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	Date	Time	Events (Zoom codes in weekly email)
Sun	1st	9.15 am	Communion; Genesis 2: 4-25 "Created"
Mon	2nd	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	3rd	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Psalm 139 "The Lord knows us" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	4th	9.00 am 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	5th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	6th		
Sat	7th	8.30 am 7.00 pm	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast The Big Quiz
Sun	8th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer; Harvest Service Genesis 3: "Working up a sweat" Christianity Explored course (1 of 7)
Mon	9th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	10th	10.30 am 12.30 pm 2.00 pm	Communion; Psalm 146 "Praise the Lord" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy Autumn House service
Wed	11th	9.00 am 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	12th	11.00 am 1.10 pm	St Mary's Home service Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	13th		
Sat	14th		
Sun	15th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Communion; Jeremiah 18: 1-18: "At the Potter's house" Christianity Explored course (2 of 7)

October 2023

	Date	Time	Events
Mon	16th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	17th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Matthew 5: 13-16 "Witness" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	18th	9.00 am 2.00 pm 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Oulton Abbey Nursing Home service Trekks
Thu	19th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	20th	10.45 am	Christ Church Academy Harvest service
Sat	21st		
Sun	22nd	9.15 am 5.00 pm	All age service; Daniel 2: 17-45 "Feet of clay" Christianity Explored course (3 of 7)
Mon	23rd	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	24th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Matthew 7: 24-27 "Wisdom" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	25th	9.00 am 3.30 pm 7.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks Standing Committee
Thu	26th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	27th		
Sat	28th		
Sun	29th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer; Isaiah 45: 1-25 "Creator and created" Christianity Explored course (4 of 7)
Mon	30th		SCHOOLS HALF TERM
Tue	31st	10.30 am	Communion; Matthew 9: 14-17 "Wine"

The fields are white for harvest...

If you travel around Staffordshire, you will have the pleasure of seeing some fabulous countryside. The same view through the seasons is an ever-changing canvas of colour and sights. But it is exciting to see fields ready for harvest. It is to the farmer's delight that the crop reaches maturity as evidenced by the colour change from yellow to an almost white looking field. It is not the week for the farmer to go on holiday; it is time to act swiftly!

Following the life changing meeting that a woman had with Jesus by a well, his disciples turned up. They were surprised to find Jesus talking to the woman and concerned that Jesus hadn't eaten. When Jesus said he had food they knew nothing about, they wondered where did he get food from? Where did he get his strength and satisfaction from? Jesus then said: *'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest'* [John 4v34-35]. So, Jesus found satisfaction in not only starting the work God had given but finishing it.

The harvest is a common Biblical theme associated with the Kingdom of God. 'White for harvest' means ripe or ready for harvest. Jesus wanted his disciples to understand the urgency and immediate opportunity of his mission. People who were hungry for the truth, ready to receive salvation, were coming. So, they needed to throw their weight behind the harvesting effort without delay. They would find the work satisfying, they would know that their harvesting would be rewarded, that the results would last forever and lead to great joy.



Rather like the disciples we are often so busy with everyday earthly needs like rest and food, that we forget to lift our eyes and consider those who long to know the life Jesus brings. It's time to lift our eyes and ask the Lord of the harvest to bring in his harvest.

Paul Kingman

We all get one life to live and deep down we're all asking the same question – what's it all about?

'Christianity Explored' gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing
- You can ask any question you want, or just listen

Everyone is welcome: from the most sympathetic dyed-in-the-wool churchgoer to the convinced atheist. We will respect your background, culture and beliefs, and you can tell us as little or as much about yourself as you feel comfortable.

Our aim is to help people investigate Christianity in a relaxed and accessible way, and we encourage guests to come with their questions. In just a few weeks we won't be able to cover everything, but many people have found the course to be a good introduction to the big issues. You will also get a chance to take away and read one of the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life over the duration of a course, and there are options for further investigation afterwards if you find you are still interested. Who was Jesus? Why did he come? What does it mean to follow him? These are crucial questions to explore.

When? Sundays at 5pm from 8th October (seven weeks).

