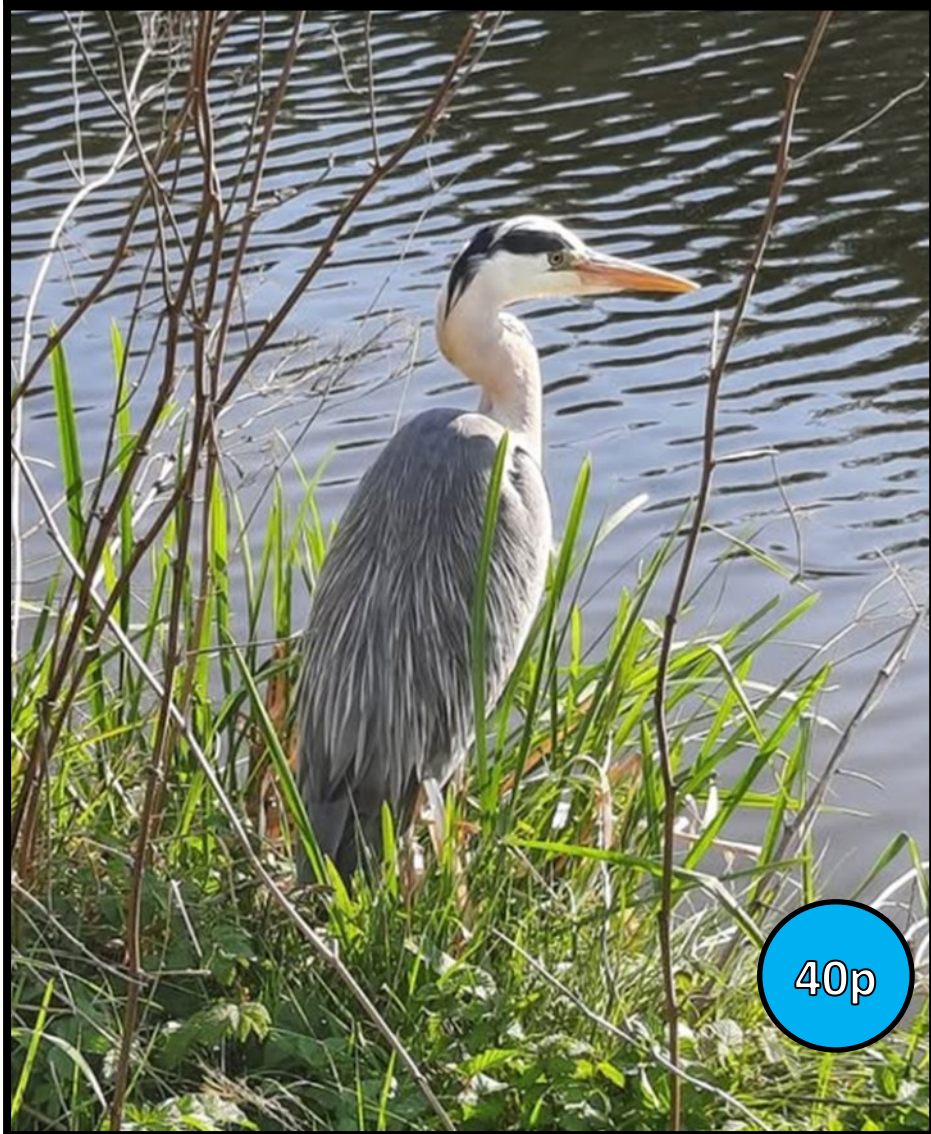


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Greetings,

We have a packed magazine this month—thank you to everyone who has contributed. Keep those articles coming. It is great to get to know people through our Church magazine. We have our regular slots from Paul, our vicar, from Lichfield Diocese, Tales from the Towpath and a new feature—‘Getting to Know you’ where Christine is talking with various members of the congregation and sharing their story. I am looking forward to seeing many of you feature over the coming months. There is also another quiz—let me know how you get on!

 The Prayer Diary is very useful to focus our prayer to support our Mission Partners all around the world. Eloise is doing a great job of putting this together temporarily but we could do with a volunteer to take this on. Speak to Paul for more details.

