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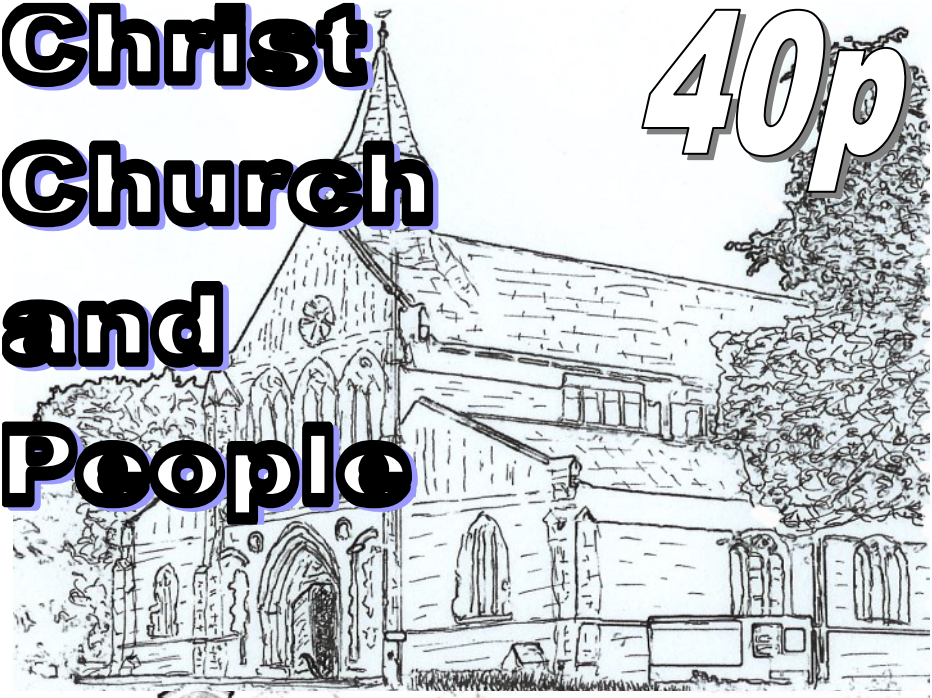

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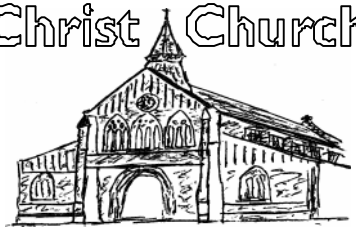

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October 2022

	Date	Time	Events (Zoom codes in weekly email)
Sat	1st	8:30 am	Prayer meeting followed by breakfast
Sun	2nd	9:15 am 5:00 pm	Communion; Genesis 41:1-57 “In the waiting room” Christianity Explored at the vicarage
Mon	3rd	9:30 am	Toddler group
Tue	4th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Communion; Philippians 1:1-11 “Partnership in the Gospel” Pursuit Club
Wed	5th	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekkers
Thu	6th	1:10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	7th	7:00 pm	Guides Bon Voyage service
Sat	8th		
Sun	9th	9:15 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer; Genesis 42:1-28 “Prepared to forgive” Christianity Explored at the vicarage
Mon	10th	9:30 am	Toddler group
Tue	11th	10:30 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm	Communion; Phil 1:12-26 “To live is Christ” Pursuit Club Autumn House service
Wed	12th	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekkers
Thu	13th	9:30 am 11:00 am 1:10 pm	CCFS Harvest service St Mary’s Home service Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	14th	10:45 am	Christ Church Academy Harvest service
Sat	15th		
Sun	16th	9:15 am 5:00 pm	Communion; Genesis 43:16-44:34 “Confession and repentance” Christianity Explored at the vicarage

