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Wed	1	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 Standing Committee
Thu	2	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	3	10:00 am	CE Coffee morning
Sat	4	8:30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	5	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion; Isaiah 53 “The suffering servant” Seven Great Journeys
Mon	6	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	7	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	8	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	9	10:30 am 11:00 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church St Mary’s Home Communion Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	10	10:00 am	CE Coffee morning
Sat	11	11:00 am	Sue Kingman’s Jam Sale
Sun	12	9:15 am  4:00 pm	Morning Prayer; Romans 9:30-10:13 “Stumbling block or foundation stone? + Baptism of Sebastian Williams Service for the bereaved
Mon	13	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	14	10:00 am 12:30 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Autumn House Youth Club
Wed	15	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4 PCC meeting

Thu	16	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	17	10:00 am 7:00 pm	CE Coffee morning Charity concert
Sat	18		
Sun	19	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion; Heb 1:1-2:4 “A cut above the rest” Seven Great Journeys
Mon	20	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	21	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	22	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	23	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	24	10:00:00	CE Coffee morning
Sat	25		
Sun	26	9:15 am 4:00 pm	Family service; John 1:43-51 “Jesus calls Nathaniel” Confirmation service
Mon	27	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Toddler Group Breathe yrs 5-8
Tue	28	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Seekers Club Youth Club
Wed	29	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Christ Church First School assembly KingZone yrs 2-4
Thu	30	10:30 am 1:20 pm	Open prayer time in church Christ Church Academy assembly

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on November 26th
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## O when the saints....

It's big business this thing called Halloween. Of course, everybody knows about Halloween and now standing at £300M and growing, it is the second largest retail bonanza after Christmas.

Some may well remember how it can be spelt Hallowe'en – as it is a shortened version of All Hallows' Eve. So, what is "All Hallows?" It's an old turn of phrase for All Saints Day, which usually falls on 1<sup>st</sup> November. It was one of various holy days.

In the early days of the church, Christians had to meet secretly and developed traditions of honouring the anniversary of local martyrs' deaths: those who died for being followers of Jesus Christ. However, during the fierce days of persecution under Roman Emperors such as Nero and Diocletian, the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each.

Hence we find that one day was established to remember them all. On the first recorded All Saints' Day, St. Basil of Caesarea in 397 A.D. invited all the Christians of the province of Pontus for a feast to honour the fallen. Things improved dramatically for Christians after the Roman Emperor Constantine became a believer and a time of relative peace was enjoyed.

In more recent times the sufferings of Christians around the world has increased to an alarming level. The suffering church action week runs from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November. It is a sombre reminder of the daily reality in many countries and the need to stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ who bear witness and often do so at the cost of either their liberty or their lives.

Today the word 'saint' tends to be mistakenly thought of as one of the characters who appear in stained glass windows, or whose lives are written up as best selling biographies, or even the nickname for Southampton F.C.



But the word 'saint' refers to ordinary followers of Jesus as used by Paul in a letter to a Greek church: 'Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to **the saints** in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus - grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ' (Ephesians 1v1-2). The ordinary follower of Jesus is counted as a saint (lit: holy) in his sight, because only he can put us right with God. What a privilege. What a responsibility!

*Paul Kingman*

Please come to a  
**COFFEE MORNING WITH HANDMADE  
JAM AND CHUTNEY SALE**

at Christ Church Centre,  
Christ Church Way, Stone, ST15 8ZB

**ON SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

10 am – 12 noon

All proceeds will go to the  
benefice Youth Fund

**☎ Sue 01785 812669**



The PCC met on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and the following matters were reported:

- The manufacture of the pew cushions is well underway with the two centre aisles due to be completed by the end of October.
- Ticket sales for "A Monk's Tale" 13<sup>th</sup> October have been excellent with a cap on seats at 250.
- Plans are underway to celebrate the church's 180 years next year. Ideas include a film night, float at the Stone Carnival promoting events, mini mission, outdoor service, flower festival and BBQ.
- Advent windows preparations are well underway. It is planned that the advent trail will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> with the opening of the final window on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> after the church service.
- Children's Bibles have been distributed to Christ Church First School and Oulton First School.
- A big thank you to all the people who provided cover in the office during the Summer Holidays.

The next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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## **To the Church Family**

John and I would like to thank everyone for the many good wishes, cards, flowers, food and not least, prayers.  
I had over 60 cards which brought a lot of comfort.