There are many ways one can serve the church—don’t forget some of those vital tasks like being on the coffee rota on a Sunday—please sign up, the more people on the rota the less times you have to do it! Training will be provided!!



Contributions need to be in by the 15th of the month before publication and should be sent to:-**magazine@christchurchstone.org**
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Advent Windows 2025! It’s amazing how quickly this comes round again - planning has begun! We need some more people to help us plan, create and host Advent Windows 2025. It is such a good witness to our town, please join in - many hands make light work and they bring new creative ideas! A planning meeting will take place on **Wednesday June 11th at 7.30pm** on Zoom. Please let Helen know if you are able to help us! **helenbowes@live.co.uk or 07594554198**

June 2025

	Date	Time	Events (Zoom codes in weekly email)
Sun	1st	9.15 am	Communion; John 21: 15-25 "Reinstated"
Mon	2nd	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	3rd	10.30 am 12.30 pm 2.00 pm	Communion; John 11: 25-26 "The Promise of Easter" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy Autumn House — Church at Home service
Wed	4th	9.00 am 2.00 pm 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Oulton Abbey — Church at Home service Trekks
Thu	5th	11.00 am 1.10 pm	St. Mary's Home — Church at Home service Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	6th		
Sat	7th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Everybody Welcome coffee morning
Sun	8th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer; Acts 2 "Peter's boldness as a preacher" 'Alive with Christ' group study, session 4
Mon	9th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	10th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Luke 24: 30-32 "Recognising the risen Christ" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	11th	9.00 am 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	12th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	13th		
Sat	14th		
Sun	15th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Communion; 1 Peter 1: 1-9 "The imperishable hope" 'Alive with Christ' group study, session 5

June 2025

	Date	Time	Events
Mon	16th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	17th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Colossians 2: 13-15 "Resurrection conquers all" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	18th	9.00 am 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	19th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	20th		
Sat	21st		
Sun	22nd	9.15 am 5.00 pm	All age; Acts 10 "Peter's vision and vocation" Alive with Christ' group study, session 6
Mon	23rd	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	24th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Romans 6: 1-14 "It's transforming power" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	25th	9.00 am 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks
Thu	26th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	27th		
Sat	28th		
Sun	29th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Morning Prayer; Matthew 14: 22-33 "Jesus invites Peter to sea walk" Alive with Christ' group study, session 7
Mon	30th	9.30 am	Toddler group

D-Day and the turning point of the War.

The 81st anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy will be on 6th June. There had been other 'D-days' in the past, but this special military operation named 'Operation Overlord' stands out in European history. The plan was to give a big push by crossing to Normandy. It was at the widest point and therefore the least expected point of attack.

Although originally scheduled for 5th June poor British weather led to it being postponed. This ambitious plan was to try and penetrate Hitler's 'Atlantic wall' of defences from Norway to Spain (1,670 miles).

The preparations on the south coast of England were extensive: a huge military camp grew up with strict travel restrictions for all including diplomats, while a careful eye was kept on journalists. Fake camps were set up and fake communications and news were spread to disguise when and where the true invasion would take place. The total Allied Forces personnel was around 150,000 soldiers for the invasion. It was an air and sea attack: troops arrived by boats (of all sorts!) on the beaches at Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, Sword. This strategy was risky but essential to halt the Nazi advance. It was the turning point to bring the war to an end the following year.

These events have often been cited as a helpful analogy about what the cross of Jesus achieved. For there is an ongoing spiritual battle that wages but will be ended. Just as D-Day was the turning point in

WWII, so Jesus' death and resurrection were the turning point in history. For when Jesus died on a cross but on the third day rose from the dead and emerged from his tomb, it marked the defeat of evil, sin and death forever. The enemy camp was routed, the central weapon of death was broken by Jesus: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'



‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15v54-57).

We are to be mindful of the huge human sacrifice made to advance the securing of peace in Europe. We are also to be mindful of the battle that involved the sacrifice of God’s Son Jesus Christ for our eternal salvation.