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	Date	Time	Events
Mon	17th	9:30 am	Toddler group
Tue	18th	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Communion; Phil 1:27-2:18 “The way of Christ” Pursuit Club
Wed	19th	9:00 am 3:30 pm	Christ Church First School assembly Trekkers
Thu	20th	1:10 pm	Christ Church Academy assembly
Fri	21st		
Sat	22nd		
Sun	23rd	9:15 am	All age service; Genesis 45:1-15 “Reconciled”
Mon	24th		
Tue	25th	10:30 am	Communion; Philippians 2:19-30 “Star quality Christians”
Wed	26th		
Thu	27th		
Fri	28th		
Sat	29th		
Sun	30th	9:15 am 5:00 pm	Morning Prayer Genesis 47:11-26 “A double calling” Christianity Explored at the vicarage
Mon	31st	5:00 pm	Light Party

Notes

St John’s Oulton Sunday services
11:00 am each Sunday
All Saints Moddershall Sunday services
11:00 am Second and Fourth Sundays in month

'Follow me, as I follow Christ'

During September the nation was under a cloud of mourning. For our late Queen Elizabeth had served for 70 years and 214 days and was an outstanding role model. It was a truly remarkable reign or, better still to say, hers was a truly remarkable life. An early quote reveals her intentions: *'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it.'* (21st birthday radio address, 1947)

Many people spoke of Her Majesty's consistency and faithfulness. She fulfilled her role of serving the nation and commonwealth with such ableness. She was a truly great ambassador in the conduct of her life and Christian faith. This is even more remarkable when you consider the degree of public scrutiny under which she lived out her life during her 96 years. Yet she tenaciously held onto many Christian principles that proved to be a guide for her and an inspiration to others. What sustained the Queen during difficult times? In her own words we learn: *'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'* (2000)

The Apostle Paul was aware of how closely the world watches Christians lives, especially, but not exclusively, those in positions of leadership. He wrote to fellow Christian believers: *'Follow me, as I follow Christ'* (1 Corinthians 11v1). His responsibilities were heavy, and the challenges he faced were often life threatening. *(continued)*

But he did not view his duties as a drudgery. It involved self-sacrificial service, giving up many personal freedoms for the benefit of others to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. It involved knowing the scriptures well, so that in his guidance of others he repeatedly referred to the scriptures and showed how to follow Christ's teachings. Paul also prayed and encouraged others to give self-sacrificial service.

We thank God for the life of the late servant of God and nation. Inspired by Her Majesty's example let's also dedicate ourselves to follow Christ.

Paul Kingman

Girlguiding Stone Outward Division

SMILE 6 International Service Project

The SMILE 6 Team have pleasure in inviting you to join them for their Bon Voyage Service. The team have worked really hard over the last eighteen months and with your help, support and encouragement are now ready to travel out to Kenya and begin their unique adventure. Our service will be held at Christ Church Radford Street, Stone ST15 8ED Friday 7th October 2022 7pm. We hope that you can join us

RSVP to Jacqueline by 1.10.22

Christianity Explored

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

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

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

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

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

When? Sundays at 5pm from 2nd October (seven weeks).
Where? Christ Church Vicarage, Bromfield Court, Stone ST15 8ED.
Contact? Speak to Revd Paul Kingman (01785 812669).
More information: see the website *http://www.christianityexplored.org*

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Today's episode?

Many of the best dramas and documentaries on TV and radio are spread over series of installments. Good episodes leave us wanting to know more, whether this be a "cliff hanger" in a thriller series, or a simple hint of what's to come at the end of a serious documentary.

St Luke who is described as one of Paul's "fellow workers" (Philemon 1:24), and as "dear friend and Doctor" (Colossians 4:14), was a very educated, scholarly man, and a brilliant, methodical writer. If St Luke was writing today his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles would start a great TV series.

Of course, this would require careful research and preparation. We know St Luke carried this out, because he commences his Gospel with these words. *"I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught"* (Luke 1:3-4)

The good news about the life and ministry of Jesus ends with Luke telling us that Jesus has "gone away into heaven". So we might expect an air of uncertainty and sadness in the followers. On the contrary, they are full of joy because they know that something wonderful will follow. *"Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 28:53).*

This is a good way of ending the first episode because it leaves us thinking "so that happens next?"

Jesus may have "left them and been taken up into heaven" (Luke 28:51) but look at the very first verse of Acts.. "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that JESUS BEGAN TO DO and to teach" (Capitals mine). The implication is that what Jesus had begun when he was physically present in this world in person, would now be continued personally in his disciples through His Holy Spirit.

