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October 2017

Sun	1	9:15 am	Communion; Matt 9:9-17 “Feasting and Fasting”
Mon	2	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	3	10:00 am 12:30 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club
Wed	4	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	5	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	6	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	7	8:30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	8	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer; Gen 3:8-21 “Head under heels!” 2 nd of “Seven Great Journeys”, Abraham
Mon	9	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	10	10:00 am 12:30 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Autumn House service Youth Club
Wed	11	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	12	10:30 am 11:00 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church St Mary’s Home Communion Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	13	10:00 am 7:00 pm	CE coffee morning A Monk’s Tale (starts 7:30 ends 8:45)
Sat	14		
Sun	15	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion; John 5:31-47 “Words of witness” 3 rd of “Seven Great Journeys”, Exodus
Mon	16	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8

Tue	17	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	18	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	19	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	20	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	21		
Sun	22	9:15 am	Family service; Psalm 2 “Laughter in heaven”
Mon	23		
Tue	24	10:00 am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	25		
Thu	26	10:30 am	Open prayer time in church
Fri	27	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	28		
Sun	29	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Clocks go back Morning Prayer; Proverbs 8 “Wisdom personified” 4 th of “Seven Great Journeys” The Exile
Mon	30	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	31	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on October 29th

Eating: it's simply something you have to do!

Eating is simply something you have to do. Where we have enough we tend to eat three meals a day, or more. A problem comes when we are preoccupied with eating. But the Holy Bible has lots of positive things to say about meals.

Our town is known as the food and drink capital of Staffordshire. It's not a bad tag to have! The annual Food and Drink Festival complement the range of places to eat this month.

The Holy Bible often speaks about eating to celebrate past events. For example, the Passover meal was a reminder of Israel's exodus from slavery in Egypt when a plague of death passed over their homes. The blood of a sacrificial lamb protected them. Jesus changed the meaning of this meal when he used it to mark his death as the Lamb of God. It is known as The Lord's Supper. In another part of Israel's history they took a desert journey during which God satisfied their hunger. They learnt how just as the hand of God sustained their physical life, so they also depended on God's word of promise to sustain their spiritual life.

The Holy Bible also talks about how food can become the unhealthy focus of our attention. The phrase "*greed is idolatry*" (Colossians 3v5) applies when we think that food can satisfy a deep-seated need such as providing comfort. Food can be misused when we disregard others through selfishness or by looking down on those who don't do the same as us. The Apostle Paul had to correct some bad teaching that was being peddled as a super-spiritual lifestyle, but was in fact destructive: *'they forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving'* (1 Tim 4v3). He later reminds those who are proud of being self-made people: *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment"* (1 Tim 6v17).

(continued)



Eating: it's simply something you have to do!

We are given an important general principle: "*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*" (1 Corinthians 10v31). Eating with family and friends is something that Jesus did. Meals together are a sign of the goodness of God. The act of giving thanks before a meal acknowledges our dependence on God for life and humbles us before Him.

Paul Kingman

Youth Minister funding (a United Benefice project)

As part of our mission the benefice has made a priority of youth and children's work: the ministry to our schools is a great expression of Christian faith in action, as we show care for pupils at three church schools and have links with one community school. Our programme includes a lunchtime club 'Seekers' (at Christ Church Academy), and after school clubs called 'KingZone' (First School), 'Breathe' (middle school age) and 'Rock Youth Club' (high school age), along with regular school assemblies. The costs for the Youth Ministry include, housing, salary, NI, expenses and training.

A special fund exists which depends on congregational giving and this has enabled us to sustain this ministry since 2004.

With changes in the congregational membership, there is now a need to increase the planned giving and donations to meet the budget requirements for this calendar year.

Year from Jan 2017 (Youth Minister funding):

Total project cost	26.0k
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Income for Year 2017

Planned giving	11.5k
Gift Aid expected	2.0k
Donations received	5.0k
Money in Hand	2.0k
Amount still required	5.5k

We now need to increase the planned giving, in order to sustain this post for the future. Please consider whether you can give more, and request further information about how to do this from the church office.

