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From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

We have another packed magazine for you this month which I hope you enjoy. Details of up and coming events such as the ***Light Party***, the ***Bereavement Service*** and ***Advent Windows*** are included so you can get details into your diary.

Reports on the ***Midland Women's Convention***, the ***Big Quiz Night*** and on the ***food.gives*** collection are included. Regular articles—***Tales from the Towpath***, ***Mission News*** and ***News from the Vicarage*** are all here and an interesting historical article on ***John Jervis*** as well as an article from the Dean of Lichfield Cathedral, Jan, entitled '***Light and Truth***'—just as we approach the season of Advent.

The Church diary for the month and the Prayer diaries should all be helpful for you.

God bless, Helen.

October 15th 2025

From the Vicarage.....

The cost of peace

Two years have elapsed since the start of the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Now, at the time of writing, a ceasefire has been agreed.

When the news broke who could but express relief? The five-point agenda for further talks covering the end of the war, prisoner and hostage exchange, Israeli withdrawal, humanitarian assistance and post war arrangements, had been agreed. It came into effect from 10th October. The human loss has been staggering and world leaders spoke of the loss of lives as having reached new depths. All sectors of society have been affected, whichever side of the conflict. We also remember the death of military personnel and the families that they come from. For this reason, we hope and pray that the ceasefire will pave the way towards stability in a war-torn land. We are confused by the politics and long history of conflict in the region. We long to see peace. We acknowledge that the cost of (cont. p5...)

From the Vicarage.....cont.)

(cont. from p 4) peace is high.

As we approach Remembrance and Armistice Day commemorations, we are mindful of the cost of peace paid by our forebears. It is a sombre time of reflection for lives laid down for us. It is a time of thanksgiving for the peace we now enjoy. Many will gather at the memorials in town and at churches to silently remember the cost of peace. At the heart of Christian faith is the same theme of the cost of peace. The Bible likens our natural, fallen, human state, as being hostile to God. It even states that we were once *'enemies of God'* (Romans 5v10). But the same writer in stating this is in fact on a roll celebrating how we can be reconciled to God: *'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God'* (Romans 5v1-2). Reconciliation cost Jesus his blood as put so well by Charles Wesley's great hymn (1738),

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?



Paul Kingman November 2025

food.gives - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Barnabas Aid food.gives collection. 14 full boxes have been sent to the depot in Swindon to be distributed to our persecuted brothers and sisters in various parts of the world. Thank you, on behalf of the many grateful recipients. **Phil Tunstall**

N.B. Unfortunately, because of problems with collecting the boxes, Barnabas Aid have reorganised the way it organises the food.gives programme. More information when it becomes available.

November 2025

	Date	Time	Events (Zoom codes in weekly email)
Sat	1st	8.30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	2nd	9.15 am 3.00 pm 5.00 pm	Communion; Genesis 33:1-20 "Brothers meeting" Light Party in the centre Hope Explored (session 1 of 3) at the Vicarage
Mon	3rd	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	4th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Isaiah 1:10-20 "Stinky fruit" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	5th	9.00 am 3.30 pm 7.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks Standing Committee
Thu	6th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	7th		
Sat	8th	2.00 pm	Jam and Chutney Sale in the centre
Sun	9th	9.15 am 3.00 pm 5.00 pm	REMEMBRANCE Morning Prayer; Psalm 20 "In the day of trouble" Service for the Bereaved Hope Explored (session 2 of 3) at the Vicarage
Mon	10th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	11th	10.30 am 12.30 pm 2.00 pm	Communion; Isaiah 2:1-5 "The mountain" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy Autumn House Church at Home service
Wed	12th	9.00 am 2.00 pm 3.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Oulton Abbey Care Home service Trekks
Thu	13th	11.00 am 1.10 pm	St Mary's Home Church at Home service Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	14th		
Sat	15th		

