

Christ Church and People

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	Date	Time	Events (Zoom codes in weekly email)
Sat	1st	8:30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	2nd	9:15 am	Morning Prayer John 12:12-19 "Triumphal entry"
Mon	3rd		
Tue	4th	10:30 am 2:00 pm	Communion Isaiah 52:13-15, Matt 21:1-11 "Come and die" Autumn House service
Wed	5th		
Thu	6th	11:00 am 7:30 pm	St Mary's Home service Maundy Thursday service at Oulton, John 13:1-17
Fri	7th	10:00 am 10:45 am 7:00 pm	Children's Easter crafts Joint service, John 19:28-37 "It is finished" Hot cross buns afterwards Meditation on Christ's Passion
Sat	8th		
Sun	9th	9:15 am	Easter Communion, John 20:1-9 "Empty tomb"
Mon	10th		Setting up holiday club
Tue	11th	1:30 pm	Holiday Club
Wed	12th	1:30 pm	Holiday Club
Thu	13th	1:30 pm	Holiday Club
Fri	14th	1:30 pm	Holiday Club
Sat	15th		

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	Date	Time	Events
Sun	16th	9:15 am	Holiday Club service
Mon	17th	9:30 am	Toddler group
Tue	18th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Communion, Revelation 1:4-8 "Future hope" Pursuit Club
Wed	19th	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	20th	1:10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	21st		
Sat	22nd		
Sun	23rd	9:15 am 4:00 pm	Communion John 20:19-23 "Jesus appears to his disciples" Annual Parochial Church meeting
Mon	24th	9:30 am	Toddler group
Tue	25th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Communion Pursuit Club
Wed	26th	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	27th	1:10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	28th		
Sat	29th		
Sun	30th	9:15 am	Morning Prayer John 20:24-31 "Jesus appears to Thomas"

Meeting (with the risen) Jesus

Meeting with Jesus is what Easter is all about. But it isn't simply a historic event in the sense of being in the past rather than something that happens in the present.

At one of our schools, we have a beautifully simple phrase that the school says together. It's simple and profound, rather than simplistic. The words we use when we gather for an assembly, before our team bring another Bible story to act out for the school (using the scheme called '*Open The Book*', courtesy of The Bible Society), have an important lesson to remember. The words as the assembly starts are as follows:

'With gladness are we gathered, to meet together here.

With Jesus in the midst of us, unseen but very near. Amen.'

[Used at Christ Church First School].

It's an easily memorable introduction to worship. Some might dismiss it as a quaint ditty to reel off each time just to let everyone know we are starting. It does let everyone know. But it is so much more important than that! For it reminds us of the joyful news of Easter that he is alive, and we can still meet with him today. Let me explain.

The first disciples got a very big shock. On the third day after Jesus had died, it was resurrection day! Jesus was very



definitely dead since the soldiers had checked, and they were experts at executions. Jesus was very definitely buried in a tomb, as the huge stone covering the entrance ensured and the special Roman seal and guards posted prevented tampering. But Jesus was very definitely alive! It wasn't resuscitation or revivification.

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Meeting (with the risen) Jesus

It was a resurrection! The great privilege for Mary of meeting Jesus was to be able to declare: 'I have seen the Lord!' (John 20v18). The rest of the disciples were also eyewitnesses of the risen Jesus and told Thomas (the one missing disciple) about this: '*We have seen the Lord!*' (John 20v25). Thomas himself was sceptical about what they said and wanted to see and touch Jesus for himself. On meeting the risen Jesus, he said: '*My Lord and my God!*' (John 20v28).

So, our short whole school introduction reminds us of a profound truth. We can meet with Jesus today because he rose again and lives forever. Is this something that you truly and genuinely believe? Will you consider the eyewitness testimonies? Will you come and join in our Easter events (see the cards posted in the parish detailing them). For it has huge implications in terms of daily life following him.