Barnabas Fund Week of Prayer

For the persecuted church

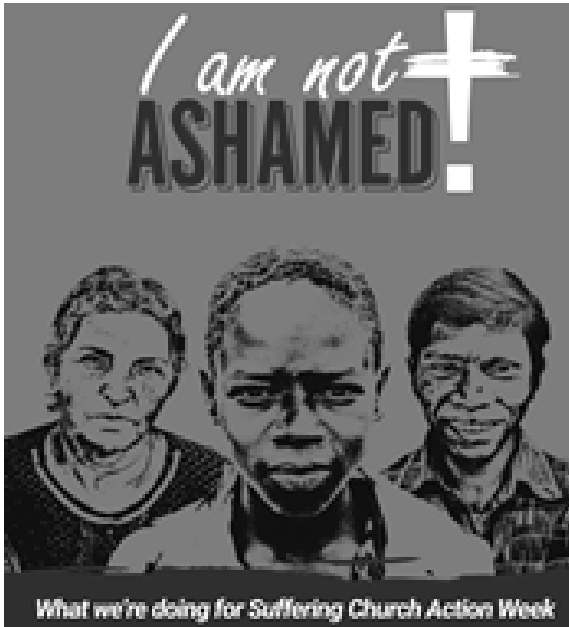
In Romans 1:16, Paul proclaims, "***I am not ashamed*** of the Gospel," and goes on to explain why. This confidence is echoed when he writes to Timothy, "*Do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or of me His prisoner*" (1 Timothy 1:8).

Christians across the world are coming under increasing pressure from ideologies such as Islam, Buddhism, Hindu nationalism and secular humanism. In Suffering Church Action Week (SCAW), we are being asked to pray with, and for, our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, whatever they are facing and wherever they may be.

An eight-day devotional booklet to help you pray is available to download,

<https://barnabasfund.org/SufferingChurchActionWeek>

Saturday 4 November 2017 – has been nominated as an INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



Please join us on Saturday morning, 4th November at 8.30am, at our monthly Prayer Breakfast, when we will be praying for our suffering brothers and sisters, asking the Lord to strengthen them and help them to be faithful to Him in the face of persecution because of their stand for the Gospel.

Helping hands...

Over the past 6 months we, Chris & Elizabeth, have experienced the most wonderful example of God working through other people's hands...

Faithful hands that have held us up to the Lord in prayer;
 Skilful hands that have diagnosed, operated and treated Elizabeth with care;
 Loving hands that have written cards, kept in touch by email and phone, sent flowers and brought gifts of food.

We are truly grateful to God for the many ways in which He has sustained us throughout this testing time, and we firmly believe that it is the strength of faith, love, and fellowship at Christ Church that has enabled Him to do this.

THANK YOU everyone

May God continue to bless us all with His Grace and His mercies as we stand together in fellowship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Chris & Elizabeth Nix*

MAF Week of Prayer 2017

30th October - 5th November

'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.' Isaiah 26.3

The theme for the MAF Week of Prayer this year is *'His perfect peace'*. Isaiah 26:3 reminds us that God will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him, whose thoughts are fixed on Him. At the heart of all MAF does is a desire to see people transformed physically and spiritually in Christ's name.

Prayer is a vital part of this vision. Please join us on Saturday morning, 4th November at 8.30am, at our monthly Prayer Breakfast, when we will be praying for the work of MAF and their desire to bring *'His perfect peace'* to suffering people all over the world.

Leaflets will be available in the Welcome area, to guide you in prayer... or visit the MAF website' www.maf-uk.org/pray/week-of-prayer-2017 for further information



Bible Talk
Bouncy Castle
Crafts
Games
Party Feast
Lots of fun and dancing!

31st October 2017

5-7 PM @ Christ Church, Stone.

I don't know what you usually do on 31st October,
but at Christ Church we like to celebrate all the good things
God has done for us by having a Light Party. Would you like to come?

We'll have lots of fun things to do and something to eat too.

There will even be a Bouncy Castle!

If you're at school and aged between 5 and 11,
come along, and bring a friend if you want to.

It's free!

	Mission Prayer Diary
	<i>Kieran and Ashley McKnight are with Emmanuel Church in UAE. People in the Church come from many countries. Kieran of course was Youth Minister at Christ Church .</i>
1 st	No response yet to the request for Emmanuel Church to be registered officially. Kieran and pastor Steve have visited the palace again. Please continue to pray
2 nd	Ashley has been sick because of the air-conditioning and getting used to the harsh environment again. She has not been able to leave the house for a week. She is starting to feel better, please pray that she recovers quickly. A women's conference will be held in October, pray that Ashley will be able to take part.
3 rd	Pray as we meet new people that we have opportunities to share the good news with expats. Many are arriving in a whole capacity of jobs, looking for friendship and trying to navigate the city. So we pray that we can be a blessing in this.
4 th	We have also been re-establishing connections with friends. On Monday we had a bunch of people round for dinner. 7 people from 6 different countries
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell help run a new church in Zagreb</i>
5 th	Many people watched the televised service on September 10 th , as it was broadcast throughout Croatia. Pray for the many who heard the evangelistic message
6 th	(Stephen says) Our neighbours now know that our church is "official" and now take us more seriously. May we use this opportunity to tell them more about the Gospel
7 th	Joshua Bell started a year at Capernwray Bible College in Lancashire on Sept 23 rd .