Where? Christ Church Vicarage, Bromfield Court, Stone ST15 8ED.

Contact? Speak to Revd Paul Kingman (01785 812669).

More information: see the website <http://www.christianityexplored.org>



CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED

As many of you now know, I have about 6 weeks ago been appointed as a Voluntary Probationary Waterways Chaplain. I am very excited about this new role and opportunity. Having now lived in Stone for ten years now and walked along the towpath almost every day with our dogs it seemed a very good way to spend time with the boaters and those who use the canal network.

What is a Waterways Chaplain?

- Waterways Chaplains offer support to those who use and live on the UK's waterways and canals.
- Chaplains are volunteers from local churches who regularly visit the waterways, offering companionship and a listening ear to individuals and businesses.
- Chaplains are interested in whoever they meet, be they boaters, cyclists, walkers, runners, anglers or canal workers.
- Chaplains share with people in good and bad times. They support and encourage everyone regardless of religion, orientation or race and are always happy to offer practical and spiritual help.
- The Waterways Chaplaincy is developing a national network extending into both rural and urban communities
- It operates as an independent ecumenical ministry, within the family of the Church Army, who provide accountability and administrative support.

What I am doing?

At the moment I am walking the towpath, getting to know people and making helpful contacts so I can be of help when needed. I am learning lots and enjoying talking and listening. The organisation is very friendly and it is great being part of the waterways community. As time goes on I will no doubt be able to let you know about what is happening locally.

Please pray for this work – the canal in Stone is at the heart of our town.

Helen



Take Time to Pray

'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you' 1 Thess. 5:16-18



WEEK 1: Harvest Festival:

Praise God and give thanks for the abundance of food we enjoy; for the farmers who supply us with food; for Food Banks and Food Co-operatives; volunteer organisations, such as the 'Hub' in Stone. Further afield, Aid agencies such as **food.gives** provide basic food items, such as E-Pap®, rice and salt, to people facing starvation due to failure of crops, or to refugees forced to live in makeshift camps.

'Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.' Exodus 23:16b

Please pray for

- Generosity when giving Harvest gifts of food and money to local Food Banks or to international Aid agencies such as Tear Fund.
- Reliable provision of food for people who are starving due to crop failure or displacement from their land
- Better management of food wastage in our homes, in shops, and on farms where there is a shortage of field workers
- The Stone Community Hub, that supplies groceries, and hot meals made with leftover food from supermarkets, to people who can't afford to buy food or turn on a cooker to heat their food.
- Cessation of Russian blockade at Ukrainian ports that is causing food shortages across the world, especially for people who are starving in Central Africa and the Middle East



WEEK 2: Tearfund:

Praise God and give thanks for the various campaigns run by Tearfund through local churches to help individuals and whole communities become more resilient and productive. Visit tearfund.org for further information.

Please pray for

- The Big Quiz Night on Saturday 7th October; our Benefice Harvest Celebration, financially supporting the work of Tearfund.
- Tearfund's week of Prayer and Action (29th Oct. – 4th Nov.) focussing on the world's rubbish problem and global negotiations for a legally binding Plastics Treaty, to cut pollution of oceans and land areas
- Safer ways to dispose of rubbish, especially plastics. Protection from illness and alternative ways of earning an income, for people forced to live and work among piles of waste products
- Other Tearfund campaigns focussing on Climate Change; Conflict Resolution; and Church and Community Transformation



WEEK 3: Our Mission Partners – Paul & Elizabeth Makau:

For the past year they have worked with Africa Inland Missions (AIM) and Africa Inland Churches (AIC) to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with unreached people and people of other faiths in North Kenya. Here, the land is dry and difficult to cultivate. Many of the people lead a nomadic life; some live in townships and small villages.

During the summer, Paul and Elizabeth and the twins visited their supporting churches in the UK; Daniel and Grace joined with other young Christians for a week at a Nefyn Camp, run by the Urban Saints.

