

April Magazine

Warmest greetings,

Seasons of change can be unsettling for many of us; some thrive on change, while others relish the stability and security of things remaining as they are. I recognize that for Christ Church this last year has been one of immense change.

I find myself also in a season of change, moving from St George's to here, Christ Church. I am relishing this new opportunity of working in partnership with God and His Church. I do not want to bring change, just for change's sake, since I value and cherish what Christ Church is, a rooted church within its community, which is a safe space to belong.

There will inevitably be one or two practical changes that need to happen due to the changing landscape of diminished resources between St George's and Christ Church. We give thanks and praise for the wonderful ministries of Peter Hart and Jane Calderin, both now looking to retire. I also extend my thanks to everyone that has helped during the past year of change, especially those who have served so faithfully behind the scenes in so many ways.

I look ahead knowing that God has wonderful plans for His Church, as we seek to make Him our focus, saying Lord 'Your Kingdom, Your will be done'. I look forward to getting to know you all, and journeying together for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you,

Rev. David

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## *Progress Report on Church Office and Toilets Project.*

No doubt you will have seen the architectural drawings on one of the notice boards in the church foyer? The plans were placed there in December so that all members of the church family could review them and comment if they so wished. In short, the intention is to

- (i) to create a new (third) office, primarily for administration plus the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and other outreach projects of Christ Church, and
- (ii) improve the toilets, including a new one for disabled access.

The good news is that the technical plans have now been approved by the building regulators, and they have also been recommended for going ahead by the Diocesan Advisory Committee at Lincoln. The next step is for there to be a formal 28-day period of consultation, and a corresponding notice will therefore soon be put up in the church foyer to announce this.

And now we need to raise the required funds for the building work actually to be done! Including construction work, professional fees and equipment etc., the total cost of the project is estimated to be about £34,000. So far, we have secured about £7,000, with another £6,000 likely to be confirmed in the near future. A request for a grant of £17,000 has also been submitted to Lincolnshire County Council, but we do not yet know the outcome. If successful, then there would be a shortfall of just £4,000 still to be covered. We are hoping that all of the funds will be secured in time for the building work to be done in the summer holidays, and that it will be finished by early September. Please pray hard that we are able to raise the required funds and that we are able to keep to this ambitious schedule!

*Mike Mills, Projects Manager*

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Parish Register

Funeral Sadie Jibb

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*Collections*

|             | <b>Open Plate</b> | <b>Env/Gift Aid</b> | <b>Env. (NTP)</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Feb:</b> | £297.02           | £166.00             | £997.50           |

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2012 Parish Share

We have not yet been in a position to pay any Parish Share this year. Our monthly payment should be £1909, which means that we owe £3818 outstanding as at end of February. The reason no payment has been made yet is because of a few one off expenses incurred, these were not included in the budget, so I felt it prudent not to make a payment of Parish Share until we are sure we have fulfilled these new commitments. The good news isthere will be a payment made in March, although not the total amount due for three months. Please pray for our financial success in 2012.

Regular Giving

If anyone would like to give on a regular basis, through envelope giving or by standing order through the bank, please have a word with me. This is handled very discretely and confidentially. Regular giving allows us to manage our budget better, which is on display in the entrance, this may interest you to see where we anticipate the General Fund income and expenses for 2012. Gail 01780 751780

2011 Annual Accounts

The 2011 Annual accounts have been externally examined and are now on display in the entrance, these will be discussed at the AGM in April. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Gail 01780 751780

Gail

May Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by **Sunday, April 21st**. Publication will be the following **Sunday, April 27th**. Email contributions to me on: janecalderin@christchurch.com

The annual subscription is due now, in April and will remain at 50p per copy i.e. £5 per year. For those who have the magazine delivered the money will be collected when this magazine is delivered.

Jane Calderin.

The Passover Supper

Again this year we will be celebrating the Passover Supper on Maundy Thursday.

The Passover Supper, also called the Seder, has been celebrated by the Jews since the Exodus. It is the Hebrew Thanksgiving, giving thanks to god for deliverance and redemption. It commemorates the protection of God as the Angel of Death passed over every Hebrew family in Egypt protected by the blood of the Pascal Lamb. It is in this family setting that Jewish children are first introduced to the Book of Exodus as the adults tell the story year after year.