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Like any good presenter, St Luke starts his second work with a very short summary of the life of Jesus which he has already set out in his Gospel. The Acts of the Apostles is a natural continuation of that work. Throughout Acts, Luke gives great prominence to the work of the Holy Spirit,. starting of course with his detailed account of the events of Pentecost.

Like the Gospel, there is no formal conclusion to the Acts of the Apostles, and there are several theories about why this should be. Whatever the reason, we are left, as we were at the end of the Gospel, asking the question "So now what happens?"

Jesus said at the end of St Matthew's Gospel that he is with us always, but He is Lord and he can choose how and when we may experience his presence. By giving our lives to Jesus we are submitting to his Lordship. Luke's "second Gospel" is about how this works out in practice with the Holy Spirit as a key factor.

The good news of Jesus working in Christians through his Spirit is eternal. As we marvel at the great work of St Luke and his writing, we must never forget that it is now our opportunity to write our personal part of the eternal Good News of Jesus Christ, we are part of yet another Episode, of the Lord Jesus Christ's saving work.

Roger M.Vaughan

	Mission Prayer Diary
	Scripture Union—pray for work among young people
1st	Give thanks for all the holidays that took place this summer and the volunteers who made them happen. Please pray for refreshment and encouragement for them as they go back to work and studies
2nd	Please pray about the new Holiday Club resource for churches to use in 2023—"Restoration Station". Pray that the material will help young people learn about how Jesus is the Creator Restorer
3rd	Please pray for Content Developer Leanne Sheppard and the Development Hub team as they put finishing touches to Christmas resources
4th	Pray for the Singapore SU team as they prepare for SUPA camps for primary age children in November and December
	Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia
5th	Stephen and Tabita are working to establish regular church meetings in the nearby town of Novi Marof. £400 is needed each month to rent premises for the church. Some local people did attend church but meetings stopped during the pandemic
6th	Stephen writes "Emanoel and I have been motivated to write a book on the power of working together, with the view to encouraging people across denominations to co-operate wherever possible and, more to the point, refrain from criticism and competition."
7th	Further integrated into the Varaždin church—Stephen and Tabita are now part of the leadership team here and are leading a housegroup
8th	Street evangelism during June attracted crowds to taste Brazilian food and listen to the choir singing in the town square. Many informal conversations took place with passers-by. Pray that some will begin to attend church meetings too.
	TearFund works with many poor communities across the world. They especially work through local churches and agencies

9th	In Uganda and much of East Africa the rains have failed and there is a hunger crisis. Tearfund is providing 300 families with monthly food parcels, through local churches
10th	Jas Green Centre in Plateau state Nigeria, used 50,000 recycled plastic bottles in the construction of its new Youth Livelihood Centre which will support youth employment projects. Pray that this Centre which also recycles electronic waste into solar power units, will inspire further projects
11th	A new project in Nepal is helping small farmers to grow crops more suited to the changing climate and earn money by selling in local markets
12th	After training from Tearfund, church leader Sunpuri together with local people, is planting bamboo in riverside areas to prevent landslides during heavy rains
	Our CMS Link Missionaries Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Please pray-
13th	Jigsaw's Bible Holiday Club this year reached 2000+ children and young people, mostly through home packs as face-to-face activities were not possible due to Covid-19
14th	Jigsaw's new van should have been delivered in September– pray that it will travel safely throughout the slums of Manila and reach children in need
15th	Give thanks for the Consuelo Foundation of the Philippines, which has given a large donation to Jigsaw enabling the purchase of resources for several projects. The Foundation is considering further funding for specific Jigsaw projects
16th	Although virus levels are relatively low at the moment, vaccinations have not reached high levels in Manila. As Jigsaw resumes face-to-face activities in November, pray that all will go well

	Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gabarone, Botswana. Their organisation is "Bows and Arrows Ministry", and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults.
17th	J&R bought a plot of land in Uganda many years ago but it was stolen by unscrupulous land dealers. Courts have now decided that it does belong to them but they must pay legal fees to have title deeds restored. Only then can they think about building a house for their retirement
18th	Jonathan Jr goes to university in Nairobi. He missed a year of education due to a serious accident which necessitated several operations on his leg
19th	The Scripture Union local director borrowed Jonathan's car and unfortunately collided with a cow. He had minor injuries but the cow was killed and Jonathan's car was written off. There seems to be no insurance payout. Please pray.
20th	Farming education work continues with a focus on growing potatoes for food, as well as Safflower for commercial purposes
	Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements.
21st	Praise God that flight operations began earlier this year in Guinea, MAF's newest programme in Africa. MAF delivered fruit trees for an agricultural project in a hard-to-reach area
22nd	In Papua New Guinea MAF uploads Christian content and educational materials on to microSD cards which are distributed by MAF pilots serving rural communities. These can be used by anybody with a smartphone
23rd	Regular MAF medical safaris in Madagascar take teams of doctors to remote areas. Pray for these flights and all the people who are examined and treated

24th	MAF and Rotarians against Malaria Australia delivered 34,250 mosquito nets in PNG in 2022.Pray these nets will save many isolated people from a disease which kills hundreds of thousands each year worldwide
	The Bible Society's Bible-a-month club is delivering Bible resources in Ghana
25th	Thank God that "Open the Book" is thriving in Ghana. Pray that the teams will be welcomed into more and more schools in Ghana
26th	Queen Elizabeth was the patron of the Bible Society. Pray for new support in high places for the Bible Society
27th	Pray for Bible Society work in the Middle East. Many work in areas that are politically volatile and face many challenges. Pray for their protection, encouragement and the Lord's blessing
28th	Pray for the Bible Society of Mali, facing enormous challenges as it serves churches across this vast and poor country. Despite the challenges there remains a great demand for God's Word
	Church Mission Society works in many countries around the world
29th	Joe and Sarah, mission partners in Egypt, are sharing the Gospel through teaching English and training teachers in a local school run by the church. They ask for prayer for the school and the hospital
30th	Wilhe;m Polikhronidi manages a Christ-centred rehab centre in Be'er Sheva, Israel. As many addicts have come and gone over the past few months, pray for people to commit to rehabilitation and meet with God
31st	Pray for a couple in Spain offering ministry through contemplative guided hikes and wilderness retreats as part of their work of preparing workers for the nations of North Africa

Hospital Notes 37 - FREEDOM?

I'm not sure if the above title is quite correct but on visiting County Hospital early in September I found out that from 31st August I no longer needed to carry out a Lateral Flow Test before attending to work at the hospitals. I also discovered that the requirement to wear a new apron and gloves for each patient had been discontinued. In fact I didn't need to wear them at all!

Although it had been time consuming and strange to have to don this PPE initially, having been back visiting for 18 months, it now seemed very odd to cease doing what had become automatic! Was I safe wandering around the wards without it? Of course, like all in the hospital I am still required to wear a face mask at all times.

All the PPE stations remain in place – who knows whether or not we might have to revert to using it once again in the future?

Does this feel like FREEDOM? Not really; because at present I feel rather 'underdressed' as I approach someone's bedside and especially if they reach out and take hold of my hand. FREEDOM, at least partly, comes when we feel and are safe and I am sure this will soon be the case again as I readjust to the more relaxed circumstances.

However, true FREEDOM is experienced only when we are safe and secure for the future as well as for the present. This is the wonderful gift that Christians receive when they put their faith and trust in God who created us, sustains us through everything we experience in life and gives us complete confidence for the future.

Jesus said *"If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you FREE. And if the Son sets you FREE you will be FREE indeed"* John 8: 32,36

Dave Rowlands

Suffering Church Action and Awareness Week gives us an opportunity to stand alongside our suffering Church family, to make known their situation and demonstrate Christ's love to them, through prayer and practical action.

Prayer is a powerful tool. It not only connects us to our loving Father, God, it also connects us with all our brothers and sisters in Christ in every situation, across every nation. Sometimes the Church suffers with the world; sometimes the Church suffers from the world. In either case, our brothers and sisters desperately need our prayerful support.

