

July/August Magazine

Dear Friends at Christ Church,

I thought it would be helpful to give you some idea of what the PCC at Christ church have been talking about at their meetings recently. We have been talking about how we might join with the Kings Cafe group which has been meeting at St Georges School. As many of you will remember Kings Cafe was started at Christ Church with a monthly meeting at Bluecoat School. St Georges met at St Georges School once a month as well. The two lost contact with each other over the years and Kings Cafe at St Georges School went weekly. I think it is about time that we join them together again. A pattern has been suggested which we will try for a while to see how it goes. The only difference as far as we are concerned is a change of Sundays.

The plan for Christ Church is: - First Sunday, 10.0am Holy Communion followed at 11.30am by Kings Cafe in the church. The second and fourth Sunday in the month will be Holy Communion with a Sunday school, which will happen in the basement. The third Sunday will be a Kings Praise at Christ Church.

I personally think this is something which we could try and I am very excited by the possibilities as we look to the future. I am writing this letter before the PCC meeting, so I hope it is passed!! (*It was passed.*)

I have promised to be connected with Christ Church until the end of September, which is when a trial month will have been finished, so it looks as though I am committed until then!! I sincerely hope you can put up with me until then!! I should say that does not mean I will leave then, but at the moment I spend at least three days in Christ Church. I feel I need to reduce this because it means that with Sundays I am working more than 25hours a week. I need to see how things go until September..

I continue to enjoy all that I do but feel I need to give my family more time.

Yours

Peter Hart

Christ Church Gift Day

Sunday July 17th

Dear Friends,

As we get near to celebrating 50 years of God's goodness through the life and ministry of Christ Church I would like us to make Sunday July 17th a special gift day towards the redecoration of the church. The PCC have in faith committed to having the main wall with the cross window completely redecorated on the inside and made good on the outside. Our giving target for this is £3500.

If in the goodness of God our giving exceeds the £3500 we would love to have the whole building redecorated for the 50th celebrations and we have quotes for this including the cross end of the church for £10,500, though this can be broken down and done in phases.

The finishing touches will be to add new blinds to the windows in the hall end of the church and new curtains to the ground level windows. We have already been given a grant of £1500 towards this part of the work and are looking at the most cost effective way of doing this. Of course anything raised over the cost of the redecorating would go towards the work on the blinds and the curtains and then anything left over would be restricted to the fabric fund.

The Bible teaches us that our giving is a grateful response to all that the Lord has done for us in Jesus Christ and that we are to consider prayerfully what the Lord may want us to give and then act on it cheerfully. May God bless you as you consider your own response to this opportunity. I want to make it clear that we can only give from what we have, not from what we don't have and the Lord looks on the intention of our heart not the amount that we put in the offering. I love the story of the widow's mite!

I commend this gift day to everyone involved at Christ Church and look forward to this special offering that we will make on Sunday July 17th. I will be there to lead the service and preach on that morning.

Every Blessing,

Martyn.

Collections

	Open Plate	Env/Gift Aid	Env. (NTP)
May:	£275.58	£747.70	£279.90

Gail

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## ***200 Club***

Draw result for May:            1<sup>st</sup>: No. 16,    2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 77

Draw result for June:           1<sup>st</sup>: No. 14,    2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 26

The July and August draws will take place on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> respectively during Day Centre meetings.

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September Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by August 21st. Publication will be the following Sunday, 28th.

Jane Richardson.

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## ***Bits and Pieces***

### **Hot Prayer Topic for Christ Church and St George's.**

St George's has had an email hot prayer topic for a number of years now and found it to be an effective way of sending out urgent prayer requests to other members of the church family who have signed up the email group.

I very much want to extend this facility to the Christ Church family as well.

If you would like to be on the Hot Prayer Topic list then please send your email details to Anne Jewels in the St George's Church office at [office@stgeorgeschurch.net](mailto:office@stgeorgeschurch.net) asking to be added to the HPT group and you will start to receive prayer emails as church members ask others to pray for them.

