

# Christ Church and People

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# April 2022

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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## Christ Church



## and People

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# April 2022

|     | Date | Time                            | Events (Zoom codes in Mailchimp email)  |
|-----|------|---------------------------------|---|
| Fri | 1st  |                                 |   |
| Sat | 2nd  | 9:00 am                         | Prayer meeting via Zoom   |
| Sun | 3rd  | 9:15 am<br>5:00 pm              | Communion Acts 4:23-31 "Spirit and community"<br>Lent course via Zoom                                   |
| Mon | 4th  | 9:30 am                         | Toddler Group   |
| Tue | 5th  | 10:30 am<br>12:30 pm<br>6:30 pm | Communion John 4:43-54<br>Pursuit Club CCA<br>Prayers in church for Ukraine                             |
| Wed | 6th  | 7:30 pm                         | Lent course in church   |
| Thu | 7th  | 9:30 am                         | Christ Church First School Easter assembly  |
| Fri | 8th  | 10:00 am<br>11:15 am            | Christ Church Academy Easter assembly (group 1)<br>Christ Church Academy Easter assembly (group 2)      |
| Sat | 9th  |                                 |   |
| Sun | 10th | 9:15 am<br>5:00 pm              | Palm Sunday<br>Morning prayer Hebrews 4 "Hope and home"<br>Lent course via Zoom                         |
| Mon | 11th |                                 |   |
| Tue | 12th | 10:30 am<br>6:30 pm             | Communion John 5:1-15<br>Prayers in church for Ukraine  |
| Wed | 13th | 7:30 pm                         | Lent course in church   |
| Thu | 14th | 7:30 pm                         | Maundy Thursday Communion, St John's Oulton<br>Matthew 26:17-35 "Promises, promises"                    |
| Fri | 15th | 10:00 am<br>10:40 am<br>7:30 pm | Good Friday Easter crafts<br>Joint service followed by hot cross buns<br>Meditation on Christ's passion |
| Sat | 16th | 2-4pm                           | Trains in the garden, Pete and Liz's house  |

# April 2022

|     | Date | Time                 | Events   |
|-----|------|----------------------|--|
| Sun | 17th | 9:15am               | Easter Sunday Communion<br>Matthew 28:1-15 “Jesus’ resurrection”                         |
| Mon | 18th |                      |  |
| Tue | 19th | 10:30 am             | Communion John 5:16-30   |
| Wed | 20th |                      |  |
| Thu | 21st |                      |  |
| Fri | 22nd |                      |  |
| Sat | 23rd |                      |  |
| Sun | 24th | 9:15 am<br>4:00 pm   | All age service<br>Matthew 28:16-20 “The four ‘alls’”<br>Annual Parochial Church meeting |
| Mon | 25th | 9:30 am              | Toddler group  |
| Tue | 26th | 10:30 am<br>12:30 pm | Communion John 5:31-47<br>Pursuit Club CCA   |
| Wed | 27th | 9:00 am              | Christ Church First School assembly  |
| Thu | 28th | 1:10 pm              | Christ Church Academy assembly   |
| Fri | 29th |                      |  |
| Sat | 30th |                      |  |

## Notes

St John’s Oulton Sunday services

11:00 am each Sunday

All Saints Moddershall Sunday services

11:00 am Second and Fourth Sundays in month

If you would like to receive the Mailchimp email with Zoom codes and other notices, please contact the church office

## **My Kingdom is not of this world**

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The Roman Empire was formidable. Its borders extended out from its centre far and wide. A common language facilitated business throughout its empire. The emperor wielded enormous power. The government and army provided the machinery to get things done - either through policy or by brute force. The occupied territory ensured that people obeyed. The Empire was polytheistic: it tolerated religions that were compliant.

Why did the great Empire decline? There were many factors ranging from an overreaching to a limited army because of economic problems. One significant cause stands out as we read about Jesus' trial. For the Roman Emperor was considered divine.

As the time came for the Passover Feast the Jewish ruling council had a breakfast meeting to give its verdict on Jesus. They considered him to be a blasphemer deserving punishment by death. Pontius Pilate was the prefect (senior Roman official) of Judea. He spoke both to the crowds outside and then privately to Jesus inside. He was not interested in a religious group's internal disputes but was concerned to maintain public order. Loyalty to the state was everything. The charge that Jesus claimed to be king and so a rival to Caesar was a serious matter. The given title 'king of the Jews' had clear political overtone. Pilate was determined to find out whether Jesus constituted a threat to Rome's power.