Jesus was celebrating the Passover Supper at the meal we now refer to as The Last Supper. This was the time Jesus chose to announce the New Covenant. And it was at this Seder that Jesus asked all of us to do *this in remembrance of Him*. This year we will use the Passover Supper as our Communion Service and at 8pm there will be a Quiet Hour in the church.

Join us on April 5th at 6:30 pm. Sign-up sheet on the Notice Board. If anyone would like to help with the cooking or preparation please let me know.

Deacon Jane

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### *Easter Flowers*

Every year we ask everyone to be as generous as possible with their donations towards the Church flowers for Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Thank you to you all, without your generosity we would struggle to raise the funds.

Donations for the Easter flowers can be given to Dawn Field or Jane Harris. Please put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one(s) to be remembered clearly written on the outside or on a slip inside. A list will be displayed in the Church foyer.

The flower ladies (and gentlemen) will be in Church on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to dress the Church. We are on the lookout for more arrangers so if you would like to join the rota please contact Dawn or Jane. Remember, we are all amateurs and you will not be left alone we will help you all we can.

Thank you

*Dawn and Jane H.*

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Annual General Meeting

This is to be held on 22nd April 2012 at 11:30 after the morning service. Please make plans to be present.

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## *Fundraising*

In case you missed the important dates for future events here they are for your diary:-

Saturday 5th May Bag packing at Waitrose

Saturday 16th June Strawberry Teas

Friday 31st August Stall on the Stamford Friday market

Saturday 24th November Bazaar & Grand Draw

We are also waiting for dates from Waitrose who will hopefully be hosting another Cheese & Wine Evening

Blessings

*Fundraising Committee*

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Day Centre

April is a short month for the Day Centre as we only meet twice after the Easter break

On April 18th we look forward to welcoming back Tim Mackrill who will be talking about the Rutland Osprey Project and giving us the latest news on the birds. The following week we have an afternoon of musical entertainment when Katie Blay's son and two friends come and play their musical instruments including trombone for us.

We were sad to hear that Member Ivy Ratcliffe will not be returning after her recent illness and we send her our love and very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Foot Health Practitioner will be with us on April 18th.

Amy & Carolyn

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## *Fun & Fitness*

We are carrying on meeting every Tuesday during March. Our instructor Gill Harris retired before she had her operation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We have found a new instructor who is taking the meeting for the last three weeks in March. We will not be meeting in April but hopefully starting again on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012.

*Peter & Daphne Wise. Group Coordinators*

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## *Toddlers*

We had great fun making cards for Mothering Sunday. On the day all Mums received lovely flowers at the King's Praise service in the morning. Our loyal volunteers prepared the 'Bouquets' - a big thank you to them. Our next craft project is to make funky spiders. We are planning an Easter Egg Hunt on March 29<sup>th</sup>, the last day of term. We shall return on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you will invite your friends to join us – the more the merrier!! Happy Hols to everyone.

*Nanny Ruth, Aunties Barbara & Tina*

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## *Befrienders*

We have had some lovely meals on Mondays which have been well attended by our members. On our Thursday craft sessions we are in the process of making decorated plant pots and will soon be planting in them. We also made Mother's Day cards for Mothering Sunday on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We have finished the present cookery course making a savoury and a sweet crumble. Very nutritious, easy and delicious! Ken is a good and patient teacher! See you during the hols. friends.

Have a Happy Easter. Please join us at our services.

Love and Peace to everyone,

*Ruthie*

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## *Teenzone*

Teenzone has changed its opening time to provide more opportunities for 14 -19 year olds. We are now open Mondays and Wednesdays 3-5pm for y9+ before our younger sessions 5-7pm for y5-y9. On a Thursday we will open 3-4pm as a careers-focused session, giving those in year 9 and above opportunity to search for employment, write a CV, or do coursework or other education/employment focused work. This session is to be run in partnership with New College Stamford, who will give us one of their employees once a month to help the young people make more use out of the session. Following this we are to be open from 4pm-7pm for y9+ once again to offer a more chilled out session than that for our younger ones.