If you would like the Hot Prayer Topic group to pray for you then please send a prayer request to the same address above or to myself at [Martyn.Taylor@christchurchstamford.com](mailto:Martyn.Taylor@christchurchstamford.com) and we will try to send it out as soon as we can.

We have found it a great way not only to pray for one another, but also as an aid to being aware of what is going on in our lives so that we know each other better.

### ***Christian Aid Collection***

This year we collected a total of £273.45p for Christian Aid, only about £30 down on last year: but with the economic downturn really starting to make its presence felt this was a very commendable result.

Many thanks to all the collectors for all their hard work and effort; it is very much appreciated and thanks also to all who gave through the envelopes.

Special thanks to Gail and my wife who helped me count it one Tuesday night so that Gail could bank it the following day.

***Chris***

***Dear Christ Church Family,***

What a wonderful surprise you gave me for my birthday! Thank you for the cake so beautifully decorated by Colin and made by Dawn; for the T shirt with the penguin design and for the card and cheque. You were all so generous and thoughtful. It really made my birthday so special and one I won't forget quickly.

Love, ***Jane C.***

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Authorised Lay Ministry

The Stamford Deanery are organising an accredited Lay Ministry Training Course for interested members of the congregations.

The Deanery is organising the course as part of the Deanery Mission Plan and the Lay Chairman Edwin Gobbett of St Mary's has been instrumental in setting up this course which is designed to tackle one of the biggest problems facing the Church of England today. The number of stipendiary priests in the country will continue to decrease at an alarming rate over the next few years and our deanery has had to lose two stipendiary posts recently. The old model of one parish, one church and one priest is rapidly being replaced by one where Lay Ministry plays an integral part of ministry working alongside and with conventional ministry, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary. The Bishop of Grantham recently spoke of the new approach being Faith + Community + Action.

However the main reason for establishing such a scheme is not just a question of 'filling holes' but to enable people (men and women) to develop spiritually. It is a calling that should not be embarked upon lightly but such courses have proved popular and beneficial to participants and deaneries.

Most of the Deaneries in Lincolnshire now have an established Authorised Lay Ministry to try and cope with the loss of Stipendiary posts and to augment and extend existing service to the community We are going to use the model adopted by the Grantham Deanery as a guideline. This is a two year course. The first year is known as The Foundation Course which consists of 17 modules or units at fortnightly intervals. It will start around 19th September meeting every fortnight and finishing around Easter.

There will be a 'taster session' on September 5th at 7.30pm, venue to be announced later, followed by the first module two weeks later.

In this one year Foundation Course tutors and candidates work through a course book common to both tutors and candidates. It is not an academic course but relies on activities discussion and reflection. There is no written examination at the end. Candidates are asked to write down their thoughts and feelings in an informal journal which will be confidential. There may be some preparatory reading before the module and supplementary reading is provided for those wishing to explore the topic further.

Tutors will look out for particular aptitude, skills and interests that might be developed further in Year 2.

In Year 2 after completing the Foundation Course a number of short Core Modules will be offered to help develop a particular interest, aptitude or skill base e.g. Pastoral Care, Bereavement Ministry, Leading Worship, Children's Work, and Developing Mission etc. Candidates need only take 1 module but they often take two.

At the end of the two year course the candidate will be presented with a certificate of completion by the Bishop of Grantham and then they can be assigned by the Deanery when opportunity arises.

Several potential candidates have expressed an interest in such a course particularly in the Uffington Group and St Mary's parish. Flyers will be available at the end of June which will hopefully promote the idea even further. If you would be interested please let me know as soon as possible.

Chris.

50th Anniversary Fundraising

Christ Church D.I.Y. S.O.S!

As you will know we here at Christ Church are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the church since its inception in Willouby Road to where we are today.