Jesus' reply is instructive: *"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place"* (John 18v36). Jesus' kingdom was not tied to a place

or a political party. It was described in the scriptures. It was about righteousness peace and joy. It was the basis for community and gave great dignity to each person. Its centre is in heaven which makes its citizens resident aliens or sojourners in this world longing for their heavenly home.



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They give their loyalty to the King of heaven, who laid down his life for them, but now is the risen and ascended Lord.

It changes everything: "*You are a king, then!*" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "*You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.*" (John 18v37-38).

This world is torn apart by discord, greed, and aggression. The fault lines of corruption will simply widen, while the truth will ultimately be victorious. Will you line up behind our great and glorious King, Jesus Christ? By his resurrection he was declared with power to be the Son of God. He is to be worshipped. We invite you to join us for our Easter celebrations.

*Paul Kingman*

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## **Children's Society House Boxes - 2022**

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Society through the box collection. A donation of £335.64p has been sent to the Society towards their valuable work with runaway children in the UK.

Every year incredible House Box Holders like you raise over £1.4 million to help vulnerable children in this country. Thanks to your contribution we were able to support more than 11,000 young people who felt scared and alone last year and campaign to bring changes that help hundreds more.

If you would like a house box please let me know.

*Sandra Morray*

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## **Trains in the garden**

Trains will be running again in Pete and Liz's garden between 2pm and 4pm Saturday 16th April (Easter Saturday). Money raised will go to Jigsaw Kids, working with street children and their families in Manila (see later in this magazine).

You might remember that once before I included some INSPIRATIONAL words written at the entrance to the 'The West Building' where I used to spend pretty well all my time at RSUH.

Recently I have seen displayed further INSPIRATIONAL words entitled 'WEST CARES' and the following have stayed with me...

*"You make a difference everyday"*

*"By shining your light on the road ahead, you are helping others to see their way too"*

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring; all of which have the potential to make someone smile"*

Since fewer Chaplaincy Volunteers have returned after the break caused by C-19, I now visit more widely in different buildings and have also seen the following...

*"There is no success without sacrifice. If you succeed without sacrifice someone has suffered before you. If you sacrifice without success it is because someone will succeed later"*

Finally, I thought the following words (accompanied by appropriate photos) on a poster in the Chaplaincy area were INSPIRED...

*"As you wash your hands may God's peace wash over you; as you wear your mask may God's love speak through your life; as you keep a 2 metre safe distance may you know that God is always close"*

*Dave Rowlands*

| <b>Mission Prayer Diary</b> |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
|                             | <i>Scripture Union</i>  |
| 1st                         | The first SU holiday this year will be “Kestrals”, a sailing holiday on the Norfolk Broads. Pray for safety on the water and great conversations about Jesus  |
| 2nd                         | “Diary of a Disciple” holiday camps will be running during Easter holidays. Pray that as children explore the gospel stories they will encounter Jesus for themselves   |
| 3rd                         | GW Tracks mountain biking holiday in the Quantocks begins on 7th April. Pray for Nathan and Lucy Johnson as they lead the holiday, that they and the team will be equipped in every way   |
| 4th                         | Pray for Faith Guides using the “Be more Micah” resources for 14 to 18 years olds.  |
|                             | <i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia</i>   |
| 5th                         | Varazdin – Church members are looking after some Ukrainian refugees, two are staying with a church member and other church members are helping with meals etc for other refugees  |
| 6th                         | Stephen and Tabita now have a Ukrainian family from Kiev living with them– Maria, Daniel (3) and Diana (9 months). Husband Sergei was not allowed to leave Ukraine and is staying with his parents.   |
| 7th                         | Varazdin church has just bought a building and is trying to acquire some adjacent waste ground to use as a car park. Pray that this will work out and make it easier for people to attend meetings  |
| 8th                         | Stephen and Tabita have given up the rented house in Varazdin to be with the Ukrainian family and are commuting to and from Varazdin (50 km) to their new church.   |
|                             | <i>TearFund works with many poor communities across the world. They especially work through local churches and agencies</i>   |
| 9th                         | TearFund’s Toilet Twinning initiative has twinned over 158,000 toilets since 2010, enabling almost a million people to access proper sanitation. Is your toilet still un-twinning? Visit <a href="http://toilettwinning.org">toilettwinning.org</a> |