It's for this reason that we can join in asking for God's blessing as the fruit of such trust in him as used at the end of the school assemblies: 'May God's love surround us; may God's joy be in our lives; and may God's peace be in our hearts. Amen.'

Paul Kingman

Magazine email

The new address for the magazine is
magazine@christchurchstone.org

The old Yahoo address will no longer be used

'JUNIOR HEROES' is the theme for our next Holiday Club to be held 10th - 16th April this year

We will be looking at the lives and achievements of children in the Bible: Samuel in the Temple; the Boy who gave Jesus his lunch; David – the giantkiller; the servant girl who helped Naaman the leper: and Josiah who became king at the age of 9.

Please pray for

- God's guidance, inspiration, and protection for Peter Cuthbert and Sue Kingman, who together with 20+ helpers, are busy preparing to take on several different roles during the week.
- A good response from children and parents, to the banner on the church wall and leaflets advertising Holiday Club to be distributed through the schools, on the church website, and by hand to other families
- Parents that are not yet connected with Christ Church to feel comfortable about registering their children for Holiday Club, and eager to continue bringing the children to church afterwards.

Further prayer requests will be distributed during the weeks preceding Holiday Club.

Thank you on behalf of the 'Junior Heroes' Team

Elizabeth

What is Junior Heroes Holiday Club?

Junior Heroes Holiday Club is a 4-day fun event for children aged 5 – 11 years run by volunteers from Christ Church, Stone and Oulton Church. We aim to teach the children some basic Christian values whilst having a great time together. To get the most out of it, the children are encouraged to come on all four afternoons, as the event follows a programme of Bible teaching and drama that follows through as the Club progresses, but children can also join in for shorter periods if they can't come every day.

The children can be safely left in our care; all volunteers have DBS certificates and parents are not required to stay. Each child will be placed into a small group, based on age, with dedicated leaders who will be responsible for him or her throughout the afternoon. However, not all of the time is spent in this small group, as there are some activities that all the children participate in together. During a typical afternoon we will have times of singing action songs, doing quizzes, learning together from drama, puppets and activity sheets, making things, playing games, and having refreshments. There is no time to be bored!

The Club culminates in a special Holiday Club service at Christ Church on the Sunday morning, preceded by a breakfast to which all family members are invited. During this service we will review what the children have learnt and get a flavour of the fun they have been having during the week. We do hope that your children would like to be part of this adventure!

If you have any questions, please ring the Church Office on 01785 811990 or Sue Kingman on 01785 812669 who will be happy to answer them. We understand that some families may be struggling financially, which is why we have kept the cost low, but if you have several children attending, please contact us via office@christchurchstone.org, and we will see what we can do to help.

Reflecting on our work as Chaplaincy Volunteers

On Tuesday 7th March I, along with about 15 others, attended a time of Fellowship and Reflection in the Chapel at Royal Stoke. As we had not met in this way since before the C-19 Pandemic it was an opportunity to reconnect with fellow Chaplaincy Volunteers. We were a mix of people currently working, returners after the pandemic and some new Volunteers.

We started by thinking about our hopes, reflecting on how seeds when planted need attention and nurturing to help them to flourish. Much the same is true about our hopes, especially in dark times.

Then we had a presentation on a method of "Reflective Practice" which involves taking time to think about our actions, consider how things went and could have been different. The aim of the process is to learn continuously how we can respond better next time we come into a similar situation and to grow in our understanding of patient experience, improve our ability to respond and develop our compassion and empathy. We then engaged in a reflective practise exercise using real encounters with patients or others. In the feedback we learned a lot about ways in which we can meet patients needs more effectively. Examples being... how little things can matter such a lot; how communication, especially with family, matters a great deal; how apparently similar situations can result in very different encounters and how memory loss in some patients can complicate our time spent with them.

It was encouraging to hear how our work fitted into the bigger picture of the hospital network in caring for the whole person and being made aware of some of the national guidelines under which we function. We were reminded of the SPaRC Day on 10th May when all are invited to come along and meet the Chaplaincy Team in the Atrium (which I've written about previously).