The fundraising group set up to organise the weekend of this event (October 8th – 9th) met recently and it was agreed in principal to have an Open Day in church on Saturday, October 8th from 11-3pm where there will be displays, slideshows, film, memorabilia etc from the time the church was built (the *first* hut in Willouby Road) to the present day with the emphasis, hopefully, on how we as a church grew and flourished to what we are today. Refreshments will, of course, also be available.

On the Sunday, October 9th, there will be a Thanksgiving Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. More details of this service will be in the September magazine.

Prior to the anniversary weekend we are going to get the church redecorated. The Cross feature wall needs to be replastered and decorated due to seepage of water. The remaining church and hall requires redecoration, the replacement of curtains and installation of black out blinds. To enable us to have this completed by October we desperately need your help to make all this possible. The sum needed is around £10,000 but this can be broken down and the work done in phases. Fundraising has already been going on to raise the necessary funds and, as you will already have read, we are holding a special Gift Day on July 17th for this purpose.

At the Gift Day Service we are going to launch a 'sponsorship board'. This will be based around the cross with areas awarded a monetary value for the various jobs, items etc needed eg:

Paint Brush	£5	Blind Fabric	£40
Curtain Track	£10	Curtain Fabric	£50
Pot of Paint	£20	Labour Costs	£100
Stone Cleaner	£30		

We hope you will all be willing to pledge money so that the work needed can be completed to make the church building fit for another 50 years! If you are able to help this campaign details will be on view at the Strawberry Tea on the 2nd July. Please speak to a Fund Raising member for further details or see the displays in church. There is a notice board in the entrance with all details of the Anniversary Weekend so please give some time to reading what's there. We also hope to have tea towels printed showing the life of Christ Church. More details in next magazine.

We also need your 'memories' of life over the last 50 yrs of Christ Church. Does an event stick in your mind? Do you have photos you would be willing to lend us for our displays? There is a 'book of memories' on the notice board in which you can write down what you recollect and if you have lots to write then pick up an envelope, which you'll find in the entrance, and write, in detail, enclosing any photos etc you have. Please, don't wait to be asked – volunteer information! There must be so many wonderful stories which others would love to hear of life at Christ Church before Green Lane!

We can only display what you have told, donated or loaned to us!

Let's all get behind this major church event and show the people of Stamford what they're missing by not coming to Christ Church!

Anniversary Fundraising Committee

Dawn Field, Helen Burney, Jane Calderin, Jane Harris
Bill Mawdsley, Brian Stephens, Jane Richardson, Peter Wise

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### ***Strawberry Tea Afternoon***

***Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 2-4pm***

This is our second major fundraising event this year and again monies raised will go towards the refurbishment of the church. The cost is £1.50 which will include your drink and scones with strawberries and cream. (Refills of drinks will be available at no extra cost.) We will also be holding a raffle. This will be a time for friendship and chatter when we hope to tell you something about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend in October.

Please support this event by bringing along your friends and family.

Also available the *same weekend* will be our ***Sunshine Bags***. For anyone who has not heard of them this is a cloth bag that you take from church and any day that the sun shines we ask that you drop a coin of any denomination in the bag - last year we raised around £100 so let's see if we can beat that target!

(Just to let you know we raised £369.10 at the Market stall which we held on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.)

## ***Fundraising Committee***

***(Dawn, Helen and the two Jane's.)***

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Christ Church Open Day (June 15)

What's in a Name??

We had a wonderful time on the 15th. During the day, we had lots of visitors learning about the outreach work and projects of Christ Church, sharing and disseminating information, and discussing together how our partnerships could be strengthened even further. And in the evening, we had a tremendous service of licensing, celebrated by the Bishop of Grantham.

But was it really the “Christ Church Open Day”? Well, first, it was certainly held at Christ Church, and the church hall and basement were both looking great (the latter in particular, having just been repainted, including a bold green colour for the woodwork!). But it was more than Christ Church alone, as the DVD and display presentations showed the outreach activities at our partner church, St. George’s, too.