November 2025

	Date	Time	Events
Sun	16th	9.15 am 5.00 pm	Communion; Genesis 35:1-29 "A new man, a stronger faith" Hope Explored (session 3 of 3) at the Vicarage
Mon	17th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	18th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Isaiah 3 "Heaven's court" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
Wed	19th	9.00 am 3.30 pm 7.30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekks PCC Meeting in the centre
Thu	20th	1.10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	21st		
Sat	22nd		
Sun	23rd	9.15 am TBC	Morning Prayer; Matthew 8: 1-4 "A leper cleansed" Confirmation service
Mon	24th	9.30 am	Toddler group
Tue	25th	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Communion; Isaiah 5:1-27 "A vineyard song" Pursuit Club Christ Church Academy
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 5.00 pm	All age; Matthew 8: 5-17 "A servant healed" Jesus through OT eyes (1/8) at the Vicarage
Mon	31st	9.30 am	Toddler group

MISSION PRAYER DIARY**WEEK ONE – African Pastors Fellowship**

The vision of APF is to empower Christian leaders and enable effective ministry.

PRAYER POINTS

APF have created a unique mobile app called eVitabu that contains an entire library of text, audio and video resources for African pastors, and many are available in a range of languages.

Pray for the effectiveness of this new resource

Pray for the church in Africa which is growing faster than in any other part of the world today. Pray that God would equip leaders with everything that they need.

Pray for APF's "Let There Be Light Solar project" in Tanzania and Rwanda. Solar power is bringing free light to villages. Good quality light means pastors can work into the evening preparing for services or studying, as most work during the day.

Praise God for the church in North Eastern Uganda who have recently baptised 200 new believers in the local river, in addition a further 60 people also gave their lives to Christ on the same day.



Please pray for.....

WEEK TWO - Open Doors

FOCUS - Afghanistan

Afghanistan is now the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian.

PRAYER POINTS

- Christian minorities live in deep fear and face violent persecution if they are found. **Please pray for the safety and protection of believers from being discovered**
- Drug addiction has been rampant in Afghanistan for many years, and it has become much worse after the Taliban government has taken over the country. **Pray for healing and restoration for many who are under the clutches of drug abuse**
- Many people are forcibly evicted from their homes in various provinces if they are perceived to support the former government. **Please pray for the families who have to leave everything behind as they flee to safety**
- Please pray for the religious minorities, especially secret believers who live in fear of being discovered. **May the Lord be close to them, provide for their needs with food, medicine and timely help, and protect them from harm**



Please pray for.....

WEEK THREE – Mission Aviation fellowship (MAF)

Since 1945, MAF has existed to bring the life-changing hope of the gospel to people in hard-to-reach places.

PRAAYER POINTS

Pray for David Holsten,(MAF president) as he continues to serve other organisations, helping to spread the love of Jesus

Pray that the airstrip in Boga, located in the Congo, will remain open after being closed for 2 years due to security issues.

Thank God that MAF is now working in Guinea, pray that more runways will be developed to reach the most remote areas,

Pray for the prayer convoys, planes carrying passengers who fly over and pray for specific areas.

Thank God for the men and women who have been called to be pilots for MAF, praying for their safety as they fly into hostile areas



WEEK FOUR – Hannah Goodman (UCCF)

UCCF partners with Christian unions across the UK to give every student the opportunity to hear the gospel. Hannah is now the staff worker, based in Keele, Staffordshire and Harper Adams Universities

PRAYER POINTS

Praise God for the number of freshers who have come to the first few meetings.

Praise God for the committee members. It has been good to see the gifts and skills God has given them to serve Him this year.

Pray that all the Christian unions can engage with freshers and welcome them in.

Pray that every student has a chance to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.

Pray for the upcoming weekend away at the end of November and that students who attend will be equipped to share their faith this coming year and beyond.

**uccf:
the
christian
unions**

We are pleased to introduce Hannah the new UCCF worker who also features in our prayer diary this Month.

Hi, I'm Hannah, and I'm the new UCCF Staff Worker for Keele, Staffordshire and Harper Adams Christian Unions.

I've lived in Stoke for 4 years now, having moved here to study Biomedical Science at Keele, and last year I volunteered as a Relay Worker with Keele CU, on a year of discipleship and training.

My role as a Staff Worker means I end up doing many different things - a lot of meetings with students who are serving on committees, helping at events, preparing resources and Bible studies, among other things. These things all aim to equip and train the students in the Christian Unions to be effective missional communities on their campuses and evangelise to those around them.

I'm gradually settling into this role and enjoying getting to know students especially at Staffordshire and Harper Adams CUs.