Please pray for:

- Time and energy to complete their studies and dissertations: Paul - PhD and Elizabeth – Masters in Evangelism and Discipleship
- Daniel and Grace, to feel settled and keen to continue their studies at Rift Valley Academy, a Christian boarding school in central Kenya.
- Leaders from local Africa Inland Churches to engage willingly with the Diploma in Missions (Islam and General options) course written and taught by Paul at the Africa Inland University in Nairobi
- More trained people to witness to indigenous people, including Muslims, living in outlying areas of northern Kenya.
- More financial support for Paul & Elizabeth as they have a shortfall in their budget this year



WEEK 4: Leprosy Mission:

Praise God and give thanks for volunteer speakers such as Guy Wilcox who gave us an overview of the work of the Leprosy Mission when he visited Christ Church at the end of September. Millions of people are affected by leprosy with more than 200,000 new cases diagnosed globally each year, at least half of which occur in India.

Please pray for:

- Protection of Leprosy Mission teams working in countries torn apart by cruel dictatorships or terrorist groups
- Change in attitude and greater understanding by family, friends, and other people who fear association with anyone with leprosy
- Abolishment of laws that give communities the right to force those suffering leprosy out of their homes and villages
- Employment rights for people with leprosy so they can find work and earn money to support themselves and their families
- Researchers and doctors to develop new medicines and treatments



WEEK 5: FEBA Radio

Feba UK is a Christian mission agency focused on the creative use of radio and other audio media to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ. Feba UK partners with other media agencies across Africa, Asia and the Middle East with a particular focus on 'closed' countries and places where it is difficult to be a Christian, for fear of persecution and death.

Please pray for:

- Marginalised groups and isolated individuals, that they will benefit from a daily shortwave radio programme that provides news, health advice, and the Gospel, in various local dialects
- Hearts and minds of young people to be open to receive the truth of daily audio and text Gospel and Bible messages, delivered on their social media channels.

The information provided and points for prayer can be used by an individual, or by a group of people meeting for prayer and fellowship.

Prayers that Encircle the World

Both Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and Barnabas Aid invite you to pray for specific issues, in partnership with Mission Workers and other Christians around the world, during their Global Week of Prayer.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Global Week of Prayer

29th October – 5th November 2023

MAF's Prayer Diary entitled *'The Simple Gospel'* is based on Romans 15:13 *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"*. You can request a free copy of the Special edition Prayer Diary on-line at <https://www.maf-uk.org/pray/global-week-of-prayer-2023/>

BarnabasAid Global Week of Prayer for SCAAW

5th – 12th November 2023

What is [SCAAW](https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/scaaw/)? It stands for **Suffering Church Action and Awareness Week**. This week gives you an opportunity to stand alongside suffering Church families and Barnabas aid workers across the world, to make known their situation, and demonstrate Christ's love to them, through prayer and practical action. Barnabas Aid have produced a devotional booklet and bookmark, based on Lamentations 3:22: *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail"*. The booklet and bookmark to help you pray on your own, or within a group, are free to download: <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/scaaw/>

"Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed,
but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed..."

Rev. Victoria Fag (MAF Prayer Communications Leader)

St John's Church Oulton's Music Concert Friday 6th October 2023

Lucia Simon, who sang so beautifully at Prue Fairbairn's memorial service, has agreed to come and sing at a very special concert at St John's church in Oulton, to raise funds for our church. The amazing CK Community Choir will support this concert together with Richard Plant who will give an organ recital. Tickets (£10 which includes wine and nibbles) available from Ruth Wilson, The Benefice Office or you can pay at the door.

A community devastated by fire

On Friday 25th August around 9pm, fire tore through one of the slum areas where Jigsaw has worked for the last 20 years. All the community panicked, grabbed their children and what else they could, and ran out of the slum to a local concrete basketball court. In all, 241 families, 924 individuals, lost everything in a matter of hours. Tragically one baby died and over 80 people were injured. Two of Jigsaw's staff members were among those who lost everything they owned. Hundreds of children who come to Jigsaw were among those left with only the night clothes they were wearing.