Paul Kingman

June 2025

Memories of a precious friend

Margaret Hutchinson

Dave and I first met Margaret Hutchinson when carol singing round the Parish just a week after moving to Stone over 40 years ago.

We quickly became good friends with her – how could you not with such a lovely, gracious, gentle lady – and Barry. Over the years we did many things together – dance, banner and house groups, trips to the theatre, holidays and birthday meals out to mention some.



Margaret always saw the positive and best and it is remarkable to be able to say that we never heard her say a critical or disparaging word about anyone or anything! She cared about and loved everyone equally; a truly remarkable women whom we are blessed to have known for so long.

These memories of Margaret are also treasured by Dilys and Mary. We all keep her close to our hearts. *Jeanette*

This year we were using John Hardwick's holiday club material Starship Discovery. This theme was used to explore five characteristics of the disciple Peter.

Using the common spaceship phrases 'Blast Off!'; 'Beam me up!'; 'Black Hole!';

'Breakthrough!'; and 'Battle Stations!' the children learnt about 5 events in Peter's life. His answering the call to follow Jesus, learning to trust Jesus, his denial of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The final session brought these themes together in our Sunday service when we looked at how to follow Jesus.

There were five groups of children ranging from 5 to 11 years. Each group was named after a Star Trek spaceship and the group leaders entered enthusiastically into the theme. Alongside bible verses the groups spaces were decorated with stars, spaceships and even an Ewok! As the week progressed children's work was added to the displays. Some of the leaders even wore space helmets!



A wonderful welcome from Linda and Lynne



Each day started with an outline of the theme by Lunar Moonwalker and exercises lead by Paul.

Then it was into a roller coaster of activities, a puppet show, songs and memory verses, bible story dramatization, a short talk, games, craft activities, group time, the Watt family drama, a quiz, children's jokes and pictures. A packed two and a half hours as we explored the story of Peter.

There was a varying number of children each day the maximum being twenty-seven, many of the children attended for the whole week.

There are a lot of thankyou's to be said, to the group leaders who also doubled up as actors and puppeteers, to those that delivered the talks and quizzes, to those on welcome and refreshments. In

particular to Peter for organising the games, Rhiannon for organising the crafts, Paul for leading the songs and memory verses, Chris for all his hard work in the background organising props and the sound system. A special big thank you to Sue who organised us all!

Please pray for the children who came that the message they have received will take root, for the parents and carers that they would be more open to nurturing the faith of their children. *Maryanne*



The Team obviously enjoyed themselves!

MISSION PRAYER DIARY

WEEK ONE: AFRICAN INLAND MISSION (AIM)

FOCUS: PAUL AND ELIZABETH MAKAU

In Kenya, the Christian church is growing. But whilst Christianity is Kenya's main religion, Kenya's ethnic diversity and vast countryside means there are still many unreached by the gospel. Paul and Elizabeth have been equipping local pastors and church leaders to take the gospel to these unreached people groups.

DAY	PRAYER POINT
01 Jun	Thank God for the successful training of Sunday school teachers for Lependera, Ngurunit and Siang'an churches, who will support their pastors in discipling and outreach programmes in their churches.
02 Jun	Thank God for the clothing and food supply donations made to Olturot, a Bible translation centre in Korr, for the needy in Lependera, Ngurunit, Siang'an, Lkijata, Ngororoi and Arapel.
03 Jun	Praise God for the many people who decided to give their lives to Christ following the Makau's mission trip to many different towns and villages across Kenya.
04 Jun	Pray for these new believers, that they will, grow in their faith, be discipled and that they will make other disciples.
05 Jun	Pray that God would provide more resources to sink a borehole for Lependera village. Their greatest challenge is availability of water for their animals and for domestic use.
06 Jun	Continue to pray for more local leaders and their churches to be involved with mission and taking the gospel to the many unreached people groups in northern Kenya and beyond.
07 Jun	Pray that God would provide financially for the Makaus, that they may be able to purchase a 4x4 vehicle in order to reduce their mission trips costs by over 50% and reach more people with the gospel.

