

Christ Church and People

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(see inside back page for details)

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Tue	1	10:00am	Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am
Wed	2		
Thu	3		
Fri	4		
Sat	5	8:30am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast (9:00am)
Sun	6	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Ephesians 4:17-5:2 "A new life in Christ" Evening Prayer at Oulton 1 Samuel 3 "The making of a prophet"
Mon	7	7:00pm 7:45pm 7:45pm	Cornerstone Christianity Explored Home Group - 14 Coalport Drive
Tue	8	9:30am 10:00am 3:45pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Lighthouse Club years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 12-13 Christ Church Middle School governors meeting
Wed	9		
Thu	10	10-3pm 1:20pm 7:00pm	Christ Church First School Lichfield Cathedral visit Christ Church Middle School assembly The Rock Youth Group years 9-11
Fri	11	10:00am 6:30pm	Friday Fellowship Breathe years 6-8
Sat	12	9-12	Church Carnival Float decoration in Bromfield Court
Sun	13	9:15am 6:00pm	Morning Prayer Ephesians 5:3-20 "Living as children of the light" Communion at Oulton 1 Sam 4 "The glory has gone"
Mon	14	7:00pm	Cornerstone
Tue	15	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm 3:45pm 7:30pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Fraternal Lighthouse Club years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 12-13 Deanery Synod at Aston; speaker Mary Gale

Wed	16	7:30pm	Wednesbury - Licensing of Tim Vasby-Burnie
Thu	17	1:20pm 7:00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly The Rock Youth Group years 9-11
Fri	18	10:00am 6:30pm	Friday Fellowship Breathe years 6-8
Sat	19	4:00pm	St Michael's Church - ordination of Sally Smith
Sun	20	9:15am 6:00pm	Communion Ephesians 5:21-33 "Christian wives and husbands" Evening Prayer at Oulton 1 Samuel 7 "A new start with God"
Mon	21	7:00pm 7:45pm	Cornerstone Home Group - 14 Coalport Drive
Tue	22	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse Club years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 12-13
Wed	23		
Thu	24	1:20pm 7:00pm	Christ Church Middle School assembly The Rock Youth Group years 9-11
Fri	25	10:00am 6:30pm	Friday Fellowship Breathe years 6-8
Sat	26	2:30pm	Oulton Church cream teas at the Fairburn's - Oulton House
Sun	27	9:15am 6:00pm	Family Service Ephesians 6:1-9 "Family and work relationships" Communion at Oulton 1 Samuel 8 "A call for another king"
Mon	28	7:00pm	Cornerstone
Tue	29	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 3:45pm 7:30pm	Christ Church First School assembly Coffee before midweek service: service at 10:30am Seekers Club Lighthouse Club years 3-5 Christ Church Youth Club years 12-13
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A generous hearted brother

I never had a brother. I'm the brother to two great sisters. Some say 'that explains a lot!' Whether such pop-psychology is right or wrong it does mean that I delight in having many spiritual "brothers" in the Lord Jesus Christ. For that is the reality for the Christian. We can only come to know God as our loving Heavenly Father through the reconciling power of the cross of Jesus Christ.

I'm not a churchy type when it comes to Anglican practice. But it's worth noting a lesser-celebrated saint's day - Barnabas the Apostle is remembered on 11th June. For most of us this event will pass us by. But if we read the Bible we discover what a great Christian brother he was. It's unhelpful to use the term 'saint' for such stars in the ecclesiastical world since the Bible uses this term generally for all followers of Jesus, rather than for famous Christians of historical importance.

Anyway, back to the main point. Barnabas was an early member of the Jerusalem church and sold his property for the common good: *'Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement) sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles feet'* (Acts 4v36-37). He played a significant role. For when their fierce enemy Saul became the Christian now called Paul it was Barnabas who *'took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus'* (Acts 9v27). It was Barnabas who also showed a committed full acceptance of the Gentiles (non-Jews) who showed faith in Jesus Christ. It was a crucial aspect of the good news of Jesus who brings together people who formerly are antagonistic to one another. It was also Barnabas who insisted on including Mark in the work despite his earlier desertion.

