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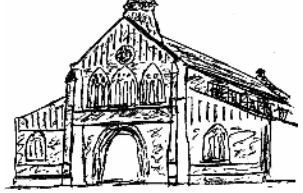
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August 2017

Tue	1	10:00 am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	2		
Thu	3		
Fri	4	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	5	8.30 am 9.30 am 2.30 pm	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast “Everybody welcome” coffee morning Wedding – Amy O’Connor & Christopher Morris
Sun	6	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion; Acts 22:30-23:35 “Revelation and rejection” Evening Prayer, All Saints Moddershall
Mon	7		
Tue	8	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30 Autumn House service
Wed	9		
Thu	10	11:00 am	St. Mary’s Home Communion
Fri	11	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	12		
Sun	13	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer Acts 24:1-27 “An inconvenient truth” Communion, All Saints Moddershall
Mon	14		
Tue	15	10:00 am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	16		

Thu	17		
Fri	18	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	19		
Sun	20	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Communion Acts 26:1-18 "From darkness to light" Evening Prayer, All Saints Moddershall
Mon	21		
Tue	22	10:00 am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	23		
Thu	24		
Fri	25	10:00 am	CE coffee morning
Sat	26		
Sun	27	9:15 am 6:00 pm	Morning Prayer Acts 26:19-32 "Courageous witness" Evening Prayer, All Saints Moddershall
Mon	28		
Tue	29	10:00 am	Coffee before midweek service; service at 10:30
Wed	30		
Thu	31		

Fairtrade goods will be on sale after the service on August 27th

Faith in our families

Christian festivals and camps are popular for bringing people together with a common faith in Christ. It chimes with the Biblical practice of large gatherings at special times in the year to recall God's goodness in the past and to celebrate. For many they seem like a foretaste of heaven where there will be thousands gathered around the throne of the King of kings and Lord of lords. These boosts are followed by a return to the more mundane local church.

The festivals are not the key to faith being grasped or growing. God has given the family as the place where faith is developed, both our blood relatives and our church family:

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!*

*² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,*

*³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.*

*⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.*

*⁵ He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,*

*⁶ that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,*

*⁷ so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments'*
(Psalm 78v1-7).

This summer provides more time for families to do just that. May I challenge those who are Christians to take time to read a chapter of your Bible each day and pray about it?
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Faith in our families *(cont)*

How about making time to do this with your children, grandchildren or godchildren? We often feel hard-pressed for time together, but let's make our holidays more like their original intention as holy days. We will then return refreshed spiritually, no matter how good the weather or whether we had a dream or disaster time away!

I look forward to seeing new faces in the autumn term as we do church together as the family of God so that we set our hope in God and follow His commands. *Paul Kingman*

Everybody Welcome

The "Everybody Welcome" coffee mornings are running again during the summer months (1 July, 5 August, 2 September). As well as free coffee/tea and cakes, there have been many who have enjoyed the live music in church which we plan to repeat on each Saturday. The aim is to welcome people into our church building — for the first time, or if they have been away for a long time. We will be leafleting people at the Farmers' Market and having free refreshments and an open church, with church members around to welcome all those who come.

Please put these dates in your diary/calendar and pray for those who come to them. Also, if you are a church member, please be prepared to think "Free Coffee Morning" and perhaps invite a neighbour to come with you; or, if you go to the Farmer's Market and meet someone you know invite them. If you are reading this article and do not come to church we would love to meet you. *Shirley Hallam*

Failure or Success?

This is the time of year for school exams and end of term speech days. Many will be successful in their exams this summer but some will not get the results they want or need. Some students will receive prizes at speech day but many will not. I still remember the feelings of failure at messing up my A Levels 38 years ago and not achieving the results that were expected of me.