MISSION PRAYER DIARY

WEEK TWO: THE LEPROSY MISSION

FOCUS: HUNGARY

TLM Hungary has been supporting people affected by leprosy since 1974, and is the only country in the Eastern region of Europe which does so. They are privileged and proud to be following in the steps of Jesus and are committed to obeying Him in His work towards a world without leprosy.

DAY	PRAYER POINT
08 Jun	Thank God for His faithfulness during the half-century since TLM Hungary was founded and pray for His further guidance and wisdom as the team seeks to joyfully obey Him as long as they are needed.
09 Jun	Thank God for TLM's partners in Bangladesh, DR Congo, India, and Myanmar whose expertise, dedication and humble attitude are an example and whose Christian fellowship is a blessing.
10 Jun	Please pray for successful publicity, fundraising appeals, charitable events, media campaigns, and event presentations in TLM's efforts to encourage more Hungarians to join the fight to defeat leprosy.
11 Jun	Thank God for the many church groups that support TLM with their prayers and donations. Give thanks that they have a heart for those in need and that God has provided for them financially.
12 Jun	Pray for TLM as they seek to find new ways to fundraise. Pray that they will make good use of all the opportunities available to them and that they would be good stewards of the finances they receive.
13 Jun	Pray for Marta, the Country Leader, and her team of promoters and advisors, that all their activities and relationships will remain rooted in obedience to God.
14 Jun	Pray for God's light and fire to be in the hearts of the TLM team. Pray for His mobilising power, for their willingness to witness and for faithfulness to God in everything they do!

MISSION PRAYER DIARY

WEEK THREE: TEARFUND

FOCUS: BURUNDI

Burundi faces many challenges, including poverty, climate change and political instability. Tearfund have worked in partnership with local organisations in Burundi since 1998, equipping church and community leaders to respond to local needs. This week, the Tearfund team in Burundi asks for prayer for 'significant, lasting change in Burundi'.

DAY	PRAYER POINT
15 Jun	Burundi is increasingly vulnerable to the effects of the climate crisis, with more frequent droughts and floods. Pray that more farmers will learn more effective farming practices to overcome these issues.
16 Jun	Tearfund promotes sustainable agricultural practices that are resistant to climate change (e.g. rainwater harvesting). Give thanks to God for the bountiful harvests that have transformed lives
17 Jun	Many Burundian peoples' houses were destroyed by floodwater. Give thanks to God that Tearfund could provide them with tents and essential household items, pray for them whilst they rebuild their lives.
18 Jun	Tearfund's Transforming Communities training helps communities focus on the resources that God has provided for them. Pray that more churches would take part in this training and be encouraged.
19 Jun	Last year, over 5 health centres were opened across Burundi. Thank God for this and pray that He would continue to provide healthcare professionals to treat and care for patients across Burundi.
20 Jun	Pray for the churches across Burundi, that God would continue to encourage and grow them in their faith and that He would add to their number.
21 Jun	Pray that God would strengthen the Tearfund team in Burundi to continue serving Him for another year with joy in their hearts.

MISSION PRAYER DIARY

WEEK FOUR: ST LUKE'S

FOCUS: SPRING 2025 UPDATES

St Luke's is a charity focused on upholding the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of clergy and their families. They do this through providing expert psychological and mental health support and training designed to better equip pastors to overcome any mental health difficulties they, their families, or their congregations are facing.

DAY	PRAYER POINT
22 Jun	Thank God for the success of the Advancing Clergy Reflection programme in Wales and pray that as the participants become pastoral supervisors, they would remember what they learnt.
23 Jun	Praise God for the 100 clergy families that were supported by the work of St Luke's this spring, and pray that God would heal them physically, mentally and spiritually in order to continue serving Him.
24 Jun	Thank God for the provision of legacies that have helped St Luke's to maintain financial stability this year and pray that God would guide them as they aim to be good stewards of the money they receive.
25/26 Jun	Stephen Fielding has stepped up as the new Chairman of St Luke's. Pray that he would settle into his new role quickly and that his expertise in conflict resolution would be of benefit to the organisation.
27/28 Jun	Give thanks to God for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities pastoral supervision project that will be launched this year and pray that these communities would know God's love for them through it.
29 May	Pray for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities who encounter hate and negative stereotyping, that they would find refuge in the shelter of of Most High and loving acceptance in their local churches.
30 May	Pray for the pastors who have undertaken chaplain work with these communities, that God would protect them from harm and support them emotionally and spiritually as they share the gospel faithfully.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20

I wonder did you know that a member of our congregation once performed with the London Festival Ballet?