Barnabas was true to his name in his conduct. His warm-heartedness was based on gospel truth rather than going for the lowest common denominator. How much is our conduct shaped by the gospel truth? Do we show confidence in what the Bible teaches us to do? Or do we compromise? The truth is invigorating and energising. For the truth that Jesus reveals leads us to freedom and joy. It leads to generous hearted brothers and sisters in Christ. It leads to a consistency in belief and behaviour: having tough heads, but tender hearts; following the Biblical teaching come what may, rather than papering over the cracks.

With love in Christ.

Paul Kingman



Tim, Caroline and Hannah's Farewell

A farewell service and meal took place in Christ Church on May 16th, the last Sunday that Tim and Caroline were with us. Many people were in church to say goodbye and there was standing room only around the tables laden with food.

Paul chose a passage from 2 Timothy chapter 1 (Paul giving advice to Timothy!) as he spoke about Tim's good work during the recent three years, while not omitting to mention that Tim has been a regular in Wetherspoon's and could do with spending less time on the internet. However, we at the magazine have been grateful for many gems that Tim found on the internet and passed on to us- we certainly will miss his contributions!

Tim has challenged us in many ways, for example he asked us to read the entire Bible during Lent; some of us managed this but I only got as far as Luke's gospel during Lent. Another challenge was to bless someone three times every day. Tim and Caroline also organised our "Summer Socials", in which people from Christ Church, St. John's and All Saints joined together in many pleasant activities. Wouldn't it be good if we could continue this tradition even after Tim and Caroline have left us? We will be happy to publish in the next magazine any details received by 15th of June.

Among items presented to Tim, Caroline and Hannah was a painting by Emma Joustra showing them stood on the canal bank not far from where they lived. We hope that this will bring back happy memories of Stone, Oulton and Moddershall in future times.

We hope that the VBs will be happy in their new parish in Wednesbury, where Tim will be licensed on Wednesday 16th June.

Dave Bell

Judah John's Arrival

Congratulations to Helen-Clare and Adam on the birth of their son Judah John on Sunday 16th May.

⁶ Tim Vasby-Burnie's Licensing and Institution

The induction of a minister is a great celebration and commissioning. Tim's licensing and institution as Vicar of The Parish Church of St Bartholomew, Wednesbury WS10 9DJ will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th June by the Rt Revd Clive Gregory, Bishop of Wolverhampton. All are welcome to attend the service with refreshments in the church hall.

Paul Kingman.

Jack's Plant Sale

Jack and Barbara Sutcliffe's Plant Sale was held very successfully on May 15th. As ever Jack has astounded us with his amazing plant boxes and at the time of going to press the money raised stands at about £500. The sun shone and Fairtrade biscuits, tea and coffee were on offer - time to peruse the plants and enjoy a chat.

This year's proceeds will go to the Jigsaw Project in Manila.

Holy Socks probably saved my life

Unlikely but true! Margaret Wyllie of the Holy Socks company was driving to an exhibition in a hired van, with a large load of Holy Socks and other goods, when she was involved in a road accident. The van was very badly damaged and she had to be cut out of the vehicle by the rescue services, but she was unhurt apart from a sprained ankle and some minor bruises. The rescue services told her that the soft goods in the back of the van cushioned the impact of the vehicle behind and possibly saved her life.

(They also make Glory Golf Balls and Biblical Brollies)

For once we have almost a legitimate reason for being late with this monthly update. We have been waiting for the official ratification of Dagmar's new role. It is now official that she will be Interserve's regional director for Eurasia which includes Europe, Turkey and as far as the Central Asian Republics. This will involve Dagmar being part of the international leadership team with a specific responsibility of being the link person between the national offices and field offices in her region and the International Leadership Team. This will mean relating to national and field leaders and seeing international policy formulated and then implemented, as appropriate in the individual national contexts. It is obviously going to involve a lot of communication and travel. All this will officially start in November after we have spent 4 months on home assignment in the UK.

Though we have been considering this for quite some time it is only now beginning to strike us how big a step this will be. Having worked in South Asia for 27 years it is hard to be leaving it. In many ways this has been our home; our children were brought up here and we ourselves have spent more than half our lives here.