I came home on 9<sup>th</sup> October  
God bless you all, *Diana Shemilt*

## Barnabas Fund Week of Prayer

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### 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*" (I 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Carol Singing

Carol singing around the wards at both Royal Stoke and County Hospitals will take place on the evening of

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

If you would like to come and join in this wonderful opportunity to minister to those in hospital at this time and share the meaning of Christmas in song, please speak with me for more details. In previous years those who have been say they received every bit as much as they gave!

*Dave Rowlands*

# MAF Week of Prayer 2017

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## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.maf-uk.org/pray/week-of-prayer-2017) for further information

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## A Monk's Tale

If anyone had said to me "Do you want to come to see a play about Martin Luther and his 95 theses?" I would have politely declined, thinking to myself that I could find better ways to spend a Friday evening!! However, what a treat awaited those of us who attended the performance of A Monk's Tale at Christ Church on Fri 13th Oct. The play was a sell out and we all enjoyed 75 minutes of fast sketches, witty and very funny dialogue and amusing songs, all three actors had superb voices, what talent. All credit must go to the performers, Anna Newcome, Cameron Potts and Anna Nicholson and to the writer of the play, James Cary, who also co-wrote the songs with James Sherwood.

There was a lot to take in during this fast paced show.....many facts and figures..... hard to believe that all the sketches and very clever songs were based on ...well....fact!!!

*Diana Tunstall*

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 <sup>st</sup>	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. Recognition is essential for any permissions, bank accounts etc.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kieran and Ashley have been showing newcomers around Fujairah, people who are starting new jobs there. Pray that these contacts will be interested in the Church.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emmanuel Church does children's work among families of church members. Pray for ex-pat children who may find things difficult.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for good health for Kieran and Ashley. Medical treatment can be expensive and difficult to arrange.
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell help run a new church in Zagreb</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	A new joint church group has been formed, to hold training for laity and pastors in 5 ministry regions of Croatia. Pray for 20 "Croatian Trainers", who themselves will seek to train the "Second generation" of maybe some 150 others
6 <sup>th</sup>	Then on a national level, we will Facilitate training for "Mentoring", "Churchplanting" and "Revitalising struggling churches"
7 <sup>th</sup>	The MuziKids singing group has now been seen on National TV; pray that this may help their mission. They are starting rehearsing for their Christmas Concerts, which have been very popular in previous years.

8 <sup>th</sup>	Churches in Albania are finding that the authorities are suspicious of outside influences (Western or Muslim). Pray that churches in Albania will be able to be more self-sufficient.
	<i>The Bible Society has a “Bible a month club” which provides Bibles to a different country each month. In November, Bibles are being given to every prisoner in La Reforma prison, Costa Rica</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for the changed lives and hearts in La Reforma prison, because of the power of God’s word.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that more inmates in the prison would want to read the Bible, and as a result that it would change their lives for good. Pray for a changed atmosphere within the prison.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin is a prisoner in La Reforma; he became a Christian after reading the Bible. He is now studying Theology. Pray that Kevin would grow closer to Jesus through the Bible, and be a shining light to those around him.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that the Bible Society team in Costa Rica would continue to be creative in reaching the secular world with God’s word.
	<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 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the “Youth for Safety” initiative, training older children to help keep younger children safe on the streets.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jigsaw now employs 30+ staff from the communities in which it works, running kids’ clubs, school sponsorship, emergency welfare, disability groups, mothers’ groups and much more.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for over 1500 children ministered to by Jigsaw in 4 urban areas.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Disability support groups meet in local houses, and this works very well, creating parent support networks.

	<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 <sup>th</sup>	School ministry work. J&R work with Christian teachers in schools and colleges
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan is president of the “Ugandans in Botswana” society, giving him opportunities to meet businessmen and their families.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Young married couples, facing difficult financial situations.
20 <sup>th</sup>	The widely-dispersed Beesigomwe family, in Botswana, Uganda and South Africa
	<i>Tear Fund prayer requests</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	SYRIA - join us in praying that the Geneva II peace conference will take place without delay or hindrance, and that these talks will be a successful first step to peace.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SOUTH SUDAN - Tearfund is providing emergency latrines and sanitation facilities, as well as fixing boreholes and giving hygiene and sanitation awareness training. We also distribute fishing kits, seeds and tools, sleeping mats, jerry cans, and mosquito nets to people displaced by the conflict.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	SOUTH SUDAN - We are also running six Feeding Centres – addressing the urgent needs of malnourished mothers, pregnant women, and children under five.
24 <sup>th</sup>	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - The Central African Republic (CAR) crisis continues, with ongoing violence around the country, despite pockets of peace. Please join us as we continue to pray for breakthrough.