In their 8-day prayer diary, *'Understanding the Times'*, **BarnabasAid** uses five categories – war, disaster, famine, disease and persecution – to give an overview of how the Church across the Earth is suffering. A SCAAW prayer diary is included with the October/November edition of their magazine, or can be requested online (www.barnabasfund.org/gb/scaaw)

MAF's Global Week of Prayer, entitled *'Light'* is based on John 1:5: *'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it'* (NLT). The 8-day prayer diary follows a particular rhythm of prayer – Head; Heart; Hands, to focus our prayers on the people associated with MAF and the people in need, whom they serve. The SCAAW prayer diary is included with the October–December magazine edition of *Flying for Life*, or you can access a digital version by filling in a form online (www.maf-uk.org).

Please join with fellow believers all over the world to pray earnestly for all who are suffering for whatever reason – be it natural disaster, poverty, famine, war or persecution.

Lord Jesus, we pray that Your eternal purposes will not be thwarted. May Your light overcome the dark and destructive events that are hurting so many people. Please help each one of us to play our part –fervently praying and generously giving aid to the needy. Amen.

Elizabeth

Reflections on Holiday Club

For four days, from the 30th of August to the 2nd of September, Christ Church ran our Razzamatazz Robots holiday club! It was the first time we'd been able to run our 'annual' holiday club in three years due to covid, and therefore it was also my first holiday club as Children and Families worker too. What an exciting event!

Before the club began, we all tried to deck out our corners with various 'robots'. I was on team 'fishybots' and had lots of fun covering our little area with various ocean themed decor! By the end of Monday, the church and the centre looked great, with Chris Nix's giant robot being the jewel in our crown.

The club kicked off to a great start. Although we were a bit thin on the ground, likely due the effect of our three-year forced hiatus, the children seemed to have a great time! We spent each day enjoying lots of games and crafts, all themed around Genesis and God's wonderful creation (which did NOT include robots!). We sang songs, heard Bible stories, and listened to several short talks about what God's awesome creation means for all of us, and what exactly went wrong in the garden of Eden.

A couple of highlights for me were our daily puppet shows (performed masterfully by Hannah and Grace Kelly), and the daily 'Watt family drama', in which I got to play the 'young' boy Rick. My role was largely spent shooting a bubble gun and offering the other characters some of my Rolos, which unfortunately I left in my pocket one evening post-club, resulting in a bit of a sticky mess! By the end of the Watt family saga, we got to see the villain, Professor Rolo (Rev. P Kingman in dazzling red wig), choose to turn from his evil ways and do what's right. He even took a Rolo from Rick!

After our four days of holiday club, the children and their families were invited to a special Razzamatazz Robots Sunday service (with breakfast!). It was fantastic to see some new faces on Sunday, and I really enjoyed the chance to talk about the amazing truth of what Jesus did for all of us when he died on the cross. All in all, the end to a great week!

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I really hope all who came enjoyed themselves, learnt a bit more about God and Jesus, and went home itching for more! A big thank you to all our helpers for their work in making Razzamatazz Robots so great! Bring on next Easter!

Peter C

RAZZAMATAZZ ROBOTS!

I was asked to write an account of the Children's Summer Holiday programme at Christ Church but it was less as a participant…more of an earwig overhearing all the activity around the church. All the sights from the group corners and the space age electronic sounds creeping towards the front desk from the church sounded intriguing, so I had to employ a bit of guesswork into the full content of the programme which had been so carefully planned and put together for these four days, I was assigned registration, badge pinning and squash duty but it wasn't long before I was drawn in!

It was lovely to see so many of the congregation working together as a team with full royal blue colours and from the moment the children arrived, everything had been thought out carefully so that individual badges were ready and waiting, groups with colourful corners and banners had been set up welcoming each child individually. Even Group property boxes meant that nobody lost anything during the afternoon sessions.