This summer we are working towards a large scale festival for young people to be held at the Recreation Ground. We are in the process of raising £13,000 to run this festival, which will have a subtle aim to empower young people to learn more about issues surrounding them such as drinking, drugs, smoking and health issues. The festival will be on the 27th August...more updates to follow!!!

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Additionally to the festival we are also in the process of raising money to hold our summer holiday programme.

Attendance wise - we are higher than ever. Each Monday we are averaging attendance at 80 young people between 5pm and 9.30pm during our cafe and sports sessions, and additionally on a Wednesday around 45. This is something we take great pride in.

Thanks for your continuous support!

*Ali and Emily*

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The Bishop of Lincoln's Easter Letter

I am not good in the dark. I remember when I first arrived in Hampshire to be a vicar of a market town, having lived for 20 years in the lit-up world of cities, having to go one winter's evening to a deanery synod in one of what were called 'the hill parishes'. I stepped out of the car into a remote field and it was absolutely black. I was by myself, completely disorientated, seriously bad-tempered and about to stagger back to my car, thinking 'I never really liked the deanery synod - I am going home', when a mysterious figure with a torch appeared and I found my way to the village hall. I am sure many of us have had similar experiences of suddenly and surprisingly finding ourselves lost in the dark and not knowing where to go.

The story of Good Friday and Easter is about the move from darkness to light. The darkness is the death of Christ, in which the human race appears to be lost, disorientated, and unhappy and about to give up on the spiritual journey. The light is the light of Christ, died and now risen. It is the light through which Christ finds us, gives us direction and hope and invites us to follow him on the journey - the journey of death and resurrection into the presence of His and our heavenly Father.

May we journey from the darkness of Good Friday into the light of Easter and experience the joy of the risen Lord. Alleluia!

+Christopher Lincoln

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*Cat's Tails*

*Hi Family!*

Been enjoying 'roof top' sunbathing! I'm sure parents parking on our car park think 'Mummy' Ruth is barmy! She comes round the corner shouting, "Where's my boy?" She's harmless really! I get cuddles most mornings with 'Mummy' Jane and Mondays are very special; I listen in to the team meeting!

Love to all,

**MD**



# Calendar

## April

|                                                       |           |                                                            |                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Palm Sunday</b>                                    | <b>1</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>                                | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                                                                         |
| <b>HOLY WEEK</b>                                      |           |                                                            |                                                                                                                  |
| Monday                                                | 2         | <b>7.00</b>                                                | <b>Compline</b>                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday                                               | 3         | 12:30<br><b>7.00</b><br>7:30                               | Evergreen Lunch<br><b>Compline</b><br>Deanery Synod                                                              |
| Wednesday                                             | 4         | <b>7.00</b><br>7:30                                        | <b>Compline</b><br>Gospel Choir                                                                                  |
| <b>Maundy Thursday</b>                                | <b>5</b>  | 10:00<br><b>6.30</b><br><b>8.00</b>                        | Mothers' Union Meeting<br><b>Passover Supper</b><br><b>Quiet Hour</b>                                            |
| <b>Good Friday</b>                                    | <b>6</b>  | <b>9.00</b><br>10:00<br><b>12.00</b>                       | <b>Meditation on the Passion</b><br>Arrangement of Easter Flowers<br><b>Procession of Witness in Town Centre</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                       | <b>7</b>  | <b>11:00</b>                                               | <b>Wedding of Amy Crisp</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Easter Day</b>                                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>                 | <b>Easter Family Communion</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Gospel Choir at St. George's</b>                             |
| Easter Week – reduced activities in the Church Centre |           |                                                            |                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday                                               | 10        | 10-2                                                       | Teenzone                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday                                             | 11        | 10-2<br>7:30                                               | Teenzone<br>Gospel Choir                                                                                         |
| Thursday                                              | 12        | 10-2<br>1-3                                                | Teenzone<br>Twinklets                                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter</b>      | <b>15</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>2:00</b><br><b>4:00</b><br><b>6.30</b>  | <b>King's Praise</b><br><b>Baptism</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b>                                   |
| Monday                                                | 16        | 1-3                                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday                                             | 18        | 9-3<br>7:30                                                | Day Centre<br>Gospel Choir                                                                                       |
| Thursday                                              | 19        | 9.30<br>1-3                                                | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                                            |
| Friday                                                | 20        | 1-3                                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                         | <b>22</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>11:30</b><br><b>4:00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>AGM</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                                            |
| Monday                                                | 23        | 1-3                                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday                                             | 25        | 9-3.00<br>7:30                                             | Day Centre<br>Gospel Choir                                                                                       |
| Thursday                                              | 26        | 9.30<br>1-3                                                | Toddler Group<br>Twinklets                                                                                       |
| Friday                                                | 27        | 1-3                                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                         | <b>29</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>6.30</b>                            | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><br><b>Evensong</b>                                                                     |
|                                                       |           |                                                            | <b>4:00 CC@4</b>                                                                                                 |
| Monday                                                | 30        | 1-3                                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                      |