	<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 <sup>th</sup>	Dut Agwang is the first trainee MAF pilot from South Sudan. He received a vision that God wants him to transform lives physically and spiritually through the power of flight.
26 <sup>th</sup>	MAF is raising money to buy a Cessna 208 Grand Caravan to expand their programme of work in South Sudan.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray specifically for Pastors and Christians in remote communities who are the first line of defence for those accused of acts of sorcery.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for MAF's ability to reach remote and isolated communities – enabling emergency medevacs, missionaries and the Word of God to reach those most in need.
	<i>The Church Mission Society works in 49 countries</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	SRI LANKA - This year has seen the worst flooding in Sri Lanka in 14 years, killing hundreds of people and temporarily displacing over half a million. Several thousand people still remain displaced.
30 <sup>th</sup>	CAMBODIA - Saing Chhinho is the founding director of Shalom Mission Cambodia (SMC) and in this capacity he oversees 32 home churches planted by SMC in nine provinces throughout Cambodia. His vision is to plant a church in every province in Cambodia and to develop disciples. Please pray that God will bring this vision to life.

A while ago I was asked to visit a gentleman called Dennis who was a patient in RSUH.

Working as a hospital Chaplain it is natural (and expected) of me, as well as chatting and showing love and concern about a person, to enquire about their beliefs and Christian faith.

When I broached this with Dennis he became upset and somewhat agitated telling me, when he had more or less regained his composure, that he had started to attend a church some years ago. At that time he had wanted, he said, "to come and go as suited me".

However, he told me that he was increasingly pressured by the vicar to become more involved and at a speed which he found very uncomfortable. (This certainly resonated with me as I had had much the same experience at the church I occasionally attended when I lived in Chester).

"Eventually", he told me, "I decided my only option was to stop going altogether, which I did". This had clearly been something he did not want to do but he felt cornered and so backed away.

Having told me this Dennis was quite open in talking about his faith and welcomed the opportunity for me to pray with him.

What a powerful reminder this incident is about how we should treat newcomers when they come into our midst. We need to have great wisdom and sensitivity in responding to the different individuals as each will have his or her own background, baggage and circumstances into which we might be allowed to enter if we come alongside them appropriately.

*Dave Rowlands*

## Hospital Notes 5

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On September 12<sup>th</sup> I attended a memorial service in the "Pilgrim Chapel" at County Hospital to remember and give thanks for the life of Rev'd Deacon David McCarroll (1957-2017) who was a Roman Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for many years. David was knocked off his scooter in a road traffic accident and tragically died from his injuries in the hospital where he had loved working and serving others. He leaves a wife and three sons.

I have known David over many years. During my time as Warden at Shallowford House he used to visit from time to time. Our paths crossed again some years later when I was working with Age Concern. He would occasionally arrive on his scooter to minister to a disabled lady whom I visited and cleaned for on a weekly basis.

During the service Rev'd Leo Varquez, one of the Chaplains, read Matthew 25: 34-40 where we are reminded that when we minister to someone who is (hungry, thirsty, naked or) sick, we minister to Jesus Himself. This was something David loved to do and was referred to in a warm and moving tribute given by Fr. Peter Stonier (R. C. Chaplain at County) who had worked there with David over a long period of time. *Dave Rowlands*

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### **How many people can you fit into Christ Church?**

If you peeked you head round the door around Harvest time you would have seen well over 600 people in our church!

It was Christ Church Academy's harvest festival service and with nearly 600 pupils, their teachers, other staff and visitors the church was packed. A seating plan was essential, every extra chair in the Centre and back of church was pressed into service. Parents and Grandparents squeezed into the gallery (bluebottles swept away in preparation) and the very back of church.

Every pew in church was crammed full and a sea of blue met the eye as coats were bundled beneath the pews.

Children filled the crèche, sat on the floor at the front and the choir sat in the chancel. What a wonderful sight to see our church so full! The Seekers group demonstrated the armour of God by dressing a pupil with all a soldier of Christ needs. The young musicians and school choir sang beautifully. Service sheets with hymns for the congregation were designed by the pupils.

After a wonderful, uplifting service row after row made an orderly exit and the vast human crocodile headed back to school. Our thanks to all at church who made this possible.