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| 10th | Mozambique is in the midst of one of the worst monsoon seasons on record. Cyclone Gombe struck Mozambique on March 11th. It has affected more than 100,000 people. Homes, health centres and schools have been destroyed.   |
| 11th | Peace talks between the current government and armed groups in Chad were put on hold in mid-March. The talks – happening in Qatar – were set to pave the way for free and fair elections later this year. Pray for reconciliation between different groups in Chad and for the success of these talks so that peace can prevail |
| 12th | Pray for Tearfund’s partner “Renew Our World Brazil”, a coalition of over 30 Christian environmental groups campaigning on climate change and calling for protection for indigenous peoples of Brazil   |
|      | <i>Our CMS Link Missionaries Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines)</i>   |
| 13th | The van appeal has been greatly rewarded and the new van has arrived in Manila and is already at work delivering food, medical supplies and Bible materials to several areas in the city  |
| 14th | Jigsaw hands out packs to more than 2000 children and young people each week. Children wait excitedly outside their homes for their weekly Jigsaw Kids At Home pack with Bible, literacy and craft activities plus a delicious meal bag   |
| 15th | Jigsaw’s sewing ministry is a lifeline for over 800 of the neediest ladies and their households. A Jigsaw sewing pack includes everything needed to sew a particular project, enabling ladies to make something for their family or to sell. Tote bags, trousers, aprons were made in January and February                      |
| 16th | Pastor Lendehl has been very seriously ill with bilateral pneumonia but has made a remarkable recovery. His lungs are now clear and the pain in his hands and feet has lessened. Please pray for a complete recovery  |

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|      | <i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gaborone, Botswana. Their organisation is “Bows and Arrows Ministry”, and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults.</i>  |
| 17th | Jonathan and Robinah are in Uganda so that Jonathan Jr can have an operation on his badly-broken leg (a concrete wall fell on him). Two operations in Botswana failed to fix the bones together so an expensive private operation became essential. Pray for the doctors and for healing, also about his parents’ worry               |
| 18th | Pray for Rev Dr Edward Turitwenka, who hopes to continue the work started by the Beesigomwes.   |
| 19th | Pray for a newer car for Ministry. The trail of smoke is scary and mechanics not excited to repair it. We give thanks for seed money that has put Faith car back on the road for a while longer   |
| 20th | J&R hope to retire in July 2023 but this depends on their house being ready. At the moment it is only a building plot, building work has not begun  |
|      | <i>Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements.</i>   |
| 21st | In September 2020, MAF set up an air bridge to Panzi Hospital in Bukavu DRC, enabling medics to fly to isolated villages to carry out surgery and care for women who are victims of sexual violence. Those who are badly injured are flown back to Panzi Hospital for further treatment. Up to 10 operations are carried out each day |
| 22nd | A medical safari in north-western Tanzania recently saw 2000 people receive medical treatment in 3 days. “Christ is the answer ministries” has been spreading the gospel in Kenya, HoverAid and Scripture Union conducted evangelistic medical safaris in Madagascar. MAF is doing great work in Africa                               |

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| 23rd | Pray for more Bibles to be distributed in Papua New Guinea through MAF pilots and also The Gideons International. People have been known to applaud as Bibles are handed out to eager recipients   |
| 24th | Please pray for MAF's new base in Balimo, western PNG, which is a training base to help MAF pilots increase their flying hours   |
|      | <i>The Bible Society's Bible-a-month club is delivering Bible resources in Eswatini, an enclave in South Africa with 1.1 million population, formerly known as Swaziland</i>   |
| 25th | 90% of Eswatini population is Christian and they need our prayers. The HIV rate is the highest in the world and poverty is widespread  |
| 26th | Churches, the Bible Society bookshop and many schools have been closed due to Covid-19 and also due to violent protests demanding political reform. Some Bible Society staff were laid off due to closures                                       |
| 27th | An initial 7,553 copies Bible Society's Study Bible in the local siSwati language have been printed in Eswatini. Pray that these Bibles will help the Bible Society shops to flourish and many people will read God's Word in their own language |
| 28th | Pray for wisdom for authorities to bring violence to an end  |
|      | <i>Church Mission Society supports mission workers across the world, including our link missionaries Tim and Kate Lee</i>  |
| 29th | Pray for Neil and Sue Browning– Neil is a surgeon at Moyo Hospital Uganda and Sue is a lecturer at Kajo-Keji Christian College. In particular, the hospital is short of supplies so Neil has to spend time fund-raising                          |
| 30th | In Aleppo, Syria, only 10% of the Christian population remains after 10 years of war. Pray for mission partners Nabil and Sarah Shehadi as they serve and encourage this "remnant" church  |

## Stafford Samaritans

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Stafford Samaritans Outreach team are currently raising awareness that they are here to support everyone through day-to-day worries and not only those who feel desperate or suicidal.