Well, that's why I thought it would be an interesting thing to introduce each other with a short article in our parish magazine.

The answer to the question is Maryanne Lloyd – Maryanne came to Christchurch when she moved to Stone 5 years ago with her husband Alan who was just retiring as a vicar.

After a long and successful career in Education Maryanne had retired from her last role as an advisory teacher working county-wide in Special Educational Needs. Of course, a 'quiet retirement' doesn't really exist and despite liking nothing better than a quiet night in sharing a pint of beer and a game of cribbage with Alan, Maryanne was soon busy using her experience as a school governor and a school chaplain. She also helps to organise support for clergy partners. This doesn't leave her a lot of time for her hobbies of playing table tennis (yes, table tennis!), knitting and sewing.

A committed Christian for many years Maryanne loves being part of a worshipping community. The Church family at Christchurch is 'an accepting and caring group and holds out a hand of welcome to newcomers'. Maryanne has 2 songs that really speak to her. One is the beloved Wesley hymn 'Love Divine All loves excelling' and the second a modern song by Chris Tomlin called 'I will Rise' – the lyrics speak of Maryanne's own faith

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well"
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead'



I asked Maryanne what she would say to someone who didn't come to church and she said simply 'Come and See'.

As we talked about faith Maryanne reflected on her favourite bible verse Micah 6v8 **He has told you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".**

Sometimes, she said, we are very good at going to God and asking for all kinds of things but sometimes we have to ask 'What does God want of me?'

PS Ask her if she's still got her ballet shoes!!! *Christine Pentland*

When Terry and I moved up from London in 1966 we spent much of our leisure time exploring the area. He wrote a series of poems celebrating our escape from the metropolis to this more windy, rainy, watery, green place. When Helen said that she was off to Norbury Junction for a waterways festival I remembered our first visit to the canal there.



*The canal has swallowed the
clouds
And lies immaculate under the
warmth
Of the sun and mists
Hang from the sun in skirts*

*All the dead brown laces and
grasses
Are drying out long time full
blown
The ivy makes a crown
With soft green pearls*

*The girl wears it as she walks
High on the canal bank over the
birds
And the toy cows there is no
wind at all
To stir the gown*

*Of her gay visitor
Who speaks and smiles
Perhaps he kissed her leaving a
word
That seemed to mean life or
death*

When I asked Terry for permission to use this poem he pointed out that the last word really should be LIFE. I replied that we all knew that in our hearts. Alleluia!

Monica Darlington

Hi There,



Canal Festival season is here!! It's a time of year I really enjoy – catching up with all the boat traders at different Festivals and Floating Markets in the area. The traders appreciate it when a WWC turns up to support them and seeing them at the different venues one is able to build relationships and perhaps be used when there is a need. I just have to watch out to not buy yet another painting or piece of canal art or it would cost me a small fortune!

The season started with the Great Haywood Floating Market at Easter and then last week the Norbury Canal Festival. The Stafford Riverway Link Open Weekend is on 25th & 26th May, the Stone Floating Market is on 31st May & 1st June – the same weekend as the Etruria Canal Festival and then the Trentham Floating Market is on 7th & 8th June. Armitage Floating Market is on June 21st & 22nd and then Gnosall Canal Festival is the 18th – 20th July and Market Drayton 26th & 27th July. Plenty of scope for catching up with the Oatcake Boat, the Crepe Boat, the Cheese Boat and more!!



Here are two of the paintings I could not resist buying – one is rather like the canal just south of Aston Marina and the other is Great Haywood Junction.! By Emma Bradley Art – she captures the waterways so well!.