*Enid*

## **What is in your washbag?**

My washbag is my most important piece of luggage. My very smart washbag has many compartments, zipped, mesh, waterproof and a handy hook in case I wish to hang up my bag. As for the contents:-

A toothbrush, toothpaste and face flannel- the very basics. A bar of soap and body wash- must make doubly sure of cleanliness, shampoo (two sorts for variety), soothing hand and body lotions and an exquisitely tiny bottle of perfume – I need to smell my best or what would people think?

A packet of sticking plasters (those new sandals might rub), scissors (just in case) and ....

A small child came to stay with us – what was in his washbag? Nothing- absolutely nothing in fact not even a toothbrush and no washbag. You see he (and his mum) knew Grandma and Grandpa would provide everything and provide it with great joy (have you seen the marvellous toothbrushes for children you can buy now?).

All this set me thinking- how our small children, grandchildren, godchildren, nephews and nieces trust us to provide all the things that they need and it is a pleasure to do so- how much more our heavenly father has joy in providing for his children. Do we trust him enough to leave all in his hands? *Enid*

### Martin Luther King Jr

One of the things I like about theology, or learning about the history of the Christian faith is that there is always someone who has been there already. Whatever question of faith you are struggling with, whatever situation you are trying to find God in, whatever question you have about what difference following Jesus makes – or should be making – to your life, there is always someone who has asked this before. Our history is full of people who tried to work out what it meant to follow Christ in their own particular place and time and it is amazing how so many of their challenges are relevant today.

Martin Luther King has been one of my heroes for a long time. He was a flawed disciple whose sense of what it meant to follow Jesus changed the world. It transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and of course, it cost him his own life. It would be easy to assume as we look back, that it was obvious that King had to fight against racial segregation; that racial segregation in America clearly needed challenging. But there were plenty of Christians at the time, black and white who didn't see things in quite the same way. Some of the white Christians thought it was right to maintain white privilege. Some of the white leaders agreed things should change but gradually, without rocking the boat. Some of them campaigned alongside black people. Some black Christians thought that God had made things as they were and it was the duty of the Christian to accept the situation you found yourself in. But MLK believed passionately that God had made all people to flourish and not to be bound by race or status.

He also believed that he was called to help people see a vision of a different way of living. MLK's own reading of the bible, his study of theology and his experience of God all led to his conviction that until we are all flourishing, none of us truly are. His passion for justice and equality and desire for people to be valued beyond labels of race went against the prevalent culture of the day. Those who agreed with him that things must change often wanted to use more direct, violent methods of change.

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But MLK resisted violence even in the face of terrifying and sometimes fatal aggression used against black campaigners. For King, the kingdom wouldn't be built by violent means, but could only be established through the values of the kingdom: love, justice, joy and peace.

King was called to a ministry of service and constantly challenged others to love their neighbour and to put others needs first. "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'" Following Jesus was not a private matter for MLK, it was about all of the people around him, those who regarded themselves as friends and those who made themselves enemies. "Life's most persistent and urgent question," he said, "is 'what are you doing for others?'."

October is Black History Month and we are invited to recall and learn some of the stories that were never told. We are invited to remember that the world has been shaped by all sorts of people whose part in our past it is easy to ignore or overlook. MLK gave a voice to many who were not being heard as they called for an end to injustice, as they cried out to be treated as human beings. He worked out that following Jesus couldn't mean leaving things as they were, and couldn't mean trying to fix it with more and more wrongs and inhumanities. As we follow Christ in the footsteps of Martin Luther King, what is it we are called to speak out about? And what might we learn from him about how to do it?

*Dr Lindsey Hall, Director of Vocations*

## Toilet Twinning

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- 2.3 BILLION people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet (WHO/Unicef).
- The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.
- Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets. (UN)
- 663 million people live without safe water. (Unicef)
- Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation. (UN)
- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go. (World Bank)

For just a £60 donation, you can twin your loo with an impoverished family's household latrine, in a country of your choosing. For a £240 donation, you can twin with a school block or a block of toilets in a displacement camp.

Your smallest room becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a photo and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin on Google Maps.

Toilet Twinning funds the work of international relief and development agency Tearfund. Your donation will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education.

### The low-down on latrines

Getting to the bottom of which type of latrine to build takes careful planning. It's really important that latrines are appropriate, technically and culturally, for the people who will be using them. Ours is not a one-loo-fits-all approach. So our partners spend time talking with communities to help them choose the right design for their context. Latrines need to be built in the right place too, so they don't contaminate water sources, and we make sure that materials and methods are as environmentally sensitive as possible too. In fact, our latrines are just one part of bundle of benefits that come with our community-led approach.