Our fellowship concluded with a closing thought and reflection.

Dave Rowlands

	Mission Prayer Diary
	<i>Church Mission Society</i>
1st	Mission partner Anna Sims prays and reads the Bible with female prisoners in Lima, Peru. Pray for God to inspire Anna's thoughts, words and actions when meeting with prisoners
2nd	Mission partner Sue Browning ministers in the prison at Moyo, Uganda, alongside working as a lecturer at Kajo-Keji Christian College in South Sudan. Sue writes that many prisoners ask for prayer and are eager to read the Bible
3rd	"Please pray for transformation for the many prisoners taking the Alpha Course", writes Malcolm Pritchard, tutor at Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu, Uganda
4th	I and S, mission partners in SE Asia, lead an international congregation. With a group from the church, I visits international prisoners. Pray for God's light to shine in this dark environment
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia</i>
5th	Easter provides an opportunity and theme for outreach and concerts, pray that street events will go well and draw people into regular church activities
6th	Pray for the new church at Novi Marof and for the expansion of the church at Varazdin. It is important to have local churches for people to attend
7th	Croatian and Albanian churches have depended for many years upon financial support from western Europe but now have many local pastors who have completed training. Pray that congregations will be able to support their local ministers financially and in church activities
8th	Give thanks for Adriatik and Bledi who joined the reborn Albanian church in the 1990's after the fall of communism, and are now church leaders in Vienna and Patos

	<i>TearFund works with many poor communities across the world. They especially work through local churches and agencies</i>
9th	Tear Fund partner in Burundi, “Help Channel” supports poor people starting their own micro-businesses. Angelique was given money to buy a small plot of land and now sells crops that she grows. Angelique can now send her children to school
10th	Help Channel has set up self-help groups that meet each week to support each other financially and through prayer. Claudine said, “When one of the group is ill, other members of the self-help group go and plough the field. Pray that more people will be able to support their neighbours in this way
11th	After his Dad died, Sataire became a violent drunk and his wife left him. After joining Help Channel, he said, “My wife is back at home and she is proud of me and I am proud of how I am trying to become a better man for my wife and kids”
12th	2 billion people do not have regular bin collections and must dump or burn their rubbish. Pray for Tear Fund’s Bin-twinning scheme which supports projects in countries from Nepal to Haiti, setting up bin collections and recycling
	<i>Our CMS Link Missionaries Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Please pray-</i>
13th	The new van is in action! Pray about all the collections of food, deliveries of weekly bags to street families, and all the other activities that are van-dependent
14th	“Jigsaw at home” has enabled many of Jigsaw’s ministries to continue through the pandemic by weekly distribution of weekly packs, doorstep visits and online support
15th	100 children have received education through sponsorship
16th	IT equipment (tablets etc) is being provided so that poor families can access Bible passages and children can learn while unable to attend schools

	<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.</i>
17th	Although supplies of Bible portions are plentiful, the workers are few and J&R have a large territory to cover from the south where they live, to the north of Botswana close to Zimbabwe. Pray for
18th	J&R hope to be able to retire in 2023 but this is now looking difficult due to lack of funds to pay for somewhere to live. Pray that a house can be built cheaply and quickly on the plot of land they
19th	J&R are looking for other mission workers to continue the work that they are doing in schools and colleges.. Pray that this will be picked up by colleagues
20th	Pray for the work in schools and churches among young people and families, promoting marriage and living God’s way
	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements.</i>
21st	Praise God for the life of Nepao, a man whose house collapsed on him. Give thanks for our Papua New Guinea team who flew him to hospital, saving a two-day overland journey which he probably wouldn’t have survived
22nd	In Tanzania our regular safari flights enable hundreds of mothers and their babies to receive essential vaccinations and health checks. Pray that mothers and children will stay healthy and free
23rd	Pray for MAF’s partnership with CURE International’s hospitals in Kenya. By working together, MAF and CURE bring medical help to people coping with illness and disability in remote communities
24th	The crowd was cheering when they saw the plane. Give thanks that through MAF the remote community in Dusin PNG can receive essential supplies and life-giving medicine for the new Nazarene Health Services centre which will serve the people of this area for years to come

