester City FC.

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## **The Arabian McKnights**

Thank you very much for attending our presentations in March where we shared a little bit of our vision and what we are going to be doing in Fujairah. If you were not able to make the presentation but would like to find out more come and speak to one of us.

Lord willing in September we will be moving to serve with Immanuel Church of Fujairah. We will be doing a lot of one to one work with people of all back grounds and faiths sharing with them the hope that can be found in the Lord Jesus Christ. We will be working with the poorer labour workers and house maids who are often treated poorly trying to help and encourage them as well as befriending local people, establishing strong relationships and bridges as we begin to share the gospel with them.

If you would like to hear more of what we are doing you can sign up for our prayer update [www.tinyurl.com/prayFujairah](http://www.tinyurl.com/prayFujairah) - We really value all of your prayers.

As you know we are going to be self funded. We will fund this by our savings, applying to trust funds, through churches we have contact with and also individuals who kindly want to support us monthly.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us on a monthly basis as we take the good news to Fujairah?

We can be contacted by email on [kieranandash@gmail.com](mailto:kieranandash@gmail.com) or by phone on 07814 624107.

Many thanks, *Kieran and Ash*

## “Buenos tardes”

- These words were spoken during this year’s Women’s World Day of Prayer service held at St Michael’s Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

While we slept in our beds, the Day of Prayer had already begun when the sun rose over Samoa and the first service was held. The last service was held as the sun sets over American Samoa. In the UK alone some 6,000 services will have been held.

The theme chosen by Christian women from this Caribbean island came from St Mark’s Gospel chapter 10:-

*‘Receive children. Receive me’*

At the beginning of the service we were invited to look at the pictures of life in Cuba through the eyes of the children from Christ Church First School which were displayed around the church.

Much of singing was accompanied by guitar, flute, and maracas with sung responses of praise to our Saviour.

Glory and praise to you O Christ, you are the Word of God.

The service ended with a challenge for us to go out into the world full of the hope of God’s Kingdom and the knowledge that ‘As you receive children, you receive me’.

*Ann Butler*

## **Quote from the booklet for the Women’s World Day of Prayer 2016**

‘The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted: “my mummy looked back once while she was driving the car and turned into a telegraph pole” ‘

Even simple words like ‘turned’ can be misinterpreted...

*Elizabeth*

## Thank you from Chris

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I wish to thank Paul Kingman (who visited me during my time in hospital) and the family of Christ Church, Stone for their prayers, sympathy and kindness during my recent encounter with bowel/colon cancer. It is just 12 months since I was admitted to the Royal Stoke University Hospital and 2014 was a difficult year for both my family and me, not only because of my cancer operation but also the 24 weeks of chemotherapy and its side affects, a difficult time. This is now behind me and my last CT scan revealed no sign of cancer.

The NHS aftercare program for post operative cancer patients is well established and I will now undergo tests every 6 months for the next 5 years.

Very many thanks again to Paul and all at Christ Church, Stone.

*Christopher Morray*

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## Learning to dream again

The leaders of the Community of St Chad and diocesan officers have been getting excited by this book by Sam, Wells, vicar of St Martin in the Fields, central London, to the extent that the Bishop's Staff have caught the enthusiasm. Together, they are encouraging parishes to adopt the book as a shared Lent study experience across the diocese.

"This is a most readable and inspiring book" says Archdeacon Paul Thomas. "It leads the reader through various passages of scripture and enlightens. You'll end up saying 'I never realised that' time and again"

Revd Preb Chris Thorpe (Shifnal & Sheriffhales) has written a helpful booklet that includes both study notes for adult groups and short liturgies for Holy Week. The Online Pastor, Ros Clarke is producing devotionals on Instagram. And the Diocesan Adviser for Schools' Outreach, Libby Leech has a set of resources for following the same themes with children. The study booklet will be distributed with every paper copy of Spotlight this month and is also available to download, while the book itself, subtitled 'Rediscovering the Heart of God', which normally sells for £15 will be available for all clergy, lay ministers and up to 15 congregation members per parish at £5 per copy with further copies at £10. All can be ordered from Lindsey Hall.

## Diocesan Readers Day

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On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February Mike Thompson, Dave Bell and I attended a day meeting for Readers at Yarnfield Park.

We were privileged to be led by Rev'd Lucy Winkett. Previously trained as a professional soprano, she is now vicar of St. James's church, Piccadilly. A truly engaging and inspiring speaker she is tipped by some to be appointed one of the first women bishops in the C of E.

The day was introduced by Bishop Clive (Wolverhampton). A particular comment of his which has stayed with is the answer he sometimes gives when asked about himself. He says "I am a member of the laity, that's church jargon for a person".

In the morning Lucy spoke about "The church gathered and the church dispersed" (church together and out in the community) asking "What kind of people in what kind of world are we?" – a very challenging question! Below I list a few things she said which are memorable to me.