We certainly have some arty crafty members of the church. A huge robot stood on guard at the door of the church and the interior of the main body of the church itself was decorated with colourful and sparkly robots hanging above the pews like paper chains. With the help of music, puppets, crafts and games, the children were encouraged to think about God's creation and how very special each and every form of life was important in the scheme of things. The groups - Florabots, the Faunabots, the Fishybots, the Fuzzybots and the Buzzybots created colourful wall-hangings, artwork and models to illustrate the theme or bible verse of the day. *(continued)*

Children obviously got involved with the ideas because a collection box of drawings, models and prayers began to fill up day by day with work from the scheme or done at home.

Through the week, the point of the robot theme started to become clear... God did not want his children to be like obedient robots just mindlessly carrying out a limited function ... God had designed his children to recognise and enjoy the love which surrounded them and the freedom to choose wisely. Stories, quizzes, drama and work in groups underpinned the message "we are not robots; we are created by God, lovingly made and designed to share that love around. We need to learn from Jesus all that this entails."

We enjoyed songs, drama, dances, robotic movements and happy noise from the children who were there. The prayerful planning and attention to detail was masterful. We are indeed very lucky to have such a dedicated team overseeing our outreach to children. This is always a sign to me that a church is moving along the right lines and passing on the vitally important message. "God loves us so much, there is nothing He would not sacrifice to win us back to his presence."

As a fairly new arrival to Christchurch, I am sorry not to be able to mention all the team members by name. They did a brilliant job and the children seemed to have a great time learning and playing.

The finale to the Holiday Scheme was a parish breakfast on Sunday morning to which all the children, parents and congregation were invited. The Church Centre was full of people who were chatting noisily and getting to know new arrivals over coffee, rolls and other goodies. Then the crowds moved into church and much enjoyed the lively service to rehear the message that the children had been learning, playing and enjoying all week.

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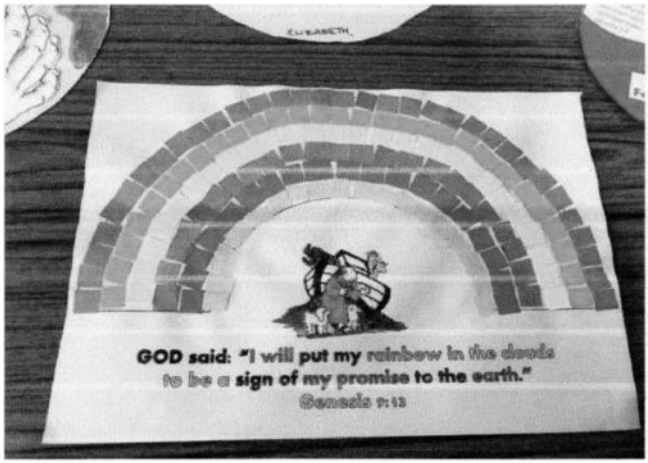
God is good, his creation is wonderful but human beings seem unable to keep from going astray. All was well until evil and darkness entered the created world illustrated by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God sent Noah to save his created order and attempt to put things right again, but throughout history, humankind always seemed to forget God and lose their way instead of being faithful to God's ways. After the flood, after the rainbow of forgiveness, humankind continued to stray. God loved his world and his children so much, he was prepared to send his son Jesus to the world to show us the way to go, and be a sacrifice for the whole world. The thoughtful, faltering children's prayers offered for the church as a whole were particularly meaningful and touching.

Please say a little prayer of thanks for all the leaders involved for their prayerful organisation, kindness and skill with young children. We should also pray for our youngsters ... they are the church of today and our leaders of tomorrow!

Merope Capernaros



Dear Partners,
Greetings and best wishes for the remaining Season of 2022. What a year it has been. We thank God that he has brought us this far. We will live to tell the next generation how God saved us from the pandemics. It may not be over, but thank God that He remains in control. We are well and blessing God for you and His unmerited favour through you. Please pray with us over the issues shared and allow us to pray with you.