	<i>The Bible Society is working in Algeria</i>
25th	Sakina is 70 years old and illiterate but she recently came to know Jesus after listening to the Scriptures in the Kabyle (Berber) language through a Megavoice electronic device provided by the Bible-a-Month Club
26th	Thank God for those who lead Bible work in Algeria. Pray that they will be protected and given strength in a difficult mission field
27th	Pray for the Church in Algeria; pray for unity among different congregations
28th	Pray for the political situation; a recent change in the Algerian Constitution saw a freedom of worship clause abandoned. Ask God that Christians will be free to worship and witness to others
29th	The Bible-a-month club provides thousands of print and electronic Bibles to churches in Algeria, and enables young people to engage with the Scriptures through outdoor activities
30th	Pray for the Publishing Team in Egypt as they develop all things digital to make God's Word easily understandable and electronically accessible to all. Pray for progress in the building of a huge Digital Hub (a server with an indexed digital media library) that will link all of our Scripture resources to any word in the Bible. We hope soon to complete our own Arabic Bible App, rich in features that will facilitate extensive Bible engagement. This App will also host our Colloquial Egyptian Translation.

In his pattern for prayer Jesus taught us to begin our relationship with God using the words "Our Father". (Matthew 6:9). Because we use the "Lord's Prayer" so often we can easily take those two introductory words for granted.

Our relationship with our human parents changes as we grow up. As infants and then young children we rely upon the care and protection that our parents provide. The psalmist writes about his relationship with God with these words "*I cling to you; your right hand upholds me*". (Psalm 63:9) As I read those words I am reminded of the strong, protective grasp of my Dad's hand when we encountered busy traffic in town.

However, as our teenage desire for independence grows, our parents may seem less loving as they try to discipline us. The writer to the Hebrews expresses this clearly (from Hebrews 12:7-11) "*For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all....they (our parents) disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness*".

As we look back in adult life, we see that the reason underlying the painful restrictions and discipline from our parents in our teenage years was their loving desire for our own ultimate good and happiness.

I left school and immediately spent a "gap year" working in the rolling mill of a steel works near Sheffield. When I returned home as a young adult my relationship with my Dad had changed yet again. Now we enjoyed a pint together and although he was still my father we were more like companions. The word "companion" is derived from two Latin words "com" and "panis", which literally mean "with bread".

Holy Communion is at the heart of Christian worship where we share bread and wine, as our Lord commanded us. In Communion God our Father is indeed our "companion".

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Towards the end of their lives parents sometimes rely on their children for support. Our heavenly Father guides and trusts us to carry on His work for the Kingdom in our own small way. So we see that our loving relationship with God summed up in those two memorable words "Our Father, can be worked out in our lives in several different ways.

However the comparison must not be pressed too far. In the first place Our Heavenly Father is not constrained by the passage of time. He can be "Our father" for us in any of the four ways I have illustrated at any time. For example, He can discipline us when we go wrong, and at the very same time guide us by his Holy Spirit to some positive kingdom building action and, if the task is difficult, we may well sense his "*right hand upholding us*" (Psalm 63:8).

Secondly, Jesus told us to start our prayers saying "Our Father", not "my Father". The word "our" is hugely significant. When siblings meet together they talk about "our" mum or dad. When we pray or meet together as Christians we acknowledge that we are indeed members of a wonderful earthly and heavenly family as we say

"Our Father, who art in Heaven"

Roger

Children's Society Boxes

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Society through the box collection. £293 -87p has been sent to the Society towards their valuable work with vulnerable children in the UK.

Despite all the hardships 2020/21 presented, in total House Box Networks still managed to raise an amazing £760,000 to help vulnerable children in this country.

Thanks to your contribution we were able to support both young people and carers in the UK.