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Failure or Success? (cont)

We may be tempted to think that 'successful people' are those who are always successful, who seem to sail through life moving from one achievement to the next. However, that is usually not the case. Winston Churchill, as Prime Minister, boldly led Britain to victory in World War II. However, 25 years before that, as First Lord of the Admiralty, he championed a World War I military attack that ended in disaster—Gallipoli. Churchill believed that he had the solution for breaking the impasse of the trench warfare in Northern France by opening up a second front away in the Dardanelles in North West Turkey. The Battle of Gallipoli, however, became a slaughter and quickly morphed into a stalemate just as bloody, just as pointless as that on the Western Front. In the first month after storming the peninsula, the Allies lost 45,000 men. The ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign lasted nine months before the evacuation of the last Allied troops in January 1916. Each side sustained 250,000 casualties with 46,000 Allied troops and 65,000 Turkish troops dead. Gallipoli was a disaster and in May 1915, Churchill was demoted to an obscure cabinet post. He remained haunted by the failure of Gallipoli for decades but somehow he did not allow it to defeat him. When he took the office of Prime Minister in 1940, he wrote, "All my past life had been a preparation for this hour and for this trial." That included Gallipoli. Later in life, Churchill would say that 'success is going from one failure to another without giving up'.

This would seem to be true in Christian discipleship, too. It is well documented how Peter made a mess of following Jesus and disowned him in a cowardly manner when Jesus needed him most. Peter misunderstood much about Jesus but there was one thing he really understood: he knew that Jesus was one who forgave sins. That one thing he learnt and it meant that Peter was able to keep on and on, after failure.

He never, finally, gave up. Peter fell at all the fences but he just picked himself up and struggled on, blinded with tears and covered in mud. It was this quality that Jesus must have seen in him – this refusal to ever accept defeat. After his resurrection, Jesus put Peter back together again and even re-commissioned him as leader of the apostles.

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<h2>Mission Prayer Diary</h2>	
	<i>Kieran and Ashley McKnight are with Emmanuel Church in UAE. People in the Church come from many countries. Kieran of course was Youth Minister at Christ Church .</i>
1 st	Emmanuel Church has applied to register as an official organisation in the UAE. This would allow the church to have bank accounts and other useful rights
2 nd	As Kieran and Ashley return to Arabia, pray that their work will progress, especially among young people in the church.
3 rd	The summer heat is terrific - 50C is possible. Pray for the construction workers who have no escape into air conditioning and must work outside all day
4 th	A women's conference will be held in October
	<i>Dagmar and Ralph Baron help to run Murree Christian School, in North Pakistan. They will visit Christ Church on July 9th.</i>
5 th	For wisdom, strength and guidance for Dagmar as she takes on the role of High School Principal
6 th	This is the dry season in Pakistan and the school suffers a water shortage along with the surrounding region
7 th	Since the terrorist attack on the school, security guards are needed to watch over the school. Pray for safety

8 th	New pupils arrive at the school at the end of the summer. For some, it will seem a strange life and they may feel homesick
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting and supporting evangelical Churches in Croatia and The Balkans</i>
9 th	Joshua Bell will soon begin a one-year course at Capernwray Bible College
10 th	Tabita organizes the youth, whether it be from 7PM to midnight at our house, or with the Dubrava and Dugo Selo music groups. Pray for spiritual growth, conversions and a great sense of worship.
11 th	Brazilian missionary Emanuel has pioneered local Christian radio – on a secular radio station accumulating 40,000 regular Listeners
12 th	New work has started in the nearby town of Vrbovec. Please pray for new church members
	<i>Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Now they live in the UK but still support and fund-raise for JigSaw. They are our CMS Link Missionaries</i>
13 th	Parts of Manila are very dangerous, with gangs and drug dealers controlling some districts
14 th	Jigsaw provides a meal for many children who otherwise would not get a proper meal
15 th	Providing a home for a child is expensive and difficult, but Jigsaw does what it can to help homeless children
16 th	Tim Lee has had some health problems, which have restricted his visits to Manila

	<i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gaborone, Botswana. Their organisation is “Bows and Arrows Ministry”, and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults</i>
17 th	Children and Youth Ministry training Programmes. We receive wonderful testimonies Evangelism and discipleship. All deserve to hear the good news.
18 th	Jonathan and Robinah lead Marriage Preparation courses
19 th	The population of Botswana, as with many African countries, is growing rapidly. Pray that the many young people will hear the Gospel
20 th	A Christian car dealer has obtained a low-price car for Jonathan and Robinah. Pray for the car!
	<i>Tear Fund prayer requests</i>
21 st	Please pray for peace in the Central African Republic, as the violence is becoming progressively worse. Lift up our partners ACATBA and AEC as they implement their projects, and ask that the Church be salt and light showing the love and mercy of God
22 nd	IMPACT:LIFE is a new Tearfund initiative connecting young Christian professionals with communities in which we work. Please pray for more to join the initiative and for each of them to engage with an ongoing journey of generosity.
23 rd	In Honduras one in four children is married before the age of 18. The country has just made this illegal. Let's praise God, and pray for the effective enforcement of the law, especially among the poorest where child marriage is most prevalent.
24 th	A state of emergency has been declared in Zambia following civil unrest and the burning of several markets in the capital. Please pray that the situation can be resolved and for wisdom for the country's leadership.

