

# February 2014

Dear Friends,

The adverts for the Associate Vicar and Operations Manager posts have been up for a couple of weeks now. I can assure you that these positions are in my daily prayers. The closing date for applications is February 6<sup>th</sup> and interviews are planned for February 24<sup>th</sup>. I have had four telephone conversations so far with interested potential vicars and I am encouraged that we will have some good applicants applying for the clergy post. We are all aware that Mike Mills will be stepping down in the near future so please do pray that we get good applications for the Operation Managers position. If we do not replace Mike immediately, we trust the Lord that there is a purpose in it and I am sure that we will be able to continue in the short term by sharing out responsibilities within the existing team, whilst we wait for the right person and solution to become apparent.

I have been encouraged recently by a number of the Teen Zone youngsters turning up to 'Momentum' which is a Bible Study for young people in the basement on a Tuesday evening. Do pray for Neil and for Philip who are there as leaders as they seek to encourage an interest in the Lord Jesus with these youngsters.

Every Blessing,

**Martyn.**

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## March Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Publication will be on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jane Calderin.**

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## Collections

	<b>Open Plate</b>	<b>DD Giving (Bank)</b>	<b>Env. Giving</b>
<b>November:</b>	£258.00	£927.00	£338.00
<b>December:</b>	£469.00	£1190.00	£396.00

**Nigel.**

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## 200 Club

Draw result for December: 1<sup>st</sup>: No. 137, 2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 30

Draw result for January: 1<sup>st</sup>: No 97, 2<sup>nd</sup>: No 10

The draw for February will take place on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> during the Day Centre.

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## Important Bits and Pieces

### 200 Club

We are still in need of new members for the 200 club, the cost is a £1 a month and the draw takes place at the Day Centre on the third Wednesday of each month. Please speak to Dawn for further details.

### Prayer Group

Prayer Group on Thursday evenings 7.30pm

Each Thursday evening currently three of us meet to pray about topical, what is on our hearts but particularly Christ Church. If you would like to join us please speak to me and I can give you some more details.

### Sunday Lunch

CC@4 invite you to Sunday Lunch on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. For more information and an invitation ring Lisa Garwood. 07540405181

### Annual Parochial Meeting

Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> after 10 o'clock service.

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## **Christians Against Poverty**

"There will be a money course run by Christians Against Poverty at Christ Church on Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th March at 7.45 for 8.00pm. If you would like to book a place or might be interested in doing so, please contact Carl Fender on 07740766561 or by email at ['carlfender@icloud.com'](mailto:carlfender@icloud.com)."

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## **Mothers Union**

The next M.U. Holy Communion Service, followed by the meeting, will be held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.

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## **Bishop of Lincoln's Letter for February**

At the start of this new month, the long wait for the end of Winter nears its end as the arrival of Spring edges ever closer. And though we know that the warmer weather and all that Spring promises is coming we know, too, that we must wait and be patient for a little longer.

This month we celebrate the feast of Candlemas when we remember Simeon and Anna who waited patiently in the temple to see the Messiah. Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus into the temple as was the custom according to Jewish law and tradition, and Simeon and Anna were at last able to say they had seen for themselves the child who was the light of the world, and the salvation of the world. That was their calling and their task from God.

In a culture and society where so often we are often under pressure to be 'doing', it can be hard to engage in seemingly passive things like watching and waiting, as Simeon and Anna did in the temple.

And yet, their watching and waiting was anything but passive. Simeon and Anna were clear and focussed about their call and their task, and in their story there is a lesson for us all.

Standing as we are near the beginning of a new year, we have a fresh opportunity to reflect on our own call from God and to think about the tasks he has given us.

What is God calling you to do in this New Year? How will you serve him in the months ahead?

**+Christopher Lincoln.**

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## **Teenzone**

Teenzone are looking forward to our 'Youth Leader Awards' in February, where we will be awarding trophies and certificates to young people who have taken on extra responsibility, an opportunity we offer to help encourage personal development. The awards, which were first held in 2012, are a fantastic time for reflection, realising success and also for motivating more young people to achieve. We often ask our adult leaders to present an award, along with a short talk on how Teenzone has allowed them to grow. Matt was 12 when he joined the Teenzone team as a young leader. At the age of 16 he then joined the adult leader team.

Now aged 17, and having been through a steep learning curve over the last few years (and also completing work experience at the Houses of Parliament!) he is leaving to university after this summer, and he wrote the following:

"I started off at Teenzone by only coming for an hour a week; too quiet and nervous to make announcements, and with an initial reluctance to turn up. But that feeling soon vanished, as I quickly settled in, thanks to both the good natured staff that donate their time, and also the welcome I got from the young people that turn up without fail to Teenzone

Now, Teenzone is a major feature on my CV, a great talking point in interviews, and a large part of my personal statement because, in truth, it has changed me as a person. There is no denying that Teenzone has had a large impact on me over the years I have volunteered here. It broke down my prejudices against other schools, allowed me to meet friends for life and also given me some much needed confidence. It is genuinely hard

to find an area in my life that hasn't been affected. The growth in confidence inspired public speaking, and I am now Debating Captain at my school. The teamwork involved in helping at Teenzone is easily transferable to my Duke of Edinburgh. I hasten to add, that even the little things like learning to skip at seventeen, and the ability to make a cracking ham toastie are skills I look to heading off to university.