MISSION UGANDA & MONTH OF PRAYER
The 27th National Month of Prayer was launched on the 28th August 2022. Hope and Restoration of Joel 2:25 is our Theme. Everything is set to make this particular month more blessed. Team Uganda arrives on the 9th September 22. Originally we had wished to host 15 – 20 people but the economic situation in Uganda and the view to sending Missionaries seems to be a big huddle for now. Only seven are almost done with raising support. This is the plan: First week 9 – 16th Sept they will minister at the University of Botswana witnessing and praying with students and giving assurance of salvation and some discipleship to the game changers who are already Christians. They will be working hand in hand with Campus Crusade for Christ, the organization we came to start in Botswana.
Week two 17 – 23th Sept; they will work in our village Gabane sharing and strengthening Churches and Schools. They will also participate in the economic activity where the widows and orphans, unemployed youth and more will be trained on how to grow potatoes in Bags. Pray this creates ministry opportunity.

JONATHAN JR. READY FOR UNIVERSITY
After missing a year of College (due to a serious injury), Jonathan Jr. will leave for University of Nairobi to hopefully do a Petroleum Engineering Course for the next five years. He needs an average of US$ 1400 for Tuition, accommodation and upkeep per semester of two per year. We are trusting God to do it again as He did for his siblings. *(continued)*

RELOCATION UPDATE

Our plans to go back to Uganda on the 31st July 2023 are still on though developments are not going according to plan. The Uganda Team has to first change the title deed of our lost and recovered Kampala plot into our names before submitting plans for the building of the home for our return. The temptation to forget your testimony trail is very high in Uganda if you want to move fast. But thank God our team is ready to wait by doing the right thing. When this finally gets done, house plans will be submitted and once a receipt is in hand, construction can begin. Please pray the Lord gives favour to us and the tireless friends.

FAITH CAR FINAL REST BY A COW

The Noah car really served us well. Made 1999 as a gift for our wedding year, she joined the family in 2008 all the way across the seas and lived with us taking us places for both ministry and family errands. It however missed taking us to Uganda. We lent it out to the national Scripture Union director to help transport books for schools from our store one fateful evening. After hitting a cow he found himself still in the driver's seat with the car on its wheels but on the opposite lane facing the wrong direction. We are so thankful to God that he was not hurt. But the car is beyond repair.

MORE UPDATES IN MINISTRY

The Economic Empowerment program has taken a good turn promising hope and restoration. We have a partner teaching our target audience and more how to grow potatoes in Bags. The news that one bag can yield 20 – 30 Kg of potatoes has kept us all marvelling at the God of creation who gives power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18). On the other ministry front, schools are fairly open for ministry but difficult to compete with strange teachings they have introduced. Please pray that the western influence with all funding to teach a new way children should go ceases.

Wishing you a Great October and Restoration of all missed in the remaining part of the Year 2022.

Faithfully Yours Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe.

A little bit of gardening

Plants do grow! In our garden some of them seemed to be taking over, like triffids they have been creeping over the ground swallowing up lesser plants! In the front garden the hebe, beautiful shape as it was had encroached the stone outside the flowerbed and also swallowed up most of the Japanese anemones. It was time for the chop. Once that was done, secateurs in hand, I surveyed the back garden. It was the heather that caught my eye. Many years old but still not a very tall plant it had taken over the lower part of what may once have been a rockery but is known to us as "the slope" or "the bed with the (tiny) apple tree".

Little did I realise how tenacious and strong those roots were. This was not a five minute job but one that kept me busy for quite a few gardening sessions. How strong those roots were, how firmly they clung to the poor soil and the odd rock!

Here in the garden was a lesson about strong roots and how we need firm foundations in our faith.

Matthew 7:24-26
New International Version

24 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Enid

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BLESSING (after civil ceremony)

3rd September	Philip and Lea Bond

FLOWER ROTA

2nd October	
9th October	Mrs A. West
16th October	
23rd October	Mrs L. Mason
30th October	

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ROADS FOR PRAYER

2nd October
Edward Street
Field Terrace
Field House Court
Kent Grove

9th October
Meaford Avenue
Mount Avenue
Mount Crescent
Mount Road

16th October
Old Road
Stonefield Court
Stonefield Square
Victor Street

23rd October
Victoria Street
Whitebridge Lane
Alma Street
Bromfield Court

30th October
Granville Terrace
Dominic Court
King's Avenue
Longton Road