The other photo is myself with Malcolm and Stephanie who are WWCs in the Market Drayton area when we attended Norbury last week! A dedicated pair of Chaplains well known by boaters everywhere!



Please pray for all the boaters and everyone along the towpath in our lovely town of Stone and the village of Barlaston. 'Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God' – Micah 6:8

God bless, Helen 10/5/25

From the Diocese

Making Memories



Recently I walked with a friend to the stepping stones at Dovedale. He suddenly stopped in his tracks and said "I just remember the last time I walked across these steps. It was 65 years ago. I was 11 years old."

A few weeks before, I was talking to a seasoned headteacher whose face lit up when I mentioned the same place. He shared vivid memories of a childhood stay at Dovedale House while at primary school. Why do I mention these memories? Most teachers, administrators, school governors and youth workers appreciate an immense privilege to help develop hope and aspiration among young people. If it works as we plan, young people in our context are happy and they move on with life-long positive memories. Dovedale House was birthed in 1967 with that same vision, that it can be a Christian place where positive life-long memories are created for young people. Everyone remembers the excitement of a first school trip, the coach journey, sharing a room with friends, getting out into amazing countryside, climbing hills, walking by rivers. All these are at Dovedale House.

Hills, rivers and the great outdoors, feature so much in the Gospel accounts of Jesus's ministry. It was there that people became followers of Jesus, and also where people grew in their discipleship journey, where they learned about a vibrant faith being one where reaching out and serving others was pioneered.

We read that Jesus taught the Christian faith while sitting, standing or walking on hills, he was transfigured, arrested and subsequently crucified on a hill. Jesus was himself baptised in a river, and many people followed his example. The majority of recorded miracles took place in the great outdoors. The common feature of all these stories is that God revealed himself, and this created memories that have lasted forever.

Dovedale House provides a fabulous 50-bed setting, where you bring children and youths, to enhance the hard work that you currently do, to give hope and to raise aspirations for a great life. It is a breath-taking place where we can help young people make lifelong positive memories. In order to fulfil our dream and yours to accomplish this, we need your help.

If you have links to any school or youth work, please can you introduce the Dovedale House opportunity in your places of education, and amongst your peers. At present there is even an offer of a bursary to ensure that no one misses out on making positive life-long memories.

The Revd Jeremy Oakley 'retired to the countryside' from work as a vicar in Wolverhampton and with his wife, Julie, soon found himself offering to take on the role of interim warden of Dovedale House.

Read more about Dovedale House at lichfield.anglican.org/Dovedale or contact Jeremy by email - dovedalewarden@lichfield.anglican.org



Profusion in June

June is a great month for spending time close to nature in your local churchyard or cemetery. The second week of June sees three initiatives; Love Your Burial Ground Week with Churches Count on Nature and National Cemeteries Week all taking place in celebration of these special places and the fantastic volunteers who care for them.

Profusion in June 9 (Cont..)

You may be able to attend an event as part of one of these, take a look on the Caring for Gods

Acre map of events to see what is happening near you but if not, please go to a churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery on your own, with your family or friends and see what you can see.

Wildflowers may be present in profusion if there is a meadow area, look out for oxeye daisy, lady's bedstraw, vetches, cat's ear, hawkbit amongst others. Is there a patch of medium length grass, where shorter-stemmed plants can flower without the mower cutting them off? If so search for bird's eye speedwell, self-heal, red clover, buttercups and medics. Burial grounds can be rich in species as they contain a mosaic of habitats, with large trees, areas of shaded woodland, stonework as well as grassland of varying lengths. The butterflies to be found can be a mix of species usually found in woodland, grassland and scrub. In June you may find a rich array, look out for comma, red admiral, small copper and common blue which favour shorter vegetation such as grasses and nettles for laying their eggs, all plants found in meadows or in the dappled shade of a woodland or large tree canopy. You may catch a glimpse of a yellow brimstone, which lays its eggs on buckthorn, a woodland shrub.