Also, in many ways this decision raises as many questions as it answers! In theory we could be located anywhere from Ireland to Kazakhstan but the initial thought is that it could be right for us to locate in Germany, possibly near Berlin. At the moment I have no idea what I will be doing and that is another part of the jigsaw puzzle which needs to be filled in and which will have a bearing on where we live.

However, more immediately we have the challenge of finishing at Hebron, packing up and organising our home assignment. An additional challenge is that the electricity to our flat, and to hundreds of other houses in this area, was cut off over a week ago because our flat is "unauthorised" ie doesn't have proper planning permission. You may remember we had problems with this about a year ago when there was a threat of demolition. Over the last 9 days we have moved around a bit and we are likely to have to stay with friends or in a bedsit till we leave India on 27th June. At least it will focus our thoughts on the need to sell up and pack up over the coming weeks.

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At School the management team (which includes Dagmar) is working on some major changes to the management structure of the school and also on recruiting new staff and assigning new jobs to present staff in preparation for the next school year. Please pray that more new staff will be found - especially able to teach A Level in English, French, Physics, Maths, Music, Business Studies and PE. Also that our present wonderful staff will be excited to take on new responsibilities and that everyone will have the grace required to cope with a lot of change.

The students go on exam leave soon as we head into the main period of GCSE and A Level exams. There are no modular courses here, so the total grade hangs on these 5 weeks of exams. Many of our leaving students needs to make decisions about which university offers to accept by the end of May. Both Sarah and Simon have important university exams in June and Helen needs to look for a new job, so please remember our children as well.

Thank you for your prayers, Ralph and Dagmar

Andrew Butterworth's Engagement

Some additional good news for those who follow the monthly report from Andrew Butterworth in the overseas part of the magazine is that Andrew and Michelle announced their engagement on May 14th and hope to get married before the New Year .

Michelle is a South African girl, who works as an administrator in a church linked to the church that Andrew attends and they met last year when they were both working on a DVD project.

Best Wishes Jan

Trains Afternoon in aid of Jigsaw Ministries

Pete will be running the railway in the afternoon of July 3rd in aid of Jigsaw Ministries. It's expected that this will be from 2pm-4pm but look out for further announcements with all the details.

Steffan retook his A level History and improved his grade up to a C. He also got a C at A/S General Studies. Steffan has already finished his A level Art and mother and child are highly relieved it's over! Fie will also take History and Geography A levels in May. He will take a gap year, with his friend Scan, after his exams, spending several months in Australia before returning to the UK.

Jonathan took his Maths IGCSE and also obtained the required C grade. He will take another 8 IGCSEs this May and June. Please pray for both of them to achieve their potential, as well as all the other students at Hebron who have important external examinations.

Jonathan has been accepted as a boarder for this August— as we are officially leaving Hebron in January. (More info about this and our future plans in our next newsletter.)

Like many staff Tracy has been ill and had difficulty getting rid of the chesty cough and diarrhoea. Thankfully she's now a lot better, having recuperated over the half term break. Please pray for continued strength to get her through the AS and IGCSE exams.

Owen has been teaching Year 8 English over the last term. A new experience he has enjoyed. A new teacher was appointed and so this adventure has now come to an end. He hurt his hand several weeks ago playing football. It is still sore... .please pray for complete healing as he has been unable to use his right hand fully.

Ben has been visiting over Easter and looks likely to have extra time with us due to the lack of flights to the UK, thanks to a remote volcano in Iceland. He continues to enjoy University life. Ben will also have important exams. Please pray for these exams and for suitable student housing for next Semester

Bonding, Stability and Staffing A fair few staff (including ourselves), that have been here 5 + years, are leaving either in June or at the end of the year. This combined with the staff changes over recent years means that there are relatively few expatriate staff who have been here over 3 years. This has an unsettling effect on the students. Please pray there would be strong bonds between the newer staff and students. Pray for more staff to stay longer than 3 years.

STAFF NEEDED AUGUST Business Studies (to teach A level), English (, History, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages (French), Physical Education; Personal, Social and Health Education /Careers, Religious Studies, Computer Systems Administrator, Art (Head of Department) and Science (mainly Physics).