When I do leave for university, I know I will be back for every session in my breaks and keeping in contact with genuine friends, and checking in to see how much the individual kids have grown up and developed as a result of Teenzone in the same way I did. The best way to sum it up is to use its own tag line, Teenzone: 'a place to belong'. And for everything I have gained, all I have learnt and the countless laughs I have had in the basement, I am truly thankful for having been involved at Teenzone. I talk about it with pride because of what it has meant for me and so many others. “



## Day Centre

It was with sadness that we said 'Goodbye' to one of our long-standing members, Kath Welsh. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. We are pleased to announce that we are going to start running Skype sessions for our members; Sandy is going to run it for us.

Some of the entertainment for February is Queen Eleanor School Music Dept. performing on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, Alex Naylor playing keyboard on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. The Foot Health Professional will be with us on **February 26th** from 10am.

The Day Centre Communion will take place on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am. Catrina and I raised £160 for the Day Centre doing the Santa Fun Run and the Christmas Party raffle raised £84. (*Well done both of you. Editor*)

## Barbara Morley.

A big Thank You to all who made the Christmas Party such a success; Cooks, Helpers, Cummins and everyone else. We couldn't do it without your help. Oh! Mustn't forget Santa! Thanks to you too.



## Startafresh / Befrienders

Hi Friends,

Another term is well on the way. Another course run by R.A.E has started on a Thursday, Personal Health and Hygiene. It will run for 15 weeks. We have also started a light lunch one Friday a month, very popular!

We have visits planned to Peterborough Cathedral, Ten-pin Bowling at Wittering and Gates Nursery at Oakham.

We all enjoy ourselves and look forward to our three meetings each week. If you know of anyone who you think might benefit from our group, please contact Geraldine at church. God bless.

Love to all, **Befrienders.**

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## Toddlers

Hi Everyone,

We have done some very impressive art work! We have decorated cakes. Not many went home; they were eaten on site! Well we do have stringent quality control! We are planning lovely bible study activities; Noah's Ark, Joseph's coat of many colours, and the Easter story. Look for the artwork in the future.

We have a new baby girl and another due any time now. It's lovely that we have members to carry on when the older ones leave for 'big' school. We welcome any new members, 9 -11am Thursdays.

Lots of Love, **'Tots' Gang.**

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## Cat's Tails

Hi Family!

It's nice to see everyone back after Christmas. I've had to have reinforcements to my roof! These winds play havoc with my DesRes! Mummy Ruth keeps a close eye on my soft furnishing. Mummy Jane is now back from her jolly hols. I love them lots, they look after me well.

Luv's to everyone, **M.D.**

## Calendar

### February

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.00</b> <b>4.00</b> <b>6.30</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> <b>CC@4</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>
Monday	3	9.30 1-3 8.00	Team Meeting Befrienders Bible Study Home Group
Wednesday	5	9-3 11.15	Day Centre Parish Holy Communion
Thursday	6	9.30 7.30 7.30	Toddlers Prayer Meeting Horticultural Society
Friday	7	1-3	Befrienders
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10.00</b> <b>4.00</b> <b>6.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>CC@4</b> <b>Evening Service</b>
Monday	10	9.30 1-3 8.00	Team Meeting Befrienders Bible Study Home Group
Wednesday	12	9-3	Day Centre
Thursday	13	9.30 7.30	Toddlers Prayer Meeting
Friday	15	1-3	Befrienders
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10.00</b> <b>12:30</b> <b>4.00</b> <b>6.30</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> <b>Sunday Lunch</b> <b>CC@4</b> <b>Evening Service</b>
Monday	17	9.30 1-3 8.00	Team Meeting Befrienders Bible Study Home Group
Wednesday	19	9-3	Day Centre
Thursday	20	9.30 7.30	Toddlers Prayer Meeting
Friday	21	1-3	Befrienders

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10.00</b> <b>4.00</b> <b>6.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>CC@4</b> <b>Evening Service</b>
Monday	24	9.30 1-3 8.00	Team Meeting Befrienders Bible Study Home Group
Wednesday	26	9-3	Day Centre
Thursday	27	9.30 7.30	Toddlers Prayer Meeting
Friday	28	1-3	Befrienders

## **March**

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See weekly notice sheets for details of all events.

## **Basement**

### **Regular term time Programme for the Basement**

Monday	3-7 7-9.30	Teenzone Teenzone sports @ QE
Wednesday	3-7 7-8.30	Teenzone Teenzone
Thursday	1-3 3-4 4-7	Befrienders Teenzone Teenzone

Girl Guiding UK have units meeting each week here at Christ Church throughout term-time. For more information contact 01780 784091.