## Basement

### Regular term time Programme for the Basement

|           |        |                            |
|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| Monday    | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-9.3  | Teenzone sports @ QE       |
| Wednesday | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-8.30 | Teenzone                   |
| Thursday  | 1-3    | Befrienders                |
|           | 3-4    | Teenzone (Careers Session) |
|           | 4-7    | Teenzone                   |

- See weekly notices for details of all events

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## *Employment and Volunteer Opportunities for The Evergreen Care Trust*

As 2012 begins the Evergreen Care Trust has new employment and volunteer opportunities available and we are looking for the right people to fill these posts. If you would like to apply for one of the positions, or any other employment or volunteer opportunity within the Trust, then please contact Suzi Wheatley on 01780 765900.

### **Paid Employment**

**Meal Provision Cook** – 10 hours per week (5 hours each Mondays and Wednesdays) to re-launch and run Meal Provision service in a sheltered housing complex in Stamford. This position involves preparing menus, purchasing, cooking and serving wholesome, nutritious homemade three-course meals for older and vulnerable adults. Working with a small team of volunteers who assist with meeting and greeting diners, serving and clearing up and socialising with diners. This job includes induction and other training and regular team meetings and would suit an enthusiastic cook, who is creative yet aware of the needs of the diners; someone who works well in a team situation and enjoys engaging with older people. For more information about the position please speak to Suzi Wheatley on 01780 765900, or collect a job description and application form from the Evergreen Care Trust, Ryhall Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire. PE9 1YA.

**Home Support Workers** – a minimum of 16 hours per week availability (no guaranteed hours) to provide domestic shopping and laundry support for older and vulnerable adults in the community. This position includes shadowing, induction and on-going training and regular team meetings and

would suit those who are enthusiastic, friendly and keen to help and support older and vulnerable adults, whilst demonstrating an awareness and understanding of safeguarding policies. For more information about the position please speak to Suzi Wheatley on 01780 765900, or collect a job description and application form from the Evergreen Care Trust, Ryhall Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire. PE9 1YA.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Home Support Admin Clerk** – regular weekly hours, preferably on a Friday, to provide administrative and clerical support to the Home Support Co-ordinators. This position will include filing, recording data, making up client and Home Support Worker folders, taking messages, referrals, etc., and other administrative support required by the Co-ordinators. For more information about the position please speak to Suzi Wheatley on 01780 765900.

**Advocates** – to help support older and vulnerable adults with tasks such as form filling, applying for Attendance Allowance, Blue Badge, etc., dealing with bill paying, financial matters and so on. Training and support given. For more information about the position please speak to Suzi Wheatley on 01780 765900.

Other volunteer opportunities are also available for one-to-one befrienders, clean team, service review officers, meal provision and soup delivery service. Please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sue Cliffe on 01780 765900 if you are interested in registering as a volunteer with the Evergreen Care Trust.

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Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,  
Trust Him when thy strength is small,  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
Seems the hardest thing of all.  
Trust Him, He is ever faithful,  
Trust Him, for his will is best,  
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus  
Is the only place of rest.

*Source Unknown*

## *Forgive Me When I Whine*

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her -- she seemed so gay, and how, I wished I were so fair; When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle; she had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two feet -- the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm; he seemed to radiate good cheer, his manner was so kind and warm; I said, "It's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find"; he turned and said, "Oh, thank you sir." And then I saw that he was blind. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue; he stood and watched the others play, it seemed he knew not what to do; I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go; with eyes to see the sunsets glow, with ears to hear what I would know. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine; oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

*Source Unknown*