If you would like a House Box please let me know.

Sandra Morray

For the past 20 years Jigsaw Kids Ministries have been sharing God's love with impoverished children and needy families living in the slums, and on the streets, of Metro Manila. During this time, thousands of children, some with disabilities, others without family to care for them, have had their lives changed dramatically – physically, spiritually and socially. Surrounded by God's love many of these children have also come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Looking ahead, Jigsaw is preparing for another 20 years of sharing God's love with even more children and families living in extreme poverty in Metro Manila. One of Jigsaw's priorities is to engage more fully in community education and advocacy. A particular challenge is online child sexual abuse. Many of the children who come to Jigsaw's clubs are in danger of being caught up in this dreadful practice.

In order to achieve these goals and fulfil their vision, Jigsaw needs our help and continued support. **'Jigsaw's affordable giving campaign'** is one way in which the Jigsaw team hopes to increase the number of individuals willing to give an affordable gift of £5 or more per month. If each of their 10 supporting churches could find 10–15 new individuals willing to join this scheme, then Jigsaw would be able to continue its regular and emergency work, as well as expanding to serve the increasing number of children being pushed into extreme poverty, with all the terrible risks and suffering this brings for them and their families.

If you are able to help Jigsaw fulfil their vision for the future, please visit Jigsaw's website for more details: <https://www.jigsawkidsministriesuk.com/new-supporters-campaign>

Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 19 vs. 14

(Article based on an email from Tim & Kate Lee, received 23.02.2023)
Elizabeth

Transform Trade is the new name for the Fairtrade charity. Each April, until 2021 Ruth made a payment to the charity. This was from any profit made on the sale of Traidcraft goods , together with other donations she'd received.

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning at Oulton Village Hall on 27th February. It was also the first day of Fairtrade Fortnight & gave us the opportunity to talk about the work of Transform Trade. Ruth has sent £200 to the charity, including £180 from the Coffee Morning. Another Coffee Morning will be held in the summer.

At the beginning of March, Transform Trade launched The Producer Fund. The fund will support small producers & social enterprises in the developing world. This is in response to the closure of Traidcraft. In 2018, when Traidcraft downsized, 33 producer groups were supported. All are thriving in 2023. Kazi Yetu who supplied Traidcraft's own brand tea was one of these groups. The fund will invest in things such as equipment, training, product development & access to new markets. Sadhna , a garment business in Rajasthan, employs women artisans from some of the most vulnerable backgrounds in India. It's one of the inspirational businesses that will receive investment through the Producer Fund.

If you would like to support Transform Trade, a donation page has been set up on the website transform-trade.org.uk

Sheila

The God of "Sense"

A number of years ago I was inspired to write some verses as titled above which I adapted and used recently as part of the prayers in church. It was suggested by someone at that service that I reproduce them in the magazine... So here goes...

Jesus, that word Your name, it brings to me
Excruciating joy and pain
So subtly infused together –
That word, Your name.

When I awake to yet another day,
I praise You for Your grace and goodness.
You show Your love in many, many ways,
And will continue so to do for all my days.

And when I think of you my LORD,
Such beauty scarce can I conceive.
I realise that all I have is Yours –
In generosity You give me what I need.

You give me **senses** to engage with life.
Please let me use them all to know You better –
To know Your love, Your mercy and Your grace,
That I may help to make Your world a Godly place.

When I **taste** You in the bread and wine,
I once again remember life so fine,
You bought for me at such immeasurable cost

As I read Your word each day, O LORD,
Please let me hear You speak to me so clear –
Not what I want to hear, but what You say,
To point my life more clearly on Your way.

I long to draw much closer to You LORD,
To touch You and from You receive,
In body, mind and spirit; let me live
Life in abundance that You long to give

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The God of "Sense"

My sense of smell reminds me too,
Of good yet simple things which come from You –
Roast dinners, cut grass and Branston Pickle,
Jesus, keep me firm and true, and not so fickle.