8 th	The MuziKids singing group has now been seen on National TV; pray that this may help their mission
	<i>The Bible Society has a “Bible a month club” which provides Bibles to a different country each month. The club has been running for 40 years and now has over 23,000 members</i>
9 th	Guangen lives in a small village in the Cloudy Mountains in southern China. He became a Christian 28 years ago. He received his first Bible just 6 months ago.
10 th	Salma fled her home in Syria with her husband and seven children for the safety of Jordan. Bible Society has helped the family find an apartment – basic, but a home nevertheless. We have introduced Salma to a local church, where she has been attending a weekly women’s group.
11 th	In the midst of war and suffering, we are discovering an unprecedented demand for Scriptures We are busy distributing Bibles – alongside everyday necessities like food parcels, toiletries, and mattresses – to families who find themselves living in refugee camps. We also run bookshops in the region, including one in the city of Aleppo – just 150 metres from the frontlines of the war in Syria.
12 th	We work to affirm the place of the Bible in society, challenging ill-informed thinking and demonstrating that the Bible can be a force for positive change in today’s world.
	<i>Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Now they live in the UK but still support and fund-raise for JigSaw. They are our CMS Link Missionaries</i>
13 th	Jigsaw leadership team working together to edit and complete our manual of operation
14 th	Jigsaw’s board of trustees as Lendhel takes over from Tim Lee
15 th	Two days of staff safeguarding training
16 th	Administrative support for Tim in running the UK charity

	<i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gabarone, Botswana. Their organisation is “Bows and Arrows Ministry”, and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults. Please pray about–</i>
17 th	Marriage Fitness Adventure and premarital counselling. God loves strong marriages
18 th	Foundation for Farming to help churches and schools contribute to economic development
19 th	Our Family Programme and parenting to help build families. May God save our families
20 th	International Leadership Academy and Lead Today- Everything rises or falls on leadership
	<i>Tear Fund prayer requests</i>
21 st	16 million people have been affected by flooding in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Local partners have set up emergency health camps and are distributing tents, blankets and clothes. Medical support is being given to those suffering from water-borne diseases.
22 nd	Churches in Chifubu (Zambia) are supporting a project to provide affordable education for orphans and vulnerable children. Pray that the government and the churches working together, can make this a reality.
23 rd	Tear Fund is helping women in Afghanistan to earn money by running small businesses, e.g. by making and selling clothes.
24 th	We continue to respond to the mudslides and flooding in Freetown, Sierra Leone, ensuring families can meet their basic needs. Pray for God’s comfort for affected communities, and encouragement for the church partners working tirelessly to help affected families

	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship run a small fleet of aircraft flying church workers, medical teams and missionaries into very remote areas in Africa, Papua New Guinea and Asia</i>
25 th	MAF fly vital supplies to the remote northern area of South Sudan, saving the lives of severely malnourished children. There is famine in this area. MAF aircraft provide one of the few safe options when it comes to bringing Christianity here
26 th	Pray for the Malagasy communities in Madagascar; MAF has been flying volunteer doctors and dentists to remote areas.
27 th	David Attenborough failed to find the remote Bikaru tribe in Papua New Guinea- but MAF flew in missionaries Gerhard and Brigitte Stamm to take the Gospel to this warrior tribe who believed in witchcraft. Pray for this lost people.
28 th	Pray for missionaries from the “Antioch Church” in Ulaanbaatar, flown by MAF to remote western areas of Mongolia
	<i>The Church Mission Society works in 49 countries</i>
29 th	More than a million South Sudanese have now fled continuing fighting and famine and become refugees in Uganda. In most of the refugee settlements Arua, Nairobi and Juba women from all tribes come together to fast and pray on the last Saturday of each month. Let us join these women in prayer.
30 th	Pat Blanchard leads the Shalom rehabilitation centre in Lima, Peru, and the church that has grown from it, which is comprised of people with and without disabilities. In a city in which people with disabilities face challenges such as stigma and shame, the centre is an oasis of creativity and inclusion where all are made welcome.
31 st	Church Mission Society people in mission are pioneering palliative care in Nepal and DR Congo. The needs in remote rural areas are huge, particularly in the aftermath of the devastating 2015 Nepal earthquake



Horrible Histories meets Monty Python in this hilarious new historical comedy from the award-winning co-writer of *Miranda*, *Bluestone 42*, *Another Case of Milton Jones* and Edinburgh Fringe 2013 hit *The God Particle*.