It's such a privilege to be able to continue to work with students, to see their love for the Lord and their excitement to share the gospel with those around them. I'd love you to join with me in praying that God would work in and through them over the coming years!



Mandy & Alistair Dudd

The Big Quiz Night

It was great to see approx. 65 people at our Harvest Quiz evening—a great time was had by all!!!

Importantly we raised £260 for Tearfund—thanks to everyone who took part and donated to a very good cause.

The quiz was fun—Tearfund provided the questions for the the rounds which comprised some amazingly random categories:-

It's a family act, Not so cheesy peasey, Waters of the World, A Monumental Round, Fish or Fowl, Austen or Abba, The Winning Formula and World Festivals.

We also provided 'on the table' picture quiz sheets—Politicians, Iconic Structures, Famous Statues and Dingbats. There was plenty to keep everyone busy!

We enjoyed the puddings brought in—21 entered the competition with the clear winner being **Liz Mason** with her *Rhubarb, apple and ginger flan*— getting 13 votes (the next highest score was 5 votes). Well done Liz!

The quiz was won by '**The Jammy Dodgers**' scoring 79 points (out of a possible 106) with '**The Quiz Experts**' a very close second with 78½ and then '**Peters Out**' came third with 77½ —a very close run thing indeed!
Well done all!!

Thanks everyone—looking forward to next year!

Helen



The Midland Women's Convention in Nottingham

The day we visited the Midland Women's Convention in Nottingham, was a wonderful day shared together with 9 of our Christ Church regulars.

Before we arrived, we were asked to decide which seminar we would each select to attend in the afternoon.

'Reading the Old Testament Today'; 'How God Guides Us' or 'Trusting Christ in our weakness'. There was also a youth seminar for 14 -18-year olds.

When we arrived, we didn't expect there to be over 500 women attending – fortunately the Cornerstone Church is large. The hospitality was also very good – offering a selection of tea, coffee, water and plenty of doughnuts!

A bookstall was open throughout the event, selling various publications, a Book Pack and books for children and Christmas themed titles.

The main speaker was Sophie Cornes, who works at Christ Church in Southampton helping to teach the Bible to women with a particular focus in student ministry.

This year the chosen Bible reading was taken from the Old Testament about Gideon.

Judges 6 v 1-40 The Chapter begins with the Israelites doing evil in the sight of the Lord, worshipping other Gods.

As a consequence, the Lord allowed the Midianites, along with the Amalekites and other eastern peoples, to oppress Israel for 7 years. These invaders would destroy Israel's crops and livestock, leaving the people impoverished and forcing them to hide in mountain caves and strongholds.



The Midland Women's Convention (cont)

As a result of their suffering, the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help. The Lord sent a prophet to remind the people of their deliverance from Egypt and their failure to obey God's commands.

Then the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon under an oak tree in Ophrah and declared that the Lord was with him, calling him to save Israel.

Gideon expressed his doubt, asking why all the suffering had happened if the Lord was with them. The angel then departed, and Gideon, realizing it was the angel of the Lord, then called the place - The Lord is Peace. The Lord then instructed Gideon not to

fear, promising that he would save Israel from the Midianites and be with him.

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The Midland Women's Convention (cont)

After a short break, when we returned Sophie continued... Judge 7 v 1-24. This describes Gideon leading a small, divinely selected force of 300 men to defeat the vast Midianite army by outwitting and surprising them. Gideon and his men surrounded their camp and, at his signal, blew their trumpets, broke their jars, and shouted 'A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!'

The Lord caused the Midianites to become confused and turn their swords against each other. Gideon's army simply watched as the army of Midian fell into panic, confusion and disordered retreat. Not one man had to draw a sword to defeat the enemy. Gideon's small army could never have brought about such a victory in their own strength. God wanted to demonstrate to Israel that victory depends not on strength or numbers, but on obedience and commitment to Him.

At the end of the day, when we started to leave to return home, we could also take an October 'Evangelicals' newspaper and a chocolate from an open selection box.

We would like to thank the Midland Women's Convention Committee and the musicians who also helped us to enjoy singing along to the songs.



Anne Smith

(Cont. from page 17)

What a privilege indeed! Please pray for all the pupils at CCA that they will come to know Jesus and start their own journey of faith.