	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship run a small fleet of aircraft flying church workers, medical teams and missionaries into very remote areas in Africa, Papua New Guinea and Asia</i>
25 th	Uphold our despatch team in Juba who are doing a great job ensuring the quick turnaround of MAF aircraft, enabling help to reach areas of great need. When an aircraft lands, they work quickly to refuel and repack the plane with essential supplies.
26 th	We need a Deputy Programme Manager and a Deputy Director of Maintenance for our South Sudan lifeline. Pray God will meet our needs.
27 th	Uphold the work of organisations such as Not Impossible Labs and missionaries Chris and Nadia Low, who are bringing help, hope and healing to maimed and displaced South Sudanese by providing prosthetic limbs and sharing the Gospel
28 th	Pray that God will prepare the hearts of four experienced mission pilots and a Security Manager to join our team in South Sudan.
	<i>The Church Mission Society works in 49 countries</i>
29 th	Jim Paul is a chaplain at Christian Medical College and Hospital in Tamil Nadu, India. His ministry of pastoral care to terminally ill patients also extends to their family members who suffer with them. Please pray for Jim in this vital work which requires
30 th	For the past four years, Daniel and Ellelein Kirk have been involved in planting a church in Valparaiso, the largest port city in Chile. The Church is called Iglesia Pablo Apostol (IPA). IPA has experienced much growth and the team are now planning to establish a social outreach arm called Hope for Valparaiso. Please pray for continued growth in IPA, both in numbers and in discipleship.
31 st	Please pray for people who attended an open day for the CMS Pioneer Mission Leadership Training Course a couple of weeks ago and who are now considering enrolling on the course. Pray that God will give them wisdom and guide their steps.

Failure or Success? *(cont)*

Failure is on the map in everyone's life. The key seems to be recovering from it, not being defeated by it - allowing God to pull us up off the floor when we have fallen. When we fail we may be sorely tempted to agree with Homer Simpson: 'You tried your best; you failed miserably. The lesson is: never try!' However, as followers of someone who died and rose again from the dead, there is a better way.

Bishop Mark Rylands

22 new curates in the Lichfield Diocese

Twenty-two new curates were ordained at Lichfield Cathedral during the first weekend of July, reflecting the rise in interest in exploring vocations across the Diocese.

The curates – 14 women and eight men - marked the end of two or three years of training when they were ordained as deacons by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, at special services on Saturday and Sunday.

This year's number of ordinations doubled 2016's total of 11 – all of whom went on to be ordained as priests at services across the Diocese a week earlier.

The new deacons will start their parish ministry in a variety of places and roles, including five who are taking on non-stipendiary roles.

Historic Churches Cycle Ride

Ride and Stride is an annual event to raise funds for the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust. On Saturday 9th September, many Staffordshire churches will be open and the idea is to be sponsored for the number of churches visited on that day.

Our church will be open, needing welcomers. . .Sandra and Chris Morray, and Helen are regular cycling participants and Sheila and Dorothy have walked in and around Stafford. Ask any of these people for more information.