At Samaritans we aim to promote good emotional health in our community By helping to address issues earlier than at crisis point we also hope to achieve our vision that fewer people will die by suicide.

From our branch here in Stafford, we provide confidential and emotional support, in a range of ways, to those in need of a safe space to talk. To talk over anything that may be worrying them, including those in extreme distress. Every conversation is taken seriously and judgement is never passed. We provide talks for community groups, schools and other organisations interested in our work. Our volunteers, whether they are providing support to callers or working behind the scenes, are making a positive impact to the community around the clock! If you need any support or would like to volunteer please contact us at:- Garden Street Stafford ST17 4DD or ring the helpline on 116 123. Calls are free from any phone.

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### Holiday Club

We would love to know if you are interested and able to help with running a children's holiday club at the end of August. The set up would be Monday 29th August then running the rest of the week to Friday 2nd September. Please let us know.

*Paul and Sue Kingman*

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### Jumbled Letters

In these verses, all the letters are there, but the letters of each word are jumbled.

ni eht nnnggiieb oGd tdrceea the vnshae e nda eth htrae

rhnoou ryuo thfrea dna ryuo tmhreo os ttha uyo mya evil nolg ni the dnaL eth dLro ryuo dGo si vgnii ouy

## **Hope - from limping to 'springing eternal'?**

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As the humanitarian catastrophe in Europe unfolds before our eyes, signs of hope for more vulnerable people are more important to our emotional survival than ever. So here's one you may not have spotted yet.

It's been about 12 years since I 'came out' as a visibly disabled person, when using either sticks or a wheelchair was my only option if I wanted to start ordination training in the C of E. I found out for myself how many ways church is tough for people with disabilities - they simply weren't designed or run with 'us' in mind. There are loads of reasons for that but this blog isn't about that - I promised you hope and I meant it! If ever there was a need for a unifying mission across Anglican churches, it seems we have found one!

Fast forward to now and it seems that finally there is a new energy to begin to address the barriers which have always prevented 1 in 5 people (yes it's AT LEAST that many!) from getting and joining in, let alone playing an active part & feeling at home in the shared 'Body' we claim we are.

It took a global pandemic to wake up to this, but in the last 2 years the church has moved forward about 100 years! We've finally got the memo that people aren't banging down the doors to join us! Where previously 'going digital' was unthinkable (except for the coolest & richest churches) now loads of us are at it in some form or another! Taking that step seems to have made more of us braver about what else we can creatively change so that whoever wants to be part of our faith communities actually can be!

This isn't a 'woke agenda' for a 'snowflake generation', this is about Doris. After 2 years shielding from the worst of COVID, she's become frailer (age does that!). Shutting her out now would be unthinkable. If she weren't able to sit comfortably with friends in her wheelchair, with her hearing aids, book light, magnifier & use of our roving mic so she can still read the Gospel, she would be put back into isolation again. She's even learned to Zoom (without the internet, via her landline) and was delighted that even if she's having a bad day, she can still do the prayers on Sunday, join the midweek groups & meetings, just as she has for the 40+ years she's been part of this church family. She's invaluable & we need her.

*(continued)*

At last we are learning that church wardens doing their backs in through mauling those lethal, temporary ramps in and out of doorways isn't the best way to send out the clarion cry that ALL ARE WELCOME! It just doesn't need to be that hard any more. We're being creative in how we use what we have, but most importantly we are getting better at enabling PEOPLE to be at the heart of where, how and why we gather. Even General Synod are talking about it!

It's never been easier to join this particular party. If you are part of a church or group in the Lichfield Diocese, just send an email to [enabling.church@anglican.org](mailto:enabling.church@anglican.org) and join the growing network of people who are brimming with stories and ideas to share what has worked for them. I am happy to come and visit your church/group if it helps you get that "spring" back into your step (or better yet, your ramped access!).