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT - WE APPRECIATE IT.

Owen and Tracy

¹⁰ **Warning: Terrorists groups infiltrate churches**

Latest news reports are that 4 terrorist cell groups have been infiltrating and operating in many churches worldwide. They have been Identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Complainin and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, has trained these groups to destroy the body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt and destroy.

However, there are reports of a 5th group that is acting as a counter terrorist unit, known as Bin Prayin cell group This group has been the only effective counter insurgency unit operating and does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the body of Christ. The Bin Prayin group has noticeable characteristics. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, Bin Longin and Bin Seekin for His Kingdom to come and for the return of their Master, Jesus Christ.

(You can spot of all of these groups if you've bin lookin and bin goin) - *author unknown., but we saw it in the Humphreys' newsletter.*

Creation or Evolution? The Answer

A little girl asked her Dad, "How did the human race appear?"

The Dad answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so was all mankind made.."

Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question.

The mother answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her father and said, "Dad, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and mom said they developed from monkeys?"

The father answered, "Well, Dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers."

From Andy Stone

Greetings once again from Zagreb!

We realise that it is a while since we last "reported in". SORRY! Thanks to one or two of you who've asked how we were!

We're still very much alive and actually, quite in the middle of God's blessings! We are saying "thank you" to our ECM Australian section, who recently sent a donation to the Dubrava church, because this, for me, just captivates the spirit of what is happening! Just to explain the background... ECM Australia gave us some project money, but the local Dubrava church had to donate itself 50/50, ie to make matching gifts. Otherwise we shouldn't spend the donations, so as to not cause dependency on foreign gifts. [A member of the Dubrava church made a donation of 3000 euros, from money received for the sale of land, which enabled the church to match the Australian donation]

Extra prayer news for the month of June

Stephen & Tabita Bell, Zagreb, church planting.

Evangelism 21-27 June - A team from America using the film Narnia will lead English lessons at the Dubrava church. Pray many people would come eventually join the church. Pray that the Gospel would be proclaimed and that God would cause people to seek him and be dissatisfied with their lives until they find him.

Praise God we have had conversions leading to **4 baptisms** this May! Ivan, Milka, Zoran and Dragec have recently given their lives to God. Their testimony is great and we pray and believe that God will call many such as they from the world.

Children's exams - Sheona (13), Joshua (11) and Benjamin (9) have hefty exams. Pray for peace of mind, diligent homework and good memory and results please.

Rejoice with us! Thanks to ECM Australia we have now been able to buy drums, an electric guitar (with pedal!) and bass guitar for our services. The gradually forming 13-40 aged group is totally encouraged and plans also to start also monthly Saturday evening meetings to reach out to especially younger folk.

Best wishes, Stephen and Tabita

Passion for Life Speaker, Rico Tice

Rico Tice is based at All Souls' Church Langham Place in London.

He asked. "Right now, do you think you are a successful person?"
Makes you think!

He then went on to use material from one of the biographies of Jesus in the following way.

A crowd of thousands had gathered to listen to Jesus. He began to speak about spiritual things, about eternity – but then a man in the crowd shouts out to Him. He's more concerned with what has been left to him in a will. Here are two brothers falling out for good over money. Their relationship is coming to an end over who's going to get Granny's sideboard and clock. And it happens, doesn't it!

Jesus answered the man. 'Who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you? Watch out!' He said, 'Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.' Then he went on to describe someone who had more than enough of everything he had ever wanted.

In Rico's version, the man Jesus described could have been the Chief Executive of a profitable business, or someone who commutes regularly to the City. He's a member of the two best golf clubs in the area and drives a top of the range executive car. His children all go to good public schools. His wife shops at Harrod's and Harvey Nicks. To cut a long story short he's the kind of person who still makes money in a credit crunch!

He doesn't go to church, well maybe at Christmas and Easter – he reads the Sunday supplements instead. If you had asked him, he might have said he believed.