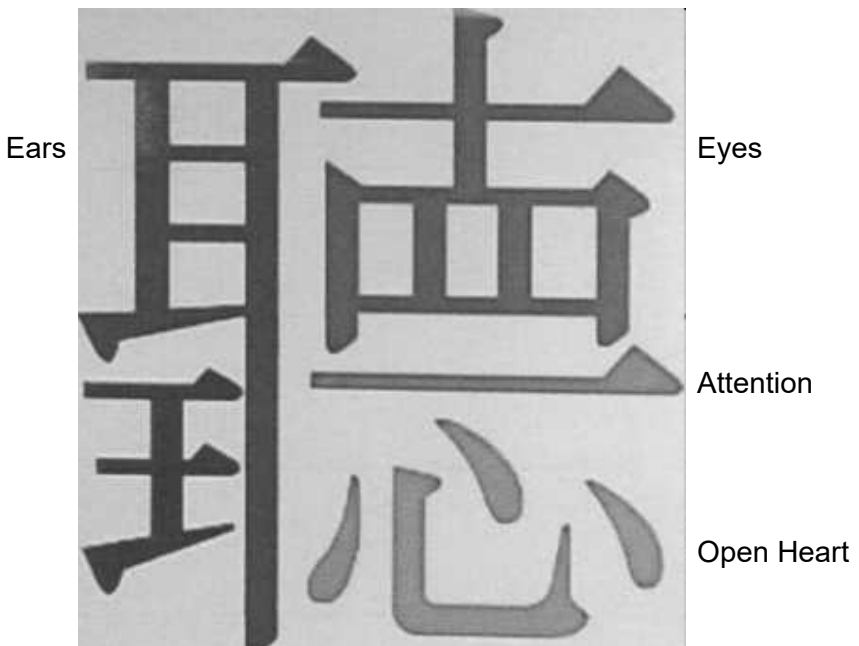
Dorothy

Hospital Notes

"Is my testicle black?" the patient (male!) asked the Chaplain more than once during his visit, mistaking him for a doctor. Concerned and a little anxious the Chaplain summoned a nurse to sort out this query. And after speaking to the patient the nurse said to Chaplain "You've misheard", he is asking "Is my test result back?".

This TRUE STORY was used as an illustration during a Chaplaincy training session at RSUH to demonstrate how important it is that we hear and understand correctly what is said when talking with patients!

Another helpful example in engaging with patients was given to us using the Mandarin character for the verb 'to listen'. This is reproduced below with its' meaning.



The Mandarin symbol for the verb "to listen" reads -
I give you my ears, my eyes, my undivided attention and my heart

Dave Rowlands

All Woman Choir

Pam Roberts and I belong to the 'All Woman' choir which meets in Stafford. Our musical director has recently posted a recording of one of our favourite songs 'There's a Hero' on iTunes and Spotify for purchase (79p).

All money raised from the sale of this recording will, in light of the Grenfell Tower disaster, go to the Ambulance and Fire Service charities. If you can, please support us and the charities. This is a small thing we can do to help this tragic event.

Jeanette Rowlands

"There's a Hero"



ALLWOMAN

Written by Don Cook and John Jarvis

Performed by Staffordshire's ALL WOMAN CHOIR

In support of The Firefighters Charity and TASC (The Ambulance Services Charity)



More than a Refugee

Although the news headlines may have largely moved on from the refugee crisis, the reality is that the situation is more desperate than ever.

This is **one** portrait of a refugee from the prayer section of the Tearfund website.

Name: Ghassan

Country of origin: Iraq

Country location: Jordan

Stat: 53%of the world's refugees come from just 3 countries – Syria, Afghanistan & Somalia

One of Tearfund's partner organisations in Amman, Jordan has been running exercise classes for refugee men from Iraq and Syria. This has been a big hit and has brought some surprising benefits.

The class ethos is based on teamwork, camaraderie and encouragement. Participants range from a 3 year old boy to a man in his 70s. There is a joyful atmosphere and it is easy to forget this is a room full of refugees.

Many who have come to Jordan struggle with depression. Few of them are able to find work and they are often dealing with the trauma of the conflict from which they've fled.

* **Ghassan** is 52 and a refugee from Iraq. He says 'These classes have given all of the participants self confidence and to have hope in life. There are other organisations that support us with food, but for me my soul is as important as food. The class helps me to be more at peace. When I talk about my former life, I feel pain but when I go to the classes I forget my problems - the coach is like my brother and it helps me get better.'

**His name has been changed for security reasons.*

Please pray: Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for the plight of refugees, soften our hearts to their situation and help us to follow your lead in seeking justice on their behalf. Pray for an end to all wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place. Amen

Alternative calendar for August

Our calendar looks a bit empty in August; here are some things that other people do in August