Jigsaw's social workers and the Health and Wellbeing team were up most of the night. Early on Saturday, they formed an emergency response team who spent the day comforting children and families and planning what to do. Praise God, the small chapel Jigsaw uses for ministry hadn't been burnt, so it became a safe place for children to come to play and rest. Jigsaw staff cooked masses of food and bought fresh drinking water, both of which were transported to the area each day using Jigsaw's vans. Clothing from Jigsaw's store was also distributed to those who needed it.

On Thursday and Friday, Jeannette and Jenalyn joined meetings of government officials to help create secure temporary places for families to shelter and begin on a longer term rebuilding plan. The situation is complex as none of the families own the land their houses were built on, nor do they have the money to pay for rebuilding. Alongside this other street people are trying to muscle in and grab land. This is a dreadful situation which will have a huge long term impact on the whole community, devastated by the loss of one little baby, all their homes and meagre possessions. Praise God there was not more loss of life. Please pray for the Jigsaw team, the Government officials, and the community as they work together to recover and rebuild after this devastating event.

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mathew 19: 26

[This information is taken from **Jigsaw's News Update September 2023** available in the folder under the **Mission Matters** noticeboard in the Church Centre]

Back to School: The Cost of Living on Children's School Attendance

As we find ourselves well into the start of (an incredibly hot!) September, for children and their families that means only one thing: back to school. Or does it? Recent data shows that more than one in five children (22.3%) in England are regularly missing school - double the pre-pandemic number from 2018/19.

The back-to-school period is no doubt stressful and anxiety inducing for many children across the country. New routines, less free time, worries about friendships, bullying, and pressure around grades all contribute to apprehension about attending school. But for some children, this feeling develops into an all-encompassing terror at the thought of stepping into a classroom.

We know that attending school is important not only for a child's education and prospects, but also as a crucial part of socialisation and developing relationships with their peers. The children who frequently miss school aren't doing so 'on purpose' - no one could argue these children, isolated from their friends and peer group and missing such a key part of their own lives, are simply having a fun time at home 'playing truant'. And yet the government's solution at present is a 'one size fits all' approach of delivering fines to parents who are already struggling - despite this being shown to be unhelpful.

Mind associate director of policy Vicki Nash argues that these fines '[do not] really impact on the behaviour of the young person or the ability of the parents to get the young person back into school.' and National Children's Bureau director Daniel Stravrou has told MPs that a disproportionate number of severely absent pupils had complex special educational needs, stating as well that "It feels misguided to approach this in a punitive way". This is made particularly apparent when we examine the circumstances associated with absenteeism - and in particular the effect of the cost-of-living crisis on children. A breakdown of the recent figures shows that the problem is most marked among children on free school meals (37.9%) and those with an education, health, and care plan (33.4%).

Back to school... (cont)

But what can we do on an individual and community level, to serve and love those families around us who may be struggling with keeping their children in traditional education? First and foremost, we can be praying for them! When we pray for the children in our local schools, do we try to also pray for those who struggle to attend school at all? Who may be isolated by anxiety, poverty, or other support needs? As we begin the new school year, we can try to set aside time to pray for children who find attending school particularly difficult. And we can also try to support these families in more tangible ways too. Particularly as we come towards harvest time, we can help and support local foodbanks, or the Trussel Trust, or other charities aiding families in the cost-of-living crisis. And in many ways, the first step is acknowledging the difficulties these children face, respecting and honouring their worries and needs, and meeting them with love - not as a problem to be solved, but as an individual whose wellbeing and development is deeply important to God.

Peter Cuthbert

Facing Anxiety

We all encounter times of anxiety. Some are very personal and acute like a medical or financial crisis. Others are much more general but linger in the back of our mind, like the outcome of global warming. Whatever sort of anxiety comes to mind, beneath it is the uncomfortable truth that we are not in control.

Jesus said “do not worry”, (Matthew 6:25) but he then goes on to remind us that God is in control, even in small details like feeding sparrows! The real issue about our anxiety is how do we face it? Do we try to run away from the worrying thoughts, or do we try to fight them?

We try to run away by putting the worries to the back of our mind. Over activity, watching television, or surfing the web planning to buy something that will make life easier, are just some examples of the way we try to avoid thinking about the problem that is causing anxiety. A few people resort to drugs or alcohol and sadly in extreme situations even suicide.