When one day I see You face to face,
I'll see the maker of the universe –
Of macro- and of micro-scopic all
Outside my comprehension such design and power.

At end of day and as I go to sleep,
I thank You Jesus for the day that's past.
For all the things that make You real to me,
And once again confirm I'm in Your hands.

Dave Rowlands

The Revd Zoe Heming represented the Church of England's General Synod at an historic gathering with The King.

Representatives from 27 organisations gathered at Buckingham Palace to present their Loyal Greetings to The King. Together, these organisations which have helped shape the UK's diverse society are known as The Privileged Bodies. This long-held tradition dates back as far as the seventeenth century and takes place to mark significant Royal occasions.

As well as serving as a Lichfield Diocese clergy representative on General Synod, where she also chairs debates, Zoe is Vicar of St Andrew's in Church Aston, Shropshire, and the diocese's Enabling Church Advisor.

"It was such a privilege to be part of the General Synod delegation hosted by the King at Buckingham Palace with others involved in public life," said Zoe. "It was heartening to hear so many affirming their commitment to working together to face the Climate Crisis and improve equality, diversity and greater inclusion of all citizens in our work for the good of the many."

The Privileged Bodies are culturally significant organisations and institutions that reflect the United Kingdom's diverse society, drawn from the education sector, as well as incorporating science, arts, and religious institutions. Traditionally, the Privileged Bodies are given the opportunity to present Loyal Addresses to the Monarch, representing the key role they play in British society. This year, to mark His Majesty's Accession, the 27 Privileged Bodies presented their Loyal Addresses to The King, serving to emphasise and reaffirm their loyalty to the Monarch.

As part of the upcoming Coronation celebrations, Churches and communities across the country are invited to take part in the Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7 May and the Big Help Out, focusing on community volunteering on Bank Holiday Monday 8 May.

(Lichfield Diocese)

I like eggs they are such a wonderful versatile food (apologies to those who are allergic to eggs or vegan) for breakfast; you can have poached, boiled, fried or scrambled eggs to name just a few. Maybe you remember the old advert "go to work on an egg". Later in the day you might eat omelettes, frittatas, pancakes, souffles flans, quiches and so on not to mention finishing off with meringue, egg custard or a nice Victoria sandwich. There are so many places you can buy eggs: the supermarket, the greengrocer, farm shops or stalls by the road.

Once, many years ago, a neighbour (who has long since left Stone) came to my house and asked to borrow an egg as she had run out while doing some baking. I did not have an egg to give her. I was rather ashamed I could not help her out and from that day I resolved not to run out of eggs and is rarely since then that my "egg hen" does not contain an egg.

I was not ready for my neighbour's request, neither of us had the eggs we might have needed but we all need to be ready for the King of Kings.

Enid

Matthew 25:1-14

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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FLOWER ROTA

2nd April	Lent
9th April	Flower Guild
16th April	Flower Guild
23rd April	Mrs J. Rowlands
30th April	

SIDESPERSONS

Judith Kelt
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ROADS FOR PRAYER

2nd April	9th April	16th April
Chestnut Grove	Kent Grove	Mount Road
Edward Street	Meaford Avenue	Mount Street
Field Terrace	Mount Avenue	Old Road
Field House Court	Mount Crescent	Stonefield Court
23rd April	30th April	
Stonefield Square	Alma Street	
Victor Street	Bromfield Court	
Victoria Street	Granville Terrace	
Whitebridge Lane	Dominic Court	





POW!

**JUNIOR HEROES
HOLIDAY CLUB!**

BANG

**A 4-DAY FUN ADVENTURE WITH GAMES,
SONGS, CRAFTS, PUPPETS, AND DRAMA
FEATURING YOUNG HEROES
IN THE BIBLE!**

CHRIST CHURCH CENTRE, STONE
1:30-4:00PM, 11TH-14TH APR 2023
FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 6
HOLIDAY CLUB BREAKFAST SERVICE: 9:15AM SUNDAY 16TH APRIL
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