

July/August 2013

"What are you doing here?"

What a great question, "What are you doing here?" This was the question God asked Elijah when Elijah, out of desperation, had gone in search of Him. Elijah had seen God move powerfully in a number of circumstances and situations, yet we read in 1 Kings 19, that Elijah had come to the end of himself, he had not managed to turn the people of Israel away from all their foreign gods, he felt he had failed, and so goes in search of God to plead his case and find out what he should do. When Elijah gets to Mt Horeb, after a difficult journey, God asks him "What are you doing here?", and Elijah pours out his soul to God.

As we consider the next chapter of Christ Church, are we ready to review the past and seek God for the future, pleading our case before Him, and finding out what He wants for His Church here in this community? Elijah wanted more than anything else for the people of Israel to put away their foreign gods and return to Yahweh. Likewise as followers of Jesus Christ we have a similar commission, to make Jesus Christ known.

How might we respond to the question "What are you doing here?"

Rev. David.

September Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, August 18th. Publication will be the following Sunday, 25th.

Parish Registers

Baptism

June 1st. Kiya Ann Nicholls

Funeral

June 26th Anthony Greaves

Collections

| | Open Plate | GA Env. | Non GA Env. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| April : | £180.56 | £247.00 | £93.60 |
| May : | £246.63 | £260.00 | £180.50 |

For info. 'GA' is Gift Aid.

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## **100 Club**

Draw result for June,

1<sup>st</sup>: No. 95, 2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 30

The next draws will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup> during the Day Centre meetings.

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Bits and Pieces

Church 'Spring clean', Saturday, June 8th

Sadly this was very badly attended with only a handful of volunteers coming along. However, much cleaning was undertaken and we are very grateful to those who came along. Thank you all!

Sainsbury's, Friday and Saturday, June 14th /15th

Day Centre and Car Scheme volunteers as well as church members 'manned' the stand which we were allowed to have in the foyer of Sainsbury's over the two days. Some interest was shown by the public and we are hopeful of further contact from several people with regard to volunteering at the social projects.

Sunday Services from August

As we all know David and Christina leave us in July to take up their new post in Sutton Bridge and Tydd St. Mary. This means our Sunday Services will change slightly to accommodate us not having a resident priest.

Rev. Martyn Taylor has drawn up a rota of preachers for the services from September onwards and whilst the list below is not definitive it will give you an idea of what is going to take place and when. The August rota is listed in the 'Calendar' later in this magazine.

September Morning Services

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st . | Morning Prayer | Jane Richardson/ Mike Mills |
| 8 th | Holy Communion | Rev. Peter Hart |
| 15 th | Morning Prayer | Chris and Rhona Knight |
| 22 nd | Holy Communion | Rev. Martyn Taylor |
| 29 th | Harvest Holy Communion | Rev. Peter Hart |

September Evening Services

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|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 st . | Holy Communion | Rev. Peter Hart |
| 8 th | Evening Service | Martin and Laura Purnell |
| 15 th | Evening Service | Chris and Rhona Knight |
| 22 nd | Evening Service | Ron Macey |
| 29 th | Harvest Evening Service | Rev. Peter Hart and Rob Shaw |

Thereafter the monthly pattern will be as follows:

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| 1 st and 3 rd Sunday morning | Morning Prayer |
| 2 nd and 4 th Sunday morning | Holy Communion |
| 1 st Sunday Evening | Holy Communion |
| 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Evenings | Evening Prayer |

The Day Centre Communion Service which is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month will become a mid-week Parish Communion to which all are welcome to come along and join with Day Centre members.

Whilst this may seem a little confusing at first I'm sure all will become clearer as time goes on.

Sunday July 28th Service

This will be the last service which David will take here at Christ Church. It will be a combined celebratory Family Communion Service for all and we hope to be joined by members of St. George's Church who will come along and wish David 'goodbye'.

Following this service a 'bring and share' lunch will be held when we will all be able to join in giving David and Christina a 'Christ Church Goodbye'!

More details will be available shortly so read the weekly notice sheets for more information.



CC@4

CC@4 is a worshipping congregation of Christ Church and we have been meeting each Sunday at 4pm for just over a year now.