Alternatively we try to fight the anxiety by imagining the worse possible outcome and then trying to believe that we can face up to it,

however bad it gets. Whatever we do seems to fail, and the anxiety returns.

However, there is a much better way. Psalm 55 is all about facing and dealing with anxiety. It is generally accepted that this was written when David had to flee from Jerusalem after his illegitimate son Absalom sought to overthrow him. The two men had been close but all that has now changed, and Psalm 55 reflects David's thoughts and anxieties when he had no idea what lay in the future.

Right from the start David turns his thoughts into a prayer. "Listen to my prayer O God, do not ignore my plea" (Verse 1). He then speaks out openly in prayer about his anxieties and fears, even expressing his anger and bewilderment at the actions of "his companion and close friend" (Verse 13). He admits that he would like to run and hide "Oh that I had wings of a dove I would fly away and be at rest" (Verse 6).

So the first part of the psalm is a totally honest appraisal in prayer of his situation. In the second half the emphasis changes with a greater focus on the Lord to whom he prays. "But I call to the Lord and the Lord saves me" (Verse 16). Finally he tells his readers to "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you" (Verse 22) and he concludes with a positive statement about his underlying position, "But as for me, I trust in you".

Psalm 55 and the teaching Jesus set out a pattern for us all to follow when we are beset with anxiety. Just as you might frankly talk your problems through with a human counsellor, talk them through with the Lord Jesus Christ. After all, Isaiah writes of him being a "Wonderful Counsellor" (Isaiah 9:6). Speak about the facts and the emotions that you are going through, and as you do this listen in case He has something to put into your heart and mind.

You may also experience signs of His love for you. These are usually little unexpected events. They don't resolve your crisis but remind you of His presence, concern and loving care for you. Then, like King David you can go on your way in peace, not solving the problem, but knowing that you can trust in God - whatever happens.

Roger

17The Makau family's visit to Christ Church

On Sunday 21st August, we had the pleasure of meeting our Mission Partners, Paul & Elizabeth Makau, their twins – Daniel and Grace – and Elizabeth's niece. Paul & Elizabeth both work with Africa Inland Mission (AIM). Paul teaches at the Africa Inland University (AIU) based in Nairobi, Kenya. Elizabeth continues with her studies for a Master's degree and assists Paul on outreach missions. Daniel and Grace attend as boarders, at the Rift Valley Academy, in Central Kenya, along with about 500 other students, representing 30 nationalities, from a range of church backgrounds and other mission organisations.

After their visit, Paul sent a document outlining their activities during their first year serving with AIM, in Kenya. In addition to their work at the university in Nairobi, Paul and Elizabeth have been encouraging local church leaders and pastors to take the gospel to unreached people groups living in Marsabit county in northern Kenya. They have also established relationships with a number of Africa Inland Church (AIC) Pastors. Paul and co-workers at the university, have developed a Diploma and a Certificate curriculum on Mission to people of other faiths and belief systems. They are also working on a cheaper non-academic, non-theological course for church leaders in rural areas, to prepare them for evangelism.

In addition to setting up churches, AIM has, in the past, helped local people dig and maintain wells. Many of these wells have dried up, because there has been no rain for at least 5 years. Now AIM is helping people establish boreholes to provide water, but even these can dry up. Then villagers have to wait a while before they can pump water into the storage tank and animal feeding troughs. Many people live a nomadic life herding animals, most of which have died due to lack of water. Sticks, blankets and sheet cloth or canvas, provide these people with makeshift temporary shelters in the desert.

Another part of AIM's work is translating the Bible into local tribal languages. This is not easy because many of these dialects have no written form; it took 30+ years to translate the New Testament into Rendille language. Bible stories about shepherds are a great way of starting to share the gospel with nomadic people. Leaders from local churches, with the help of AIM, have established literacy centres where people learn to read and write the Rendille language.

Please see the Prayer Diary in this magazine for the latest prayer requests from Paul and Elizabeth

‘PROGRESS’ (on more than one front)

To start, Jeanette and I wish to thank you all very much indeed for your prayers during our time of struggle and testing over recent months. We have found the support of our church family tremendously helpful.