A Monk's Tale.

A new play by James Cary.

With original music and lyrics by James Sherwood.

On Tour from the Edinburgh Fringe 2017.

Written to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, *A Monk's Tale* is a fast-paced hour-long gallop through the circumstances and causes which led to one of Europe's greatest social and political upheavals. Using sketches and songs, the talented three-person cast lead us through a heady mix of corruption and crusades, popes and purgatory, sacraments and (burning at the) stakes, indulgences and indignation, and much much more – fuelled by the unstoppable social media of its day, the all-new Printing Press.

Witty and entertaining, with plenty of laugh out loud moments, this is Reformation history as you have never seen it before – suitable for all ages from 8 to 108 and for those of any faith or none at all.

Friday 13th October 2017 at 7:30 pm



**Tickets available
from Christ
Church Office:
01785 811990**

**Cost £8.00
(£6.00 concessions)**

Stone Alzheimer's Drop In

In 2000 Christ Church Centre was transformed from quite a dated building with a small kitchen into the wonderful facility we have today. The commemorative plaque on the outside wall dedicates the building 'for church and community'. One of those community groups using the centre on a regular basis is Stone Alzheimer's Drop In. This group, which was formed over 10 years ago by Stella Winsor, supports people living with the effects of dementia & their carers. If you ever call in at the centre on a Thursday morning you'll probably hear music, maybe some singing and definitely laughter, it's a time of fun & companionship for all who attend.

In recognition of this marvellous work, the Lord Lieutenant, Mr Ian Dudson presented the group with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The High Sheriff, the Borough Mayor, the County Council and Assessors were some of the Civic Dignitaries present at this wonderful occasion. Stella commented afterwards "we were pleased to welcome them all to such pleasant premises and the presentation went very well. It was a happy occasion for everyone".

Phil Tunstall

Alpha and Omega

From the beginning to the end of the Bible, we read about Jesus. References from Genesis to Revelation show that God's plan was there at the beginning and will outlast everything that human beings do.

Oct 8 th	Gen 3:8-21	Final victory already envisaged
Oct 15 th	Jn 5:31-47	Moses supports Jesus
Oct 22 nd	Psalm 2	David speaks about Jesus
Oct 29 th	Proverbs 8	Solomon speaks of the beginning and the end
Nov 5 th	Isaiah 53	The servant who is the boss

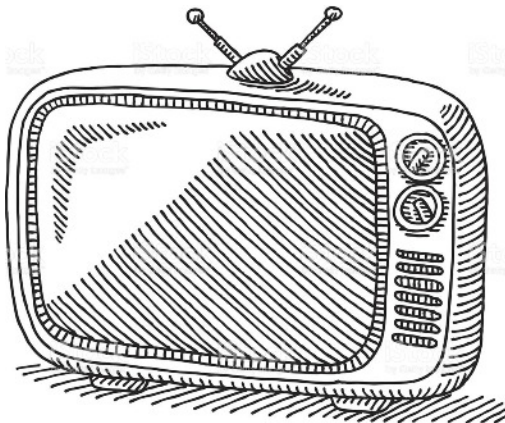
On National TV

Amazingly as it may seem, Croatia 1st national TV channel (equivalent of the BBC in Britain) came to set up its equipment in our Dubrava church, planted some 12 years ago in Eastern Zagreb. 140 people sat in the main room, with some 30 standing and the rest watched and participated in another room linked by large 3x2m screen.

The service was originally for our Mother Church Radićeva, situated right in the centre of Zagreb, near the Parliament square. But due to technical difficulties, Croatian Television preferred our church building, which has much parking for their equipment. So, the two churches met together and joined forces as well as shared the joy. The church was packed full, with people pouring out even onto the streets.

It was a solidly evangelistic service with testimony and 15 minute message and our two sons, Joshua 18 and Benjamin 16 were asked to sing a song "He has won the victory", of course in Croatian.

Please pray for the whole country and also for Croatians throughout the world who watched by satellite. We also informed all our neighbours and friends and the response (sympathetic and enthusiastic, wanting to watch) has been touching and surprising. As I met with some of our neighbours yesterday, they were overjoyed for us.