Maryanne

Testimonies

Mrs Nichoson -Ward has shared these two testimonies from pupils at ***Christ Church Academy***.

The first is from July 25 and the second from September 25:

“At a recent retreat to Shallowford House, pupils were taking part in a reflective activity to create their own prayer bracelets. As part of the process, they drew out their designs, selecting the coloured beads they would use and their symbolic meanings. One child asked if they could share their plan with the group: a strand of dark grey beads running around half of their wrist that suddenly changed to become a riot of bright blues, greens, oranges and reds. She explained that it represented her own faith journey: the grey section being her life before and the rainbow of colour in celebration of coming to know Jesus. By taking part in Pursuit (our weekly extra-curricular club) she had connected with others and had the chance to explore the Christian faith in more depth.

In a similar way, as part of our introduction to RE at the start of the new term, pupils were drawing out their RE learning journeys in the exercise books. They sketched out a road or river and plotted on significant topics and questions that they explored previously. They also used some of the space to note down their personal reflections on their skills and hopes for their development in RE this year. One pupil explained that she had also included how her own worldview had changed over the past year. She told me that she been so moved by our worship at Christ Church, Stone and at school that she was no longer an atheist and now is Christian.

At Christ Church, we aim to give all pupils the chance to explore faith in an open and invitational way. For many, this means being able to express their own worldview and develop the capacity to defend it eloquently.

For others, this is a chance to question and enquire. For these pupils, it has been about something really profound- developing a relationship with Christ. What a privilege to be a part of this journey.”

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October 2025



Hi There,

What has been happening this month?

Well I guess the biggest event was in attending the Senior Waterways Chaplains' Conference at Sheffield from Monday 29th September to Wednesday 1st October. It is always good to meet up with colleagues from around the country—we have 15 hubs around the country with about 6 chaplains in each. As Seniors we support the chaplains in our hub and also try and fill in the gaps where we have no chaplains—doing the trouble shooting if you like. We liaise with bodies such as CRT (Canal & River Trust) and carry out talks for churches, groups etc.

We mainly talked at the conference about our future! For the last few years the Church Army (the evangelistic arm of the C of E) have been both funding us and overseeing our work—providing admin support and providing accountability through the Church of England. However, they now find themselves in financial difficulties and are having to re-think their mission, vision and priorities. Waterways Chaplaincy will not now be part of that so we will lose our funding and support. Sadly the Church Army have had to make many redundancies from their own staff.

Our Lead Chaplain is working hard to try and secure new funding streams, particularly from the boating industry itself, but as a charity (we only have 3 paid staff—the full time National Lead and 2 part time Regional Leads) looking after just over 100 volunteers who, in turn, support the many boaters on the many miles of the waterways, we have to find new ways to continue the good work. Lots of prayer needed!

Tales from the Towpath (cont)

We need support from churches throughout the country and here locally I am hoping that WWC can be one of Christ Church's Mission Partners.

Individual donations to our work will also be greatly appreciated.

Details of how to give are on our website:-

waterwayschaplaincy.org.uk

Watch out - I may feel a need to do a sponsored something soon for the cause!! Now what might I do?????

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 15/10/25



Light and Truth

Much as I'd prefer not to think about Christmas presents and cards until the week before Christmas, the reality is that as soon as Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday are over, I must procrastinate no longer! Poor Advent. It's lost in the mists of time, its season of spiritual preparation for Christmas overtaken by ever exotic Advent Calendars, their numbered windows promising expensive 'treats' to help us to get through the stress of Christmas preparations. I've even seen a cheese-a-day Advent calendar. Seriously, who thought of that one?

Instead of moaning about the commercialism of Christmas, here at Lichfield Cathedral we do all we can to keep the Sundays of Advent special, beginning with the hauntingly beautiful Advent Carol Service. But then we go 'full bling' with the Christmas Light Show and the Christmas Tree Festival. They're ever popular, a seasonal 'must' in many people's diaries. And at the heart of both, is a search for the light in the midst of the darkness. Physical light in the long nights of winter. And spiritual light in a world which feels chaotic and dark.