Second, it did extend from noon to late in the evening, but actually the “Day” was really in two main sessions: the first being over lunchtime and the second being from 6pm onwards, with the “middle” time being spent in moving lots of tables and even more chairs!

And was it “Open” to all? Yes, it definitely was, although the focus in the first session was mainly on our institutional partners, funding agencies and collaborating agencies; while the evening session was primarily for family members from both churches, as Martyn Taylor was licensed by the Bishop of Grantham as the Priest in Charge of Christ Church, with Paul Darley authorized as a Lay Reader and with myself and other members of the church team also blessed by the Bishop. The worship and praise were inspiring; and at the end of the service the Bishop captured the moment so well when he said, “Wasn’t that fun!” It was fun indeed, and we now look forward to the summer and coming events, including the “real” Open Day in October, when Christ Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Already there is a lot of planning underway for that weekend, and we can look forward with anticipation to another, even bigger, party in only three months’ time. More fun to come! Stay tuned!

Mike Mills.

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## ***Day Centre***

We were pleased to welcome back Alex Naylor for an afternoon of organ music in June and also enjoyed the talk by Paul Darley on Environmental Issues.

During July Kath Heyden-Dale will present an afternoon of short stories on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Chris Harrison-Smith returns with his excellent poems on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Barbara Morley will lead one of her very popular Sing-a-long sessions on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

As usual our Summer Party will take place in the middle of July. This year it will be on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm.

The Day Centre will be closed throughout August for the summer break and will re-open on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We wish all our Members and staff an enjoyable break.

The Foot Health Practitioner will be with us on July 27th.

The next Day Centre Communion takes place on July 6th at 11.15am.

## ***Amy & Carolyn***

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Mothers Union

St. Mary's Church will be the venue for the M.U. Communion Service on Thursday, July 7th. It will be held at the usual time of 10.00am and will be followed by the monthly meeting.

On Thursday, August 11th at 10.00am members meet here at Christ Church for their service and meeting.

All are welcome.

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# ***Working with Families***

## **Toddlers**

We have another baby due in about three weeks, a little boy. That will make 7 babies added to our number this year!

Our friend Jack, bless him, had a fall and broke his leg so he will be away from us for a while. We all sent him a 'Get Well card' with our love.

Our clever children made Father's Day cards so there should have been several happy fathers that day!

Our summer outing to Wickstead Park will be on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will leave church, promptly, at 9.30am returning about 4.00pm. The cost to our members and their families will be £2 for adults and £1 each child for the bus. For further details please speak to any of us at the group.

Our term ends on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and we restart on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a jolly holiday!

## ***Granny Ruth and the Gang.***

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Bishop of Grimsby's Letter

Dear Friends,

Reverberations from the Panorama investigation into abuse at a residential home in Bristol continue to raise questions about the quality of care and protection afforded to the most vulnerable in our society. As well as the specific issues raised by the terrible suffering highlighted in that programme, there is a bigger question about our attitude as a community to those who, for whatever reason, are vulnerable to the abusive behaviour of others.

Vulnerability is a symptom of being human. It is a constant of childhood, yet at different times and in different ways we all find ourselves vulnerable; to those who care for us, to those who teach us, to those who employ us and especially to those that we love. A healthy community, like a healthy

home or a healthy workplace, is built upon a trust that those with power will not take advantage of our vulnerabilities.

At its heart, safeguarding the vulnerable, whether they are children or adults, is about ensuring that we live up to that trust which others need from us. Safeguarding is a collective responsibility and we cannot opt out on grounds of not interfering. If we become aware that someone's vulnerability is being abused, then we need to speak out lest our silence compounds the actions of the abusers - for silence in such circumstances gives consent. Yet 'speaking out' too frequently runs contrary to a sub-culture in an office, care home or in any place which has learned to normalise the behaviour of those who abuse their power. 'Whistleblowers' can themselves become victims of the powerful by being treated as the problem and a threat, rather than agents of health and justice.