## Christ Church 132 years ago

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### OUR Church of England Temperance Society 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.

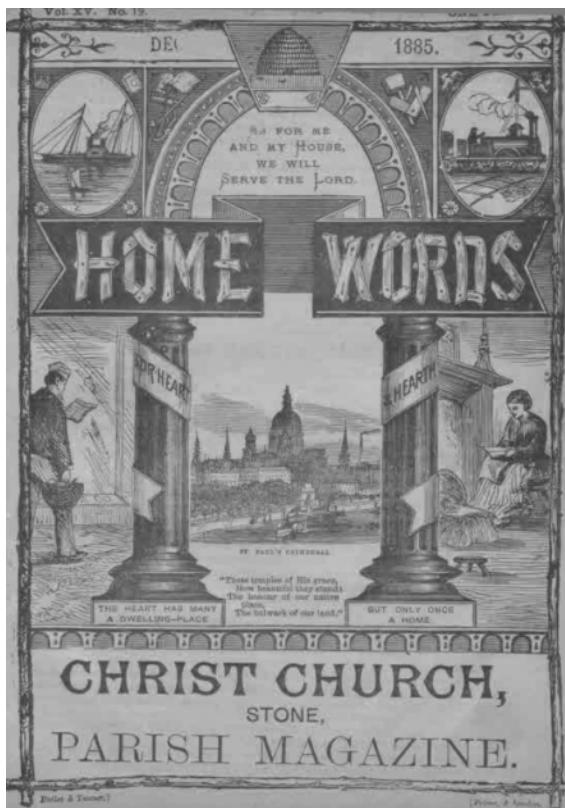
(3) " That in connection with the above there be monthly meetings for Lectures, Debates, and Recreation." Proposed by Dr. E. Fernie, seconded by Mr. W. H. Bishop.

(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.

THE SATURDAY EVENING READING ROOM.

The room for reading and recreation was opened on Saturday evening, Nov. 21st, and the attendance was highly encouraging. It is in connection with the Men's Bible Class, and managed by twelve stewards, three of whom are responsible for its arrangement and control week by week. A table and set of drafts was presented by the Rev. D. W. Jenkinson, and a similar one by the Vicar., A friend, per the Rev. A. Pearman, gave a nice set of chess and leather board, and others lent magazines and papers. A screen is being made by two of the members. It is open from 7 to 10 p.m., and light refreshments are provided, and all men are welcomed. The secretary will be thankful for contributions of magazines or papers, or any bound serials to form the nucleus for a Parochial Lending Library.

THE MAGAZINE

Looking back upon the year that is past, we feel the Magazine has been, a source of great pleasure and interest, and that its monthly circulation of 300 has done good. Next year the Magazine will be out by the first of the month. We very much want to extend its usefulness, and the number of subscribers. Fifty extra copies will be ordered for January, but in Christ Church parish, 400 or more should be sold monthly.

# REGISTERS AND ROTAS

## FUNERALS

4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Anthony Hazlehurst	Age 35
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Brenda Smith	Age 80

## SIDESPERSONS ROTA

		AM
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D. Davies	K. Woodward
	A. Smith	N. Hopkins
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D. Pickles	R. Brandon
	E. Kingman	J. Abrahams
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P. Roberts	D. Davies
	G. Latos	C. Reeve
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	D. Wilson	L. Fford
	P. Kelly	K. Rein



## FLOWER ROTA

5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs E. Woodhead
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs D. Davies
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mrs P. Trinder

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Longton Road	Northesk Street
Margaret Street	Radford Close
Newcastle Road	Radford Street
Newcastle Street	Station Road



## 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

The Avenue  
Trent Road  
Tunley Street  
Trinity Drive

## 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Airdale Grove  
Airdale Road  
Airdale Spinney  
Cross Street  
Lotus Court

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

**GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES****Climbers 3-7 years**

<b>Explorers 7-11 years</b>	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
<b>Banner Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	261199
<b>Church Missionary Boxes</b>	Church Office.....	811990
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936

<b>Prayer Group</b>	Jeanette Rowlands.....	261199
<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b>	Sandra Morray.....	286093
(Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)		
<b>3rd Stone Brownies</b>	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.

<b>Monday Toddlers</b>	9.30 am <b>Breathe</b> (years 5-8) Monday	6:30 pm
	<b>Kingzone</b> (years 2-4) Wednesday	6:00 pm

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