Already we are encouraged to share the Gospel more with our neighbours, as we sense we may receive now a more sympathetic hearing.

Best wishes and many thanks for standing with us,
Stephen and Tabita,
Sheona, Joshua and
Benjamin and the Dubrava
and Radićeva churches

Hospital Notes 2

When we are full of activity and busy with day to day life often we don't take time to consider the important things. Our minds can be fully occupied keeping going and keeping it all together.

However, anyone of us can be stopped in our tracks by all sorts of different things such as redundancy, separation or divorce bereavement and so on...

One such event is when we spend time in hospital, either for elective surgery or when rushed in as an emergency. We then have time to think and reflect (whether we want to or not) and can be forced to face up to realities that we have pushed, sometimes for years, to the back of our minds.

As a hospital Chaplaincy Volunteer I have found many of the people I talk with and pray for at their bedside to be very open to sharing their deepest thoughts. It is a huge privilege to be allowed into their lives at these times and a wonderful opportunity to tell them that Jesus loves them and understands their circumstances, anxiety and suffering.

I share with you the following words which encourage us to think about how to use our time well.

TAKE TIME

Take time to think; it is the source of power.

Take time to read; it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play; it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet; it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware; it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved; it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh; it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly; it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream; it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray; it is the greatest power on earth.

Dave Rowlands

Hospital Notes 3

Earlier this year The Rev'd John Austerberry left his position as Lead Chaplain at UHNM NHS Trust to become Chaplain to Katherine House Hospice.

Following his departure the post was advertised nationally. Along with external candidates, The Rev'd Christine Wright, who was already serving in the Trust, applied and was successful in being appointed as the new Lead Chaplain.

On Thursday 26th June I attended the service at which she was commissioned by The Rev'd Dave Russon, Lead Chaplain at North Tees and Hartlepool University Hospital, in the RSUH Chapel which was crowded to overflowing. Chris was welcomed to her new post in the Trust by Chief Executive, Paula Clark; Director of Nursing, Helen Inwood (on behalf of the Chief Nurse, Mrs Elizabeth Rix) and Andrew Smith, Non-Executive Director. She was supported by her husband, Matthew, daughters Kristina and Sophie and many others. It was a wonderfully uplifting and moving service which highlighted the value placed on the Chaplaincy Team by the Trust as well as the importance of the spiritual aspects of the healing process.

Since then Chris has led some training sessions for the Chaplaincy Volunteers from which Rob Brandon and I have gained much and found most valuable.

Recently while visiting the Wards at County Hospital in Stafford I came across a member of Christ Church which prompts me to ask that if you become aware of anyone from our congregations who is in either Royal Stoke or County Hospital who would appreciate a visit then please do let me know so that I can arrange for the Chaplains to see them.

If you would like to know more about this useful and rewarding work please come and chat with me about it.

Dave Rowlands

Latest Jigsaw news

Tim is currently in the Philippines and working with the Jigsaw board and staff members on compliance with government requirements for social welfare organisations. Please pray that they will be able to complete the necessary training and paperwork needed for this.

During the summer break, which ran from April to June, Jigsaw Kids Ministries ran a series of holiday clubs in each of the 12 communities where it works. The Jigsaw team translated and contextualised the Scripture Union programme called "Waste-Watchers" and the children had great times of fun playing games, watching dramas, singing and sharing the good news of Jesus. Not only did the children hear the gospel message but their communities did also as most of the clubs are held in open air community places.

Our ministry to children with disabilities had been looking for a suitable building from which to operate for quite some time and last August we found what seemed like the perfect place. However, only a few months into using the building, we had to vacate it due to health and safety reasons and so the search started again. With no building on the horizon, the Jigsaw team were quite despondent until one of the mums suggested they hold classes in her house.

Previously we had thought we needed to gather all the children with disabilities in one area by transporting them in. However, by holding classes for small groups of children in the communities where they live, it's been transformational on so many levels. It has meant greater involvement of the parents, helped dispel myths about children with disabilities in their communities and created support networks for the parents and children. So what started as a kind offer from one mum to use her home has paved the way for a new style of community ministry to children with disabilities. God's ways are not our ways - thank goodness!