One of my favourite worship songs is 'Christ be our Light' by the Roman Catholic songwriter Bernadette Farrell. It's beautiful. If you don't know it and have access to the internet, do search for it. You'll soon be singing along to its gentle tune and meaningful lyrics.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

This is why, I think, so many people turn to the Church at Christmas, on the shortest days of the year. Our ancestors prayed that the sun would return. We search for the Son – the one who is the Light of the World. Even those who don't yet know him for in the

From the Diocese (Cont.)

themselves. But light and truth are in short supply at the moment – and Church we know both.

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

So many people are lonely at Christmas. So many are searching for somewhere to belong. As Christians we belong to one big family, made brothers and sisters through our baptism. Who might we 'serve' this Christmas by simply inviting them to 'come and see'? Invite them to a carol service, or a social event at church, or bring them to their cathedral to see the Christmas Trees or Christmas Light Show. You might make someone's Christmas, and it might be for them the first step to joining the church and finding faith. The worst that can happen is that they say no, so what's to lose? A blessed Advent from us all at Lichfield Cathedral. Your Cathedral.



*The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane
Dean of Lichfield*

*The Advent season begins on the
fourth Sunday before Christmas Day
- in 2025, that is November 30.
Lichfield Cathedral's programme of
worship and events for Advent and
Christmas*

can be found on the cathedral website: www.lichfield-cathedral.org



Light Party!!!!

Come join us for our Light Party!

The Christchurch Stone Light Party is back for 2025, albeit with a slight date change! This year it will run on

Sunday, the 2nd of November, 3.00pm—5.00pm.

Why come along?

As the days are getting shorter and the nights are closing in, we hope our Light Party can bring a bit of joy, warmth, and excitement amidst the cold and the dark! We'll be playing lots of games together, enjoying music, bubbles, and fun! There will be a short talk by Peter, our Children and Families worker, all about God and the hope that his light brings! We'll have a party tea together - with sandwiches, pizza, fruit, cake and crisps! And every child who attends will leave with their own party bag!

Who can attend?

Our Light Party is aimed at children from reception to year 6! Adults should drop off their children at 3pm and collect them at 5pm. To keep things light and fun for all attendees we ask for no scary costumes please!

How do I book?

To book onto our Light Party, please visit <https://christchurchstone.org/upcoming-events/>. The cost is just £2 per child.

Booking online is advised, but we also accept payment on the door. If the cost is prohibitive, do be in touch and we can see what we can arrange.

We hope to see you there!



Welcome Service

Y5 Welcome Service

On the Friday the 19th of September Christ Church hosted a service to welcome the Y5s to Christ Church Academy. This is the first time that this service has been held. It was lovely to see a church full of parents, grandparents and carers who had come to support the children. Each class (5 in total) did a small presentation talking about their hopes for the 4 years that they will spend at CCA. Please pray for these pupils as they start this journey.



Maryanne

Bereavement Service

A service for the bereaved 3pm Sunday 9th November

We hold an annual service for those who have been bereaved. This is in the afternoon of Remembrance Day which is **Sunday 9th November**.

We send a specific invitation to those for whom we have conducted a funeral service for their loved ones. But we also extend this to any who have been bereaved even if we have not been involved in the service or it was held at the crematorium without our being there.

The service will be at **Christ Church, Stone** at **3.00 p.m. on Sunday 9th November**. If you wish to attend, please could you make contact as we read out names of our loved ones who have died, and we provide flowers to place them in a special cross that we have for the occasion.

Refreshments are served after the service which we hope you can stay to have with us.

Paul Kingman

Advent Windows 2025

Advent Windows 2025 is almost here. Our Theme this year is the 'Advent Alphabet' so our creators will each be featuring their Alphabet letter as part of their Christmas display. The displays will be up from the 1st December and the map/leaflet is being designed by our friends from Vantage Point Creative this year—we are grateful to them for all their help. Each day the window will be 'opened' at 11.00am—the plan is below so you will know each day where to come to join in with our Christmas story and singing.