Next, I want to express my great appreciation to all of you who took the time and trouble to visit me during my three stays in hospital. What a huge difference all that made to us when the outlook was so bleak.

We are thankful also for the amazing understanding of the body and the skills to intervene that the LORD has given to those working in our wonderful NHS, without whom I would no longer be here!

On September 4th I attended my first appointment at the ‘Acute Kidney Care Clinic’ and was very encouraged to learn that the function of my working kidney has increased from 15-22% which puts the necessity for dialysis further away, Praise the LORD.

I now feel sufficiently well that I am discussing going back to Volunteering with the Chaplaincy, initially once a week at Royal Stoke. I am keen to start ‘giving something back’ now that I am able to do so once again.

As you might expect I have further appointments to manage my ongoing health, including a major vascular problem and my nephrostomy replacement at the beginning of October. Please continue to pray for me as these take place (“Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective”, James 5: 16).

On an entirely different note to those of you who are interested, please reserve the evening of **Monday 11th December** in your diaries as we will be **singing Carols** around the wards at Stoke once again. Won’t it be great to do that again!

Dave Rowlands

Physio or Prayer

About the beginning of March, I had a fall from a ladder, it was only about 3 feet, but it led to a chain of events that had physios, doctors, surgeons.

Oh and I nearly forgot, there was God. The pain I had in my right leg and foot was unimaginable. Over the next weeks I lived on Codeine, Gabapentin, and Naproxen, all to not much relief.

Physio or Prayer (cont)

I found some relief scouring the internet for a solution, and found Nerve Flossing (like the teeth).

But what I was also receiving was prayer from my friends, family and most of all from my Church family. Just as it came the pain completely went !!!! Was it the physio?

I had arranged with my surgeon Mr Hammad that we would do the op on my spine called decompression on the 14th August.

Several times in the next few weeks I wanted to tell him to call the op off but I didn't. I asked God to let me know if I needed it and the day before my next appointment I got my answer, it came back again, even stronger. I told him that my Church had been praying for me and God answered their prayers, but God also wanted me to have the operation, so that's why the pain came back.

He understood about prayer and commended us all for it. The operation was a complete success, and I have no pain. So thank you to all my brothers and sisters for your prayers .

Mike

Transform Trade

A Coffee Morning will be held on Monday, 16th October in the Annexe of Oulton Village Hall from 9.30 – 11.30 am. This is to raise money for Transform Trade.

Christmas cards will be on sale to buy or order. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will support farmers, workers & artisans to seek a fair deal in trade, to improve their incomes & make a better life for their families.

Transform Trade has now taken over the Traidcraft name. They don't plan a new Traidcraft shop but hope to restore 3 things under the Traidcraft brand.

1. A route to the UK market for the world's most ethical, pioneering & impactful producer groups.
2. To use the Traidcraft mark to pioneer new fair-trade products & promote fairness in supply chains which can't yet access the Fairtrade mark.
3. A small range of favourite fair-trade products, including Traidcraft tea blends. (The Christmas card catalogue is the 1st initiative.)

Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes, Dave Rowlands
P.C.C. Members	Pete Kelly, Estella Woodhead, Jacqueline Abrahams, Shirley Hallam, Gary Williams, Marylyn Hillman, Diane Aspey, Liz Mason, Phil Tunstall, Andy Stone, Shelagh Sanders, Lynne Bakker-Collier
Secretary	Shelagh Sanders
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FLOWER ROTA

1st October	Harvest
8th October	
15th October	Liz Mason
22nd October	
29th October	Estella Woodhead

SIDESPERSONS

Judith Kelt
Pam Roberts
Dave Rowlands
Jacqueline Abrahams
Marilyn Overall

ROADS FOR PRAYER

1st October

Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road
The Avenue

8th October

Trent Road
Tunley Street
Trinity Drive
Airdale Grove

15th October

Airdale Road
Airdale Spinney
Cross Street
Nicholls Lane

22nd October

Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross
Oulton Road

29th October

Oulton Mews
Prince's Street
Queen's Square
York Street