To me this isn't just about what happens in care homes, hospitals or places of work – it is fundamental to recognising that each person's dignity is given by God, in whose image we are made. So there is a Christian dimension to all this and protecting the dignity of the vulnerable isn't about political correctness or about human rights, it runs deeper than that. Jesus puts it exactly when telling a story about sheep and goats in Matthew's Gospel, when he says "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" (25:45).

+David Grimsby

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## ***Gardens Update***

Despite the distinct lack of rain this spring I have been busy in the gardens over the last few months trying to save plants that just escaped the severest winter we have had for some years by rushing round with a watering can making trips from the water butt to the parched plants.

The roses seem to have thrived as have most of the perennials although the laurels in front of the green Electricity Sub-station are rather brown at the moment. However the now brown laurel perfectly complemented the orange rose in front of it and the laurel should recover in the autumn. The cherry trees, apart from one, are thriving and I am looking forward to masses of colour in the future.

However the Cordyline who was magnificent last year did not fare so well and was a victim of the winter. I cut it down leaving a small stump in case it would regrow and then planted a Viburnum tinus to hide the stump. The Penestemons were also victims of the winter and the bamboo is taking some time to recover but I am confident that it will make a full recovery. The second Passion Flower I planted to replace the original was another that seems to be struggling although the adjacent Clematis Montana and Rosa Albertine have more than compensated for it with the yellow rose Golden Showers also flowering prolifically in early spring.

On the plus side the grass has not needed that much cutting and I have been able to experiment with creating a wildflower meadow at the bottom of the strip to the north of the church. I have deliberately not cut the grass there to see what wild flowers would naturally colonize the area and the results have been most encouraging. I have discovered many species of moths, butterflies, bees, beetles and hover flies in this area and throughout the gardens around the church, not just in the Wild Life Garden (WLG).

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June the Mercury reported that a swarm of 10,000 bees had landed on a gravestone in St Michael's church in the High Street, you are probably wondering why they ended up at St Michael's instead of the WLG at Christ Church. Well it's true that we have a Bee Hotel with accommodation for about 80 homeless bees and there are more vacancies in the Bug Box Terrace and the Habitat Stack but we tend to provide shelter & accommodation for solitary bees though we could in theory offer accommodation to over wintering queen bees that have had to leave their colony at the end of summer; we might be a bit pushed to accommodate a full swarm!! (I have spotted several types of bees around the gardens but never a swarm and have no long term plans to install hives at Christ Church.)

Many insects visit the honeysuckles and clematises around the gardens but my plan to grow similar plants over the two green arches in the Garden of Dreams (GOD) received a set back when first the winter and then the prolonged dry spell combined to thwart their growth apart from one honeysuckle which is working its way up the arch nearest the church. The other arch was vandalised in March but I managed to repair it temporarily; vandals also climbed over the wooden fence into the WLG but thankfully did not do too much damage. Bill & I took steps to make this

more difficult in future and also installed a new security light by the steps at the back of the car park to discourage unwanted visitors.

The usual routine maintenance has been carried out sometimes with interesting results. Whilst cutting back some Centuræ or Knapweed that had finished flowering I discovered several lady birds resting amongst the flower heads so I left them there. As a rule I do try to leave seed heads as long as possible for both birds and insects but I try to dead head the roses regularly unless they will produce good hips for the birds. Jane Calderin told me that we have at least one hedgehog as it visits the bowl of cat food put out for MD the church cat but it can't read and ignores Hedgehog Hall in the WLG.

***Chris.***



## ***Cat's Tails***

Hi Family!

My box has been repositioned to face the car park instead of the wall so I can now watch the world go by whilst languishing with my head hanging out my box!

I was a little overwhelmed by the numbers visiting us on the Open Day and at the evening service but it was lovely to receive so many at my old homestead! I didn't join the service as there were too many feet about!