We are a small group who meet for fellowship, prayer and food as we have tea after each service. We have an aim to establish a new form of "church" for the benefit of the wider community who are not yet regular members of any church. To help us work towards this we have followed two courses in the last 9 months, "Discipleship Explored" and "Mission Shaped Congregations". During the summer we will continue to meet and we are studying Jesus' miracles as recorded in the Gospel of John.

Most months we have a social event, the next one being on the 25th August when we will be having a BBQ and we would like to invite all the members of the Christ Church Community to join us.

Lisa and Nigel Garwood.



Fundraising

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our Strawberry Tea! Over fifty friends came along for tea and a chat and by the atmosphere a wonderful time was had by all! Including the raffle we raised over £173 for church funds so a big thank you to you all for supporting us. Special thanks go to Beth (Jane Harris's daughter) for her waitressing and to Gill Stafford for helping in the kitchen.

Looking ahead the Grand Draw tickets will soon be available for you to sell to relatives and friends so keep an eye out for them on sale in the church entrance mid July onwards. This will be drawn at our Bazaar in November.

Our Church Gift Day and the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday, 14th September from 10.00-4.00.

More details of both these events will be in the September magazine.

Fundraising Committee.

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### **Befrienders / Startafresh**

We are just approaching our summer break with this term ending on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and the new term starting on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Each Thursday throughout the holiday's lunch will be held at my home for any members who wish to come along.

Out trip to Skegness will be on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and we still have a few seats left so if you are interested contact me on Stam. 764165 or see me at church.

Our R.A.E. course ended in June so for the rest of this term we are working on our crafts – which are a 'work in progress', plus other activities and plenty of 'chats'!

We wish you all a happy holiday,

## **Ruthie and Befrienders.**

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Day Centre

We have all been enjoying the warmer weather which seems to have arrived at long last.

During July we will be welcoming Pauline Whiley on the 17th talking about Old Stamford, Alex Naylor the following week playing the organ and on the 31st, Tim Mackrill will give us the latest news from the Rutland Osprey Project.

The Day Centre Summer Party will take place on Saturday July 20th from 3-5pm. This is always a very popular event and transport will be provided for Members who require it.

We will also be opening more weeks over the summer and Amy will shortly be sending out a letter to all Members explaining when we will be open over the next couple of months. We will only be closed for two weeks during August restarting on Wednesday, August 28th.

The Foot Health Professional will be with us on July 24th from 10am.

The Day Centre Communion Services will take place on July 3rd, August 7th and September 4th at 11.15am.

Amy and Carolyn.

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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, July 4<sup>th</sup> and here at Christ Church on August 1<sup>st</sup> both at the usual time of 10.00am.

All are welcome.

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Toddlers

Our term finishes on Thursday, July 11th which is when all monies for our trip to Wicksteed Park, which takes place on Thursday August 22nd, must be paid. We still have one or two seats left so speak to Ruthie if interested in going along – it really is a fun day out!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and looking forward to restarting on Thursday, September 5th.

Granny Ruth and the Gang.

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## Teenzone

"Teenzone is going through some exciting times over the next few months. A particular piece of news which has hit Teenzone is that Emily Turner will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. Emily has been a part of Teenzone since its inception in 2006, where she volunteered for several years alongside Jenny Wright, and was an important part of creating the extended programme of activities, which include sports, dance and music. Young people have always had upmost respect for Emily, and throughout her time at Teenzone, has built up a brilliant rapport with many people from different backgrounds. Whilst we will miss Emily greatly, and I will have an empty office chair next to me, we have to remember that sometimes a change like this can allow us to look at how the programme is being run, and adapt and change according to our resources. Emily has already began her new position at 'Young Lives', a charity engaging young people with holiday programmes including residentials, based across Cambridgeshire. She is still assisting us in the creation of an enhanced programme next term, increasing the hours of delivery and organising our Summer Holiday Programme.