- We each have an innate dignity from which we tend to move away.
- Real hope imagines the future and acts as if that future is irresistible.
- Christians should be 'WALKING INVITATIONS' to others.
- We should have a self emptying ministry but to give our self away we must first know our self.
- The temple is important but most of the gospel is set in the hills and towns where people live and work. Jesus uses what is there.
- Church is to be a 'window pane to God – a bit like looking at the moon with a telescope'
- We have nothing to say that is new (she has preached 20 Christmas Day sermons) but no one has ever said it like you on that day.
- If the cost to you is higher then you will understand better.
- The Christian community should be one of celebration and forgiveness not emotional harmony.

In the afternoon, to prevent that after lunch drowsiness, Lucy led us through a fast moving interactive telling of the parable of 'The Prodigal Son' from the perspectives of the different characters, which made us both think 'outside the box' and contributed to a greater understanding of some of the different possible motivations for our actions.

*Dave Rowlands*

## The beach

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Every morning when we wake, we stand on the balcony of our 9<sup>th</sup>. floor hotel room and look down onto the beach. Soon it will be full of people, but now from 7 till 7.30, two men clean the beach. They empty the many litter bins along the shore; the drinks bottles and wrappers left by yesterday's visitors. They use a rake to remove any debris half hidden in the sand. Then a small tractor cleans the tide mark of any sea weed which has been washed up. The beach is clean now ready for a new day and all the events that may bring.

But there are often two more men on the beach at this time, they also "sweep" the sand, but with metal detectors. They are searching for any treasure hidden deeper below the surface.

I stand leaning on the rail and watch them. I think

*"This is how my life should be. Every morning I should get rid of the debris from the previous day; forgive any unkind words, forget my mistakes, in other words clear out the rubbish."*

Then there is the flotsam in my life, the stuff washed up by the turmoil of the "sea" in my life; stuff that's not BAD, just messy. Do I really need to read the gossip of the characters in the latest SOAP on TV.-? It's just "sea weed"- they are not real people so why waste time and emotion on them, clear the beach and keep your compassion for the real events in the world.

There are also the treasure seekers with their metal detectors, seeking lost coins and jewellery hidden below the surface.

We all have these treasures, known and unknown. Maybe a gift which others recognise in you but which you do not acknowledge for yourself. But it is there for a purpose, allow the Lord to dig a little and bring it to the surface.

Or maybe it's a spiritual gift which you once used but has been put to one side and over time it has become covered up through lack of use. Once more allow The Lord to brush away the sands of time and bring it to light once more.

Now we are ready for a new day on the beach of our lives. Yes, it will get bins filled with debris and yes, the sea will cast up more to clutter it. But if we make a regular habit like the morning ritual on the beach, we will become freer and closer to The Lord.

*Rita Crumpton*

## Christ Church 10 years ago

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### Hebron School Visit

Kelly Maltby and I have just returned from a trip to Hebron School in South India where we visited the three families living and working there who we support as a church.

We had a very good time and are grateful for your prayers. We were made very welcome and were able to spend time with Dom, Clare and Erica Joscelyne, Ralph, Dagmar and Simon Baron, and the Humphreys family, despite their busy work schedules. All send their greetings to the church and are very appreciative of our support. We gained a real insight into their situation and know much better how to pray. *Cecilia Wilding*

“Going Bananas” Holiday Club was held from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Mothers’ Union sent £210 to “Send a Cow” to a village in the third world.

A “Patagonia Pudding Party” raised £252 towards a trip to Chile by Mhairi Greer, who went with Raleigh International.

A Spring-cleaning day took place in church on 4<sup>th</sup> February

A large bequest was received by the church

## Not The Authorised Version . . .

Here are some answers given by children in a test on the Bible:

*Lot’s wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.*

*Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.*

*Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.*

*David was a Hebrew King who was good at playing the Liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.*

## **Important Notices!** *(From other churches!)*

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1. Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice
2. The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
3. On a church bulletin during the minister's illness:  
GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
4. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
5. If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
6. Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
7. We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.
8. A worm welcome to all who have come today.
9. The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.
10. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
11. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
12. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
13. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
14. Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheet.
15. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.
16. The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
17. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not affiliated with any church.
18. The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
19. The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
20. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
21. 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
22. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment. *(Spotted by Ron Fox)*

## Leviticus 19:32

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"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." (NIV)

Proverbs 16:31

"The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness."

Proverbs 20:29

"The glory of young men is their strength, grey hair the splendour of the old." (NIV)

### Respect for the Elderly

Age UK is calling for better energy efficiency measures as part of an awareness campaign. Cold Homes Week aims to warn older people about the dangers of living in a poorly heated home.