June is also a good time to sit quietly and watch birds busily feeding young, darting in and out of nests. Again, burial grounds can be rich in birds which may also use neighbouring gardens. The church itself can host house martins under the eaves, swallows in the porch or lychgate and perhaps swifts, nesting invisibly in the eaves or in boxes behind tower louvres. A visit in the early evening may be rewarded with the sound of screaming swifts circling around the church building.

Please let us know what you see and hear, be it plant, insect or bird. You can record species using a smart phone and the iNaturalist or iRecord app, by email or by post. Harriet Carty, *Diocesan*

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Christianity Quiz {Taken from freepubquiz.co.uk}

1. Which symbol was adopted by early Christians as their secret symbol?
2. Which Christian festival held on 2 February commemorates the purification of the Virgin Mary?
3. Which Clerical Directory is the authoritative directory of Anglican clergy and churches in the UK and Ireland?
4. What name is used for the Christian festival of Pentecost?
5. Who was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in 1181?
6. Which small French town rose to prominence in 1858 due to the Marian apparitions claimed to have been seen by a peasant girl named Bernadette?
7. Who was the founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland?
8. What is the proper name for the Quakers?
9. The Society of Jesus is a religious order founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1540 - what are its members called?
10. The Ninety-five Theses was written by which professor of moral theology at the University of Wittenberg?
11. Which evangelical Christian association has the primary activity of distributing free copies of the Bible?
12. Which Roman Emperor made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire?
13. Who is considered to be the first-recorded British Christian martyr?
14. What is the name of the length of linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man which some claim to be the image of Jesus of Nazareth?

15. What name is given to the governing body of the Church of England which replaced the Church Assembly in 1970?

A couple of quotes for you.....

Faith is believing BEFORE what will only make sense AFTER. – Steven Furtick

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. – Mother Teresa

- Quiz Answers**
1. The fish,
 2. Candelmas
 3. Crockford's
 4. Whitsun
 5. Francis of Assisi
 6. Lourdes
 7. John Knox
 8. The Society of Friends
 9. Jesuits
 10. Martin Luther (in 1517)
 11. Gideons
 12. Constantine
 13. Saint Alban
 14. Turin Shroud
 15. General Synod

Safeguarding

The United Benefice is committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies for the welfare of everyone in our congregations. Anyone requiring any further information or raising concerns should contact the Safeguarding Coordinators: **Christ Church, Stone**: Andrew Stone on

Safeguarding2@christchurchstone.org

Oulton with Moddershall; Mary Gale on

Office@christchurchstone.org

Or contact the church office [01785 811990] to leave your details, and Andrew or Mary will ring you back.

The vicar, Rev Paul Kingman can also be contacted on 01785 812669.

If the matter is more urgent, or you feel uncomfortable contacting someone in our Benefice, you may contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team at Lichfield <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/>

If anyone has tried to walk the Burston Ring recently you will have found that you reach the River Trent at Burston and come to a full stop! **Two years ago** the bridge which crosses the Trent was dislodged in a storm by an enormous fallen tree which still lies on the Burston side of the river and now intertwined with the bridge. The Burston Ring Walk is part of the Two Saints Way – a 92 mile pilgrimage walk from Chester to Lichfield commemorating St Werburgh and St Chad, linking the two cathedrals.

Although you may not be able to cross the river at the footpath right now it is well worth parking in Burston and having a look at what it has to offer. It really is a very picturesque village with a very beautiful stretch of the Trent and Mersey Canal and a history worth reading about on the information board by the very pretty millpond. The chapel is one of the smallest in Staffordshire and is also associated with the 1,400year old legend that suggests that St Ruffin and St Wulfad were martyred nearby. The church was built on the site of Ruffin's death. Close by is St Ruffin's Well (also called Druids Well). The two princes were murdered by their father, Wulfhere, a pagan king, on their conversion to Christianity. Wulfad being killed at Stone and Ruffin at Burston. The history of our town of Stone is very much part of this story – see [History of Stone - Stone Town Council](#).

Meanwhile the bridge is still not repaired – see photo taken today 10th May below, so anyone who wishes to remind Staffs County Council of their duties feel free! *John Bowes 10/5/25*