For years he has been thinking, planning, working towards his early retirement. Now, at fifty three all his hard work has paid off. He's made it and he has everything he needs to have a great time – he didn't so much take early retirement as grab it with both hands! Doubtlessly the 'Sunday Times' colour supplement would run an article on him entitled, "The Man Who Knew When to Stop." And those people slogging up, commuting into the City, they'd read it and they'd say, 'Very wise, very wise.'

The retirement party has come and gone. The congratulations from his friends are ringing in his ears, they're saying, 'We saw the article; I don't know how you did it. We're going to have to go on working for years. You've made it.' He's on the terrace of his villa in Marbella, enjoying a bottle of wine and planning where to buy a chalet so that he can go skiing in the winter months and, as always, he takes care – it needs to be where the snow is right. He says to himself, "You've done it! You've done it! You've retired early."

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Count your Blessings

-if you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and somewhere to sleep tonight. You are richer than 75% of the world's population.

-if you have money in the bank, money in your wallet and spare change in a dish somewhere. You are a part of the richest 8% on this planet.

-if you woke up this morning with more health than illness. You are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

-if you have never known the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation. You are ahead of 500 million other people.

-if you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or even death. You are better off than 3 billion others.

-if you can hold up your head with a smile on your face, and be thankful. Many can but most do not.

-if you can hold someone's hand, hug someone, or touch their shoulder. You are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

-if you can read your bible. You are blessed above those who don't own one. Blessed more than one of the 2 billion who cannot read at all.

Yes, we must count our blessings, realising just how blessed we are.

Rico Tice *(continued)*

Although he lived as though God wasn't there, God spoke to him that night. Actually, God told him his obituary. Just two words 'You fool!' Suddenly, there is a searing pain in his chest and he is dead before they get him in intensive care.

Well they hold a memorial service for him in the City. The trade journal will say what a loyal servant of the company he was, and his chairman will say what an example he was to his profession, and God will say to him, 'You fool!'

Rico adds: "At a funeral an old lady said to me, 'Rico, do you know what failure is?' I said 'no', and she said, 'Failure is being successful at the things that don't matter.'"

(from Swynnerton Parish magazine- thank you)

We wanted to say something
 About our trusted friend
 Whose time with us in Staffordshire
 Is coming to an end.
 She's going to be the Vicar's wife
 In far off Wednesbury
 So here's a little poem
 For Caroline VB.
 The first thing we should mention
 Is Caroline's big heart
 For if you've got a problem
 She'll be there from the start.
 She'll help you with your washing
 And your ironing, like as not,
 And if you've got a baby
 She'll be there like a shot!
 She keeps things clean and tidy
 At home, and at the church,
 And if you need a lift somewhere
 Won't leave you in the lurch.
 She's really very welcoming
 Especially if you're new
 She'll find out lots about you,
 Your friends and family too!
 One Stone business which will miss
 Caroline being around
 Is Costa Coffee on the High Street
 Where she likes to be found.
 What place is there in Wednesbury
 To fill the coffee slot?

Will Ikea be the newest place
 For a quick decaf stop?
 Part of settling in
 Will include this little quest,
 Because at times a Vicar's wife
 Needs a place for quiet rest.
 She's good at organising
 A meeting or a group
 And always there'll be cake on hand
 In case you start to droop.
 And they're all homemade you know,
 Nothing "off the shelf"
 She'll offer you a plateful
 But she won't eat one herself!
 And when it comes to home life
 She's a lovely wife to Tim.
 We're sure that he is grateful
 That she organises him!
 To Hannah she is "Mummy"
 And a very good one too,
 Who follows Bible principles
 To know just what to do.
 And now it falls upon us
 To wish you all the best.
 We hope that, between parishes,
 You'll try to have a rest.
 Our thoughts and our prayers
 Will be with you as you go
 And so we say to Caroline
 A hearty "Cheerio!"
 (from Sue and Helen-Clare)

Recent Photographs



The Ladies' Curry Night.



Rico Tice and Paul at the Britannia Stadium.