Age UK led a week of action to promote understanding of fuel poverty and winter related deaths. According to the organisation's figures, 40,800 older people in England and Wales died from the cold last year.

Now campaigners are calling for the Government to reform its energy efficiency schemes.

This would mean that two million low-income homes would be brought up to an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Band C by 2020. By 2025, it wants all six million low income homes brought up to the Band C standard.

EPC ratings range from A, which is the most efficient, to G, which is the least efficient.

Making sure homes are as energy efficient as possible not only keeps us all warmer but it also reduces our energy bills and cuts carbon emissions too. If people live in the lower bands there can be a real danger to health, but there are steps that you can take to dramatically improve the situation.

Homes can be made more energy efficient through measures such as loft and cavity wall insulation but also by making sure your boiler is working as well as it can be.

*Ron Fox*

## Christ Church 130 years ago

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### The Education Department and Christ Church School

A meeting of parishioners of Christ Church parish was held on Monday evening to consider the question of new schools. The Rev W.J. Thompson presided. He stated that the Government report, received at the end of January, had been already considered by the Board of Managers, and they wished it to be generally known that the present schools were on the eve of being condemned as unfit for the purposes of education. He had intended calling a meeting earlier, but recent events at Stone had led him to postpone the question. It appeared that the lower schoolroom had long been a ground of complaint owing to its want of proper light and ventilation; the walls were damp and the flooring defective. He did not wonder at the remarks of the report, nor could anyone doubt that Her Majesty's Inspector was fully justified in saying that it was "altogether unfit for school purposes, and that he could not much longer recommend its recognition by the Department." The question he (the chairman) wished them to consider was how the need of new schools should be met. And here he would mention that there was a desire on the part of many parishioners that some memorial should be raised to the late Rev John Ford. With that desire he had full sympathy, and he felt sure that such memorial could take no form more in accordance with the late Mr Ford's feelings than schools, Mr Ford's last act before resigning, being to give £150 to the school fund. No parochial effort could possibly meet the cost, which could be not be too far short of £2,000. He wished for their opinion as to the probable amount which might be raised in Stone that he might lay the matter before residents in the district and learn the extent of their willingness to co-operate. If something like this were not done the alternative would be the formation of a School Board to supply the deficiency, and though he considered Boards might be necessary in large towns, he hoped this course might be avoided in a small school district like Stone:- A protracted discussion followed, in which all agreed as to the bad state of the schools, but there was a considerable difference of opinion as to the remedy. It seemed to some that the attempt was too much for voluntary effort, while others considered the estimated cost too high, and recommended the obtaining of estimates. -The Chairman stated he had taken the estimate from the average cost of voluntary schools throughout the kingdom, and though it might prove to be under the average it could not be much. The meeting was finally adjourned for a month.

*Staffordshire Advertiser, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1886*

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

10<sup>th</sup> February

Alan Cornwall

Age 64

## SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | D. Pickles<br>P. Tunstall | G. Holden<br>J. Bowes              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | D. Wilson<br>D. Shemilt   | D. Garrington-Miller<br>P. Roberts |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | D. Davies<br>P. Kelly     | K. Woodward<br>C. Reeve            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April | D. Shemilt<br>J. Abrahams | G. Latos<br>K. Thompson            |



## FLOWER ROTA

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|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Flower Guild  | 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Mrs M Hillman |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Mrs P Roberts | 24 <sup>th</sup> April | Mrs W Carroll |

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Airdale Grove  
Airdale Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street  
Lotus Court

### 17<sup>th</sup> April

Oulton Road  
Oulton Mews  
Princes Street  
Queens Square

### 10<sup>th</sup> April

Nicholls Lane  
Old Road  
Old Road Close  
Oulton Cross  
York Street

### 24<sup>th</sup> April

Navigation Loop  
Rangeley View  
Barnton Edge  
Anderton Way/View



## Groups and Activities

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

### GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

|  |                        |        |
|--|------------------------|--------|
| <b>Climbers 3-7 years</b>                                    | Sandra Morray.....     | 286093 |
| <b>Explorers 7-11 years</b>                                  | Estella Woodhead.....  | 761659 |
| <b>Pathfinders 11-14 years</b>                               | Enid Bell.....         | 815775 |
| <b>Banner Group</b>  | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| <b>Church Missionary Boxes</b>                               | Cecilia Wilding.....   | 817987 |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>  | Marylyn Hillman.....   | 815936 |
| <b>Missions Secretary</b>                                    | Cecilia Wilding.....   | 817987 |
| <b>Prayer Group</b>  | Jeanette Rowlands..... | 816713 |
| <b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b><br>(Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)        | Sandra Morray.....     | 286093 |
| <b>3rd Stone Brownies</b><br>(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

### THE MAGAZINE TEAM

**Mission News & Prayer Diary**                      Cecilia Wilding                      817987

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