It's been a real slog over the last couple of years but now is the time to invest in the hope that really is beginning to 'spring eternal'! Not there yet? Join in with us - there's plenty to go around at last! *Zoe Heming (Enabling officer Lichfield Diocese)*

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## **Such Love**

My grateful thanks to everybody who has helped and supported Kath and me since my accident in September.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for your cards, letters and phone calls of news and encouragement.

Thank you for all Kath's lifts to hospital, church and shopping trips etc.

Thank you for your love.

Thank you for your continuing help now that I am home.

I thank God for each one of you.

I hope to be able to meet with you on a Sunday but at the moment I am carer-dependent in the mornings.

Psalm 30 v 2. "O Lord my God I called to you for help and you healed me."

To God be the Glory.

Such a great God. Such Love

*Mike Thompson*

## On their way again...

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Jigsaw Ministries are eagerly looking forward to the delivery of a brand new van, taxed and insured, and ready to get the team on their way again. They are very grateful for the wonderful response to their appeal for funds to replace their worn out 15-year old van that could no longer be repaired. Without a van the team are unable to visit and provide for the needs of 2000+ children and their families living in the poorest parts of Manila.

A lot of money is required to fund the wonderfully generous work done by the various Jigsaw ministry teams. Food boxes and medical supplies; education of children and young people; and the teaching of new skills, such as the Sewing at Home project that enables 800+ women to earn money to support their families; all require funding. To ensure a regular income and wise management of this money, Jigsaw needed a new accountant. In answer to prayer, Ate Flor, a retired accountant with good computing skills and 30 years experience working with Christian NGOs, has been appointed to oversee Jigsaw's finances.

Another area that requires a regular financial commitment is the Education Sponsorship scheme that enables needy children, who attend Jigsaw Kids' clubs, to go to school. Currently 76 students benefit from this scheme – some of whom continue to be supported when they graduate to college or university. Jigsaw's goal is to be able to sponsor 100 children in total, by the end of this year. If you would like to sponsor a child please contact Tim Lee: [jigsawkidsministries@gmail.com](mailto:jigsawkidsministries@gmail.com)

Due to Covid-19, some young people have had to interrupt their studies and find employment to help their family survive. Also, for the past two years schooling in the Philippines has been on-line only, during which time Jigsaw provided Tablets and Phones with prepaid internet access, to enable hundreds of children to continue their studies. Every week Jigsaw also supplies 2000+ age-related Home Packs containing a Bible Study, craft ideas, crayons and pens, writing and numerical skills activities, and nourishing food for each child. A spin-off benefit of this scheme is that parents watching the children working have learned things themselves. Praise the Lord for the many ways in which He enables Jigsaw to help so many people 'on their way again' to a better life, with Jesus at their side. *Elizabeth*

## The Real Easter Egg

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The Real Easter Egg celebrates its 12th year with an invitation to 'Let's Celebrate'! For the first time since the pandemic began, churches and communities across the UK will be coming together to celebrate Easter as restrictions are relaxed. So, no wonder that the theme for the Real Easter Egg this year is 'Let's Celebrate'

The Real Easter Egg was created in 2010 as a way for churches, groups and individuals to share the Easter story while supporting Fairtrade. 12 years on, it has a network of thousands of churches and supports. More than three million people have read the Easter Stories and it has raised more than £320,000 for good causes. All Real Easter Eggs are made of Fairtrade chocolate, and come with an Easter story in the box. They are Palm oil free and plastic free.

Because of the continued effects of the pandemic, it is more important than ever that we find ways to share the Easter story in 2022 and support producers. The Real Easter Egg is a proven way to do this. When shopping day-to-day I would like you to consider the following

- When you buy something, do you ever think how the item you are buying has been made?
- Has it been made possibly using slavery or child labour?

Traidcraft is campaigning to put an end to such business practices which exploit people for profit. It works with producers in 30 different countries all over the world enabling many farmers to work their way out of poverty. Would you like to support by buying items this year to support them? If yes, then here is a suggestion...

Would you like a Real Easter Egg with a 24 page Easter story activity book ?

I have them in stock at £5.

I also have some really lovely Easter cards. Please get in touch if you would like a catalogue.

Fair Trade/Traidcraft- Ruth Wilson tel number 815275

We tend to focus on very special days, like birthdays, or major festival days. The ordinariness and routine of the other days tends to mean that we treat them too casually.