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BAPTISM

28th March David Mutalama

FUNERALS

26th March William Stanley Gerrard Age 76

SIDESPERSIONS ROTÆ

AM

6th June D. Wilson B. Hutchinson
J. Rowlands M. Hutchinson

13th June D. Davies V. Ledward
K. Thompson T. MacFarlane

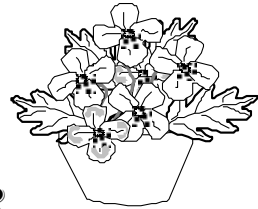
20th June A. West G. Holden
A. Lloyd D. Pickles

27th June J. Abrahams P. Hipkiss
D. Wilson J. Rowlands



FLOWER ROTÆ

6th June Mrs I. Gassor
13th June Mrs L. Mason
20th June Mrs S. Morray
27th June Miss A. Butler



ROADS FOR PRAYER

6th June
Stonefield Square
Victor Street
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane

20th June
Longton Road
Margaret Street
Newcastle Road
Newcastle Street

13th June
Bromfield Court
Dominic Court
Granville Terrace
King's Avenue

27th June
Northesk Street
Radford Close
Radford Street
Station Road, Alma Street



Deanery Synod Reps Mrs S Hallam, Mr D. Rowlands, Mr R. Brandon
P.C.C. Members Mrs D. Davies, Mrs I. Gassor, Mrs L. Mason
 Mr M. Thompson, Mrs D. Wilson, Mrs J. Abrahams
 Mrs K. Latham, Mr P. Mason, Mr A. Rushton
 Mr T. Woodhead, Mrs A. Burton, Mrs M. Hillman
 Mrs L. Kelly, Mr K. Reynolds, Mrs E. Woodhead

Secretary Jacqueline Abrahams 817020
Treasurer Kevin Reynolds.....851595
Envelopes, Gift Aid Nesta Challinor

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers 3-7 years	Sandra Morray.....	286093
Explorers 7-11 years	Estella Woodhead.....	761659
Pathfinders 11-14 years	Enid Bell.....	815775
Banner Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Church Missionary Boxes	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
Flower Guild	Marylyn Hillman.....	815936
Men's Fellowship	Mike Thompson.....	813712
Missions Secretary	Cecilia Wilding.....	817987
Prayer Group	Jeanette Rowlands.....	816713
Parents & Toddlers (Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)	Sandra Morray.....	286093
3rd Stone Brownies (Mo 6:00-7:30pm, First School)	Janet Smith.....	815939

Young People's Activities take place in the Centre during the Sunday morning service except on the fourth Sunday in the month, which is the family service.

Climbers 3-7 years *Explorers* 7-11 years *Pathfinders* 11-14 years

The following activities take place every week week in the Centre during term time.

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am

THE MAGAZINE TEAM

Mission News& Prayer Diary Cecilia Wilding 817987

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Christ Church welcomes you!

Whether you are new to the Stone area or have been living here for some time you are welcome to come to this church. The church is made up of adults and children who want to know more about the living God, who has supremely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ and continues to speak to us through His Spirit-inspired word, the Holy Bible (which can be read online at www.biblegateway.com and we recommend a modern translation e.g. the New International Version or English Standard Version).

We are a Christian church, because at the heart of what we believe is the fact that to know God personally we must put our trust in Jesus' death for our forgiveness so that we can be reconciled to God. We are part of the Anglican church, the basis of its Trinitarian belief is summarised in the Book of Common Prayer with its 39 articles, though we unite in Christ irrespective of denomination. We are an Evangelical church, as we see that the Bible is God's word for us and so is to inspire all that we do. This church was established with the help of the renowned Charles Simeon.

Our church meetings help us to grow in our understanding of what the Bible tells us about God, and this is something that we encourage others to investigate especially through our *Christianity Explored* course (see details on the national website www.christianityexplored.com). If you would like details of when the next local course is starting then please contact the church office.

We have children's and youth activities running during the Sunday meetings and also during the week, such as our Tuesday evening youth club. Adults may be further involved through small groups which meet for Bible study and prayer, a midweek communion service and a monthly prayer meeting.

Our community involvement includes links with the local schools: Christ Church First, Oulton First, Christ Church Middle and Alleyne's High.

We also have links with the Church in India, The Philippines, Croatia, Botswana and Pakistan.

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