Date	Day	Location	Creator
1	MON	Vantage Point Creative	St Dominics Priory School
2	TUES	Woolliscrofts	Oaktree Farm Rural Project
3	WEDS	Co-op Funeral Care 1	Walton Priory School
4	THURS	John Burton	Pirehill School
5	FRI	Cats Protection League	Christ Church 1st School
6	SAT	Library	Hub Craft Group
7	SUN	Christ Church (1)	Sunday School
8	MON	AED Donate (1) Clothes shop	The Crossing Community Centre
9	TUES	British Heart Foundation	Smarty's Day Nursery
10	WEDS	Mud Pottery	St Dominics Primary
11	THURS	Co-op Funeral Care 2	St Michaels School
12	FRI	Millies Pie Shop	Oulton Church

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13	SAT	Xtraweld	Waterways Chaplaincy/ Canal Cruising
14	SUN	Stone Pharmacy	Springfield OSC
15	MON	Baystone Interiors	Oulton 1st School
16	TUES	AED Donate (2) Furniture Shop	Manor Hill School
17	WEDS	Shear Genius	Christ Church Academy
18	THURS	Children's Society	Elmhurst Day Nursery
19	FRI	Secret Tea Room	Mumbles Day Nursery
20	SAT	Lively Artisan Life- style	St Mary's Nursing Home
21	SUN	Bod Bar & Coffee Shop	The Early Years Academy Nursery
22	MON	Little Dots	Meaford Fields Day Nursery
23	TUES	Auto Car shop	Kids Planet Day Nursery
24	WEDS	Christ Church (2)	Christ Church



We look forward to seeing
you there!!!!

Helen

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/>

John Jervis (cont from Page 27)

There is also a monument in the crypt at St. Pauls Cathedral. Although his nickname was apparently 'Sour Crout' because of his temper, he was thought of as a very fair man who contributed considerable sums to charities.

PS Rumour has it that Jervis was partially responsible for the re – routing of the canal which used to pass quite close to Meaford Hall. He apparently disliked the foul language used by the boatmen !!

PPS There is a large plaque outside the Library commemorating his deeds. Why has it been effectively covered up by a large plant trough?

John Bowes

Viscount St Vincent of Meaford

Visitors to this area are often confused by some rather odd pronunciations of local features – Joules (or Jowells), Meaford (or Mefford), Sideway (or Siddaway) for example. Even Stone's most famous past resident insisted that his name was pronounced Jarvis.

Born in 1735 at Meaford Hall, young John was educated at Burton Grammar School, but ran away to sea in 1749. Joining the Royal Navy as a common sailor, he spent a considerable amount of time on ships chasing pirates in the Caribbean before returning to England to excel in various exams and being given command of his own ship in the Seven Years War against France. He played an important role in the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe and later distinguished himself in the American War of Independence.

Peacetime saw him expand his horizons and he became an MP for Launceston and later Great Yarmouth and Chipping Norton. In 1794, he returned to the sea as Commander in Chief of the Leeward Islands and then Admiral of the Mediterranean Fleet – Nelson was one of his subordinates. The Battle of St. Vincent resulted in a famous victory and Jervis was made Baron Jervis of Meaford and Earl St. Vincent – songs were apparently written about his deeds. In 1801 he was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty and Viscount St. Vincent of Meaford.

Retiring from active duty, he then undertook an anti – corruption review of naval practises and managed to fall out with various establishment figures including the Prime Minister and most of the Royal Navy. Despite travelling the world in the course of his career, Jervis still regarded Meaford as his home and he is buried in the family mausoleum at St. Michael's Church. (Cont on previous page 26.....)

Groups and Rotas

Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes, Sue Kingman
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CHURCH REGISTERS	BAPTISMS	12 TH OCT	RACHEL TURNER	
	WEDDINGS			
	FUNERALS	2 ND OCT	STELLA WINDSOR	AGE 94
		3 RD OCT	JOHN SHERRATT	AGE 76

FLOWER ROTA		WELCOMER	
2ND NOV		2ND NOV	Jacqueline Abrahams
9TH NOV	Remembrance	9TH NOV	Pam Roberts
16TH NOV		16TH NOV	Marilyn Overall
23RD NOV	Diana Tunstall	23RD NOV	Mandy Dudd
30TH NOV		30TH NOV	Jeanette Rowlands

Roads for Prayer

4TH NOV	10TH NOV
Old Road	Oulton Mews
Old Road Close	Oulton Road
Oulton Cross	Prince’s Street
Oulton Grove	Queen’s Square
17TH NOV	24TH NOV
Radford Close	Rendel Grove
Radford Street	Rolt Close
Rangeley View	Rudyard Close
Regent Street	Saltersford Rise