The word “today” appears more than two hundred times in the New International Version of the Bible. Many simply add a historical moment to a particular event. Others are so well known that we hardly notice them. For example, how often have we said the Lord’s Prayer without even noticing that we pray “Give us today our daily bread”?

Every day is a new beginning. If we brought this to mind early each day it might just influence the way we live through the day. Bishop Thomas Ken reminds us of this truth in the first verse of his famous poem and hymn *“Awake my soul and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run”* There’s nothing like a fresh start to revive our enthusiasm to do better. Today is the beginning of the rest of our life.

There is a second, perhaps more challenging way of regarding this present day. Whilst today may be the first day of the rest of our life it could also be our last day. In the next verse of his hymn Thomas Ken reminds us of this, *“Redeem thy mis-spent time that’s past and live this day as if thy last”*.

Whether we regard today as the first day of the rest of our life, or with the potential of it being the day of our death, both ideas challenge us to live in the present as fully as we can, in faith hope and love. We need to hear God’s voice today (see Psalm 95:7), and we need to respond to His loving guidance on our lives today. We can only do this in the present moment. We can only do this now.

*Roger M. Vaughan*

## The Steep and Narrow Path

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We enjoy walking and like doing sections of long-distance paths. The Two Saints Way goes through the centre of Stone, so we have been able to do several chunks of that path. A path that is for holidays is the Welsh Coastal Path and what a diverse and interesting path that is! We have walked the beautiful section near Porthmadog many times and never failed to enjoy that lovely diverse seaside walk. Another, very different, section of the coastal walk runs around the Llŷn Peninsula. This section has long stretches of steep cliff walking. We were delighted when we were able to have a week in a remote cottage not far from Aberdaron and to be in an unfamiliar area.

While walking on the coastal path we found ourselves on a very narrow section, we had not seen the wider bypass path, further from the cliff. At first the path was easy going with spectacular views across the sea, then more vegetation invaded the narrow track, next it became very steep. Soon we found ourselves scrambling up rocks, how glad I was of the helping hand stretched out to help me and how good the guidance of where to put my feet and the encouragement to keep going. Suddenly we were at the top amidst the heather and swards of grass. How easy it would have been to give up and perhaps try to go back but what a reward awaited when we were at the top!

I know hill walking is not for everyone, but it reminded me that there are many difficulties we all face and how Jesus is there to guide us and help us. Remember the old chorus When the road is Rough and Steep, fix your eyes upon Jesus. Good advice for us all. *Enid*

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### Missing Letters

Here are some well-known Bible (NIV) verses, with every other letter missing. Can you complete them?

Froslvdhwr dhteaeioenolSnhtheebleeihmhInteihuhveenlie

IteeinnwshWradhWrwsiohadhWrwso

JssnwrdateaadhtuhnteieoncmsohFteecptruhe

# Groups and Rotas

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| <b>Deanery Synod Reps</b>  | Helen Bowes, Dave Rowlands   |
| <b>P.C.C. Members</b>      | Pete Kelly, Estella Woodhead, Anne Smith,<br>Marylyn Hillman, Diane Aspey, Liz Mason<br>Phil Tunstall, Andy Stone, Shelagh Sanders |
| <b>Secretary</b>           | Shelagh Sanders  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>           | Pete Kelly   |
| <b>Envelopes, Gift Aid</b> | Richard Latos  |

## BAPTISM

27th February Benjamin James Washington

## FUNERAL

3rd March Ivy Alice Anne Brassington Age 98

## FLOWER ROTA

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| 3rd April  | Lent         |
| 10th April | Lent         |
| 17th April | Flower Guild |
| 24th April | Flower Guild |

## SIDESPERSIONS

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| Jacqueline Abrahams |
| Judith Kelt         |
| Pete Kelly          |
| Pam Roberts         |

## ROADS FOR PRAYER

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| <b>3rd April</b>  | <b>10th April</b> |
| Kent Grove        | Mount Road        |
| Meaford Avenue    | Mount Street      |
| Mount Avenue      | Old Road          |
| Mount Crescent    | Stonefield Court  |
| <b>17th April</b> | <b>24th April</b> |
| Stonefield Square | Alma Street       |
| Victor Street     | Bromfield Court   |
| Victoria Street   | Dominic Court     |
| Whitebridge Lane  | Granville Terrace |