- August 1st Lammas Day (thanksgiving for bread)
- August 2nd Houses of Parliament Summer opening
- August 3rd White Wine Day
- August 4th Single Working Women's Day
- August 5th International Beer Day
- August 6th Start of National Scrabble Week
- August 7th Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day
- August 8th Happiness Happens Day
- August 9th Book Lovers' Day
- August 10th Lazy Day
- August 11th Play in the Sand Day
- August 12th Middle Child's Day
- August 13th International Left-Handers' Day
- August 14th Financial Awareness Day
- August 15th Relaxation Day
- August 16th Tell a Joke Day
- August 17th Black Cat Appreciation Day
- August 18th Bad Poetry Day
- August 19th World Photography Day
- August 20th Virtual Worlds Day
- August 21st Poets' Day
- August 22nd Be an Angel Day
- August 23rd Ride the Wind Day
- August 24th Strange Music Day
- August 25th Banana Split Day
- August 26th Dog Day
- August 27th Tug-of-War Day
- August 28th Bank Holiday
- August 29th Individual Rights Day
- August 30th Frankenstein Day
- August 31st Love Litigating Lawyers Day

Christ Church 132 years ago

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

On Saturday, July 18th, the members had an afternoon's picnic in the beautiful grounds belonging to Mr. George Meakin. They were accompanied by Mr. Wood's excellent band, and spent a very enjoyable time in wandering through the gardens, green-houses, and the adjoining wood, in cricket and tennis. A bountiful tea was spread out under the trees at five o'clock, and ample justice done by the members. Looking back upon the past six months, we cannot but feel thankful for the success that has followed Mr. Pearman's efforts ; there are now forty-five members, and there has been throughout a deepening interest shown in the study of the Bible. When the class reopens, it is proposed to take a course on the lives of Old and New Testament worthies.

THE MOTHERS' EXCURSION.

For months past about twenty members of the Mothers' Meeting have been subscribing small sums weekly for a " day by the sea." On Monday, July 13th, the Vicar, Mrs. Thompson, and the mothers left by the first train for Liverpool. Before crossing the river to New Brighton, the Art Gallery was visited, and some time spent in admiring the rich collection of paintings. The Museum also, with its marvellous collection of curious beasts, birds, and fishes, etc., had no small share of admiration. All enjoyed the sail on the river, especially those whom Neptune bore for the first time. At New Brighton, the afternoon was spent in quiet walking over the rocks or round the fort, some bathing, others riding. The weather was throughout of the best, and all returned home very contented and thankful that nothing had occurred to mar the enjoyment of the long-expected " day by the sea."

THE BAND OF HOPE.

The young people belonging to the Christ Church Branch of Hope went for their annual picnic again to Darlaston Park, thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Meakin, on Saturday, July 11th. The children, accompanied by our Band of Hope Workers, met at the School at 2 p.m., and, after a few words from the Vicar and Mr. Jenkinson, started on their way, headed by our beautiful banner. Games were begun at once, and carried on with much enjoyment during the remainder of the afternoon. About eighty children sat down to tea. The kindness of several members of the congregation enabled us to add many little items to the children's pleasure. The total expenses were £1 17s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of 2s.

REGISTERS AND ROTAS

BAPTISM

25th June Aleigha Jean Ford

SIDESPERSIONS ROTA

AM

6 th August	P. Roberts	D. Wilson
	L. Fforde	D. Pickles
13 th August	P. Kelly	J. Abrahams
	A. Smith	J. Bowes
20 th August	E. Kingman	G. Leithead
	K. Rein	C. Reeve
27 th August	G. Latos	D. Davies
	D. Shemilt	K. Woodhead



FLOWER ROTA

6 th August	Mrs D. Wilson
13 th August	Mrs B. Boote
20 th August	Mrs K. Thompson
27 th August	Miss B. Sutcliffe

ROADS FOR PRAYER

6th August

Nicholls Lane
Old Road
Old Road Close
Oulton Cross

13th August

Oulton Road
Oulton Mews
Princes Street
Queens Square
York Street



20th August

Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge
Anderton Way/View

27th August

Bentley Close
Rendel Close
Brindley Close
Rudyard Close

Groups and Activities

Deanery Synod Reps	Helen Bowes
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GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Climbers 3-7 years

Explorers 7-11 years Estella Woodhead.....761659

Banner Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

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Flower Guild Marylyn Hillman.....815936

Prayer Group Jeanette Rowlands.....261199

Parents & Toddlers Sandra Morray.....286093

(Mon 9.30 – 11.15am)

3rd Stone Brownies Janet Smith..... 815939

(Mon 6:00-7:30pm, First School)

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 **Junior Church 7-13 years**

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

Monday Toddlers 9.30 am **Breathe** (years 5-8) Monday 6:30 pm

Kingzone (years 2-4) Wednesday 6:00 pm

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