With love in the Lord, *Kate and Tim*
(Full prayer letter available on mission notice board)

Christ Church 132 years ago

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The work of Temperance is one that is in the nature of things very closely allied with the work of a parish and the daily experience of a clergyman. It meets every turn—at the sick bed, in the hour of need, and in the home life of his people. Drunkenness more than anything else which keeps him from church, and often children from the Sunday School. Among the many appeals a clergyman has to his sympathy, the majority are caused by intemperance. It is the crying evil of the day—the ruin of the many unhappy, wretched homes and lives which are now so common, Intemperance hinders the work of God. What can be done with a drunkard? Nothing unless he will sever himself from his sin. Intemperance ruins the home—the wife and the children go uncared for, there are no comforts.

What should be happiness is turned to misery. Intemperance hinders every work of progress and improvement. Look as you may, if a man is a victim, a slave of drink, no inducement will draw him from or motivate him. Drunkenness is an unmanly thing, a badge of disgrace. It lowers a man to the level of a beast—in his life, in his speech, and in his habits. It is the cause

of several of the vilest forms of sin and crime in the world. A man under the power of drink condescends to actions his soul would scorn if sober. If drunkenness affected the drunkard only, then the evil would be less deplorable; but it drags so many others in its wake.

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It breaks the hearts of parents, and sends them with sorrow to the grave. It ruins and brings misery to the innocent. What a sin! What have they done? It drags down to its own level. Youth is fascinated and corrupted by it. It defiles society, ruins body and soul. It is a growing evil, especially among the young of both sexes. What does this mean for England's future?—a race of inebriates! Children in whom a longing for drink is inborn!! Could anything be worse than this? Is any further argument needed? We think not.

Temperance work for these reasons is a most desirable part of parish organization. An agency to rescue and aid those who cannot help themselves. It is, moreover, one of the most noble works we can possibly engage in, and carries its own reward wherever it goes. To reclaim one drunkard, to change one life's course, to give light in place of darkness, to substitute happiness for misery and fear, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to make an upright, industrious, God-fearing man or woman out of a disfigured and degraded human being, is indeed a heavenly work,

These are some of the reasons which have led us to bring the work of Temperance prominently to the front in our parish. Our Men's Bible Class are taking it up, and many other workers too. A Society will at once be formed, and names received. A meeting will be held as soon as possible in the schoolroom.

Let us not be selfish in this matter. Bear in mind we have to live for others as well. Join for example's sake, that one witness more may be added to our number. Put its highest grounds. What can I do to help those who are not strong enough to help themselves? Nay, a step further still. What sacrifice can I make? what indulgence give up for His sake who gave all for me? Would your doing so help? Yes; it would encourage others to do what you yourself have already done.

Baptism

Sept 16 1885 Martha Jane Stone

Burial

Sept 26 1885 Martha Jane Stone (infant)
(there was no further comment)

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

FUNERAL

7th September Edward Gerrard

Age 49

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

		AM
1 st October	J. Kelt	K. Woodward
	L. Fforde	N. Hopkins
8 th October	J. Bowes	A. Smith
	D. Davies	J. Abrahams
15 th October	E. Kingman	G. Leithead
	G. Latos	C. Reeve
22 nd October	D. Wilson	L. Fforde
	P. Kelly	K. Rein
29 th October	J. Kelt	G. Holden
	P. Roberts	D. Davies



FLOWER ROTA

1 st Oct	Flower Guild	8 th Oct	Mrs A. West
15 th Oct	Mrs D. Tunstall	22 nd Oct	Mrs M. Hillman
29 th Oct	Flower Guild		

ROADS FOR PRAYER

1st October

Chestnut Grove
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Court
King's Avenue

8th October

Kent Grove
Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent

15th October

Mount Road
Mount Street
Old Road
Stonefield Court

22nd October

Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane

29th October

Alma Street
Bromfield Court
Dominic Court
Granville Terrace



Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes
P.C.C. Members	Kate Latham, Irene Gassor, Pete Kelly, Sue Fox Pete Mason, Estella Woodhead Peter Rein, G. Leithead, Angela Burton Rab Shields, Louise Kelly, Debbie Hazlehurst
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Treasurer	
Envelopes, Gift Aid	Richard Latos

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers 3-7 years

Explorers 7-11 years Estella Woodhead.....761659

Banner Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

Church Missionary Boxes Church Office.....811990

Flower Guild Marylyn Hillman.....815936

Prayer Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

Parents & Toddlers Sandra Morray.....286093

(Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)

3rd Stone Brownies Janet Smith..... 815939

(Mon 6:00-7:30pm, First School)

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

Climbers 3-7 years **Junior Church** 7-13 years

The following activities take place every week in the Centre during term time.

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday 6:30 pm

Kingzone (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

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