I will miss my many family friends during the holidays but look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Lots of love,

***M.D.***



## *Calendar*

### *July*

|               |           |                                             |                                                                                                        |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday        | 1         | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30                            | The 'Y' Course<br>Teenzone Glee Club                                                                   |
| Saturday      | 2         | 2-4                                         | Strawberry Teas                                                                                        |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>                 | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                                                               |
| Monday        | 4         | 1-3<br>5.30                                 | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama                                                                          |
| Wednesday     | 6         | 9-3.00<br><b>11.15</b><br>6-8.30            | Day Centre<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Teenzone Dance                                                  |
| Thursday      | 7         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                         | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Horticultural Society                                                         |
| Friday        | 8         | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30                            | The 'Y' Course<br>Teenzone Glee Club                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>11.30</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Kings Café</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                                          |
| Monday        | 11        | 1-3<br>6.30                                 | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama                                                                          |
| Wednesday     | 13        | 9-3.00<br>6-8.30                            | Day Centre<br>Teenzone Dance                                                                           |
| Thursday      | 14        | 9.30<br>1-3                                 | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                                  |
| Friday        | 15        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30                            | The 'Y' Course<br>Teenzone Glee Club                                                                   |
| Saturday      | 16        | All day                                     | Day Centre Summer Party                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>6.30</b>             | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Gift Day Service followed by</b><br><b>Refreshments</b><br><b>Evensong</b> |
| Monday        | 18        | 1-3<br>6.30                                 | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama                                                                          |

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|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday     | 20        | 10-3<br>6-8.30                 | Day Centre<br>Teenzone Dance                                   |
| Thursday      | 21        | 9.30<br>1-3                    | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                          |
| Friday        | 22        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30               | The 'Y' Course<br>Teenzone Glee Club                           |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>10.00<br/>6.30</b>          | <b>Kings Praise<br/>Evensong with Holy Communion</b>           |
| Monday        | 25        | 1-3<br>6.30                    | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama                                  |
| Wednesday     | 27        | 10-3<br>6-8.30                 | Day Centre<br>Teenzone Dance                                   |
| Thursday      | 28        | 1-3                            | Twinklets                                                      |
| Friday        | 29        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30               | The 'Y' Course<br>Teenzone Glee Club                           |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>8.45<br/>10.00<br/>6.30</b> | <b>Trip to Gayton Parish<br/>No Service<br/>Holy Communion</b> |

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

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Basement

Regular term time Programme for the Basement

Monday	12.3-3.3 5-7 7-9.3	Stroke Association (every other week) Teenzone Teenzone sports @ QE
Wednesday	4-5 5-7	Teenzone table tennis Teenzone
Thursday	1-3	Befrienders
Friday	5-7 7.3-10	Rainbows Teenzone

- See weekly notices for details of all events

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## **August**

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Kings Praise</b><br><b>Evensong with Holy Communion</b> |

Please see weekly notice sheets and church notice board for more details of events in August.

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### ***Holy Humour!***

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..... it stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: 'I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.' When he returned, he found a parking ticket from a police officer along with this note: 'I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job!' 'Lead us not into temptation.'

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is it's still out there in your pockets!'

***A Summer Quiz to amuse you over the holidays!***

***HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE***

**The names of sixteen books of the English Bible are hidden in the text of the following paragraph. Can you find all sixteen of them?**

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better.

See how well you can compete. Relax now for there are really sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story. All you have to do is find them and write them down!

*Answers will be printed in September magazine so you've got plenty of time!*

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***STRAWBERRY TEAS***

***CHRIST CHURCH  
GREEN LANE***

***SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY***

***2 - 4pm***

***Cost: £1.50***

***Raffle.***

***Come along for good  
company and  
conversion.***



**Please, please, please, please!!!!**

Do get your thinking caps on and rummage through your draws (oops!!) to find mementoes from happenings and events of years past at Christ Church - especially those that happened at Willouby Road.

We will take great care of anything you give us.

Please make sure your name is marked (in pencil preferably) on photos etc.