This summer, our programme is adapted to engage with more of the elder young people, aged 14+. Six years on from Teenzone's opening, young people have grown up with us, and therefore are more keen to engage as they get older, which is always easier than trying to engage with 16 year olds who are not interested in youth opportunities. We are at a brilliant time where our young people want more activities and would like to get more involved in the decision making processes, and I hope that this summer we will be able to allow this to happen. Programme brochures and booking forms are available at Christ Church, and have also been given to every school pupil in Stamford. Every activity (including our trips to Woburn Safari Park, Burghley House, Tallington Lakes, Twinlakes, and Laserforce) cost just £2 each, and we are working with organisations and schools to act as a point of referral for families which experience barriers to youth work provision including money, transport and additional needs.

Teenzone will continue to work with young people of all backgrounds, and as for September, well watch this space..."

**Ali.**

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Bishop of Lincoln's Letter.....

July is traditionally the time when we go on – or are just about to go on – holiday; and if you are fortunate enough to be going away on a break I hope you have a lovely time and come back refreshed and restored.

Our word “holidays” comes, of course, from “Holy Days”. Before the industrial revolution and the Factory Acts of the 19th century, the only time off from work was on a Holy Day (Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday). I think the linking of “Holy Days” and “holidays” is more than mere coincidence. I think we can learn from what those early holy days meant to show us how to enjoy our holidays.

First of all a Holy Day meant rest: rest from the daily round of chores and looking after animals and crops. Each village had its own special holy days of celebration (usually to do with the patron saint of the parish church) so that travelling entertainment could plan an itinerary and arrive to liven up proceedings in the form of a fair or a troupe of players. And we all need rest.

Secondly, on a Holy Day God connects with us through a church service: God touches and refreshes us through Word and Sacrament. Similarly, on our holidays we are refreshed again. No longer tired and worn out we are refreshed and ready to return to our usual daily way of being.

Thirdly, and finally, on a Holy Day we remember how God in Jesus brought into being a new creation. So on our holidays we enjoy re-creation – doing something different, something enjoyable and fun, so that we are renewed. This moves beyond refreshment to seeing things differently and from a new perspective. And we are often enabled to see new ways of tackling the opportunities and challenges of daily life.

Sunday is our primary “Holy” day, of course, so I hope that even if you are not able to go away on holiday this summer, you will find a time each week for rest, refreshment and recreation, so that you can engage with the warp and weft of normal daily life afresh.

With every good wish,

+Christopher Lincoln.

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## Calendar

### July

|               |           |                                            |                                                                                |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday        | 1         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                        | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                          |
| Wednesday     | 3         | 9-3<br><b>11.15</b><br>7.00<br>7.30        | Day Centre<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir |
| Thursday      | 4         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting                                        |
| Friday        | 5         | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                    |
| Saturday      | 6         | AM                                         | Church Floor Clean                                                             |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service</b>                 |
| Monday        | 8         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                        | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                          |
| Wednesday     | 10        | 9-3<br>7.00<br>7.30<br>7.30                | Day Centre<br>Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir<br>PCC meeting           |
| Thursday      | 11        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting                                        |
| Friday        | 12        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                    |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service</b>                 |
| Monday        | 15        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                        | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                          |
| Wednesday     | 17        | 9-3<br>7.00<br>7.30                        | Day Centre<br>Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir                          |

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| Thursday | 18 | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30 | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting |
| Saturday | 20 | 3-5                 | Day Centre Summer Party                 |

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b> |
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| Monday    | 22 | 9.30<br>8.00 | Team Meeting<br>Bible Study Home Group |
| Wednesday | 24 | 9-3<br>7.00  | Day Centre<br>Informal Prayer Meeting  |

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| Thursday | 25 | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30 | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting |
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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>11.30</b> | <b>Combined Sunday Services</b><br><b>Holy Communion Service</b><br><b>Bring and Share Farewell Lunch.</b> |
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| Monday    | 29 | 9.30           | Team Meeting                               |
| Wednesday | 31 | 9-3<br>All Day | Day Centre<br>Befrienders trip to Skegness |

## August

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| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10.00</b><br>7.30 | <b>M.U. Holy Communion</b><br>Prayer Meeting |
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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion (Peter Hart)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service (Peter Hart)</b> |
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| Monday    | 5 | 9.30                | Team Meeting                        |
| Wednesday | 7 | 9-3<br><b>11.15</b> | Day Centre<br><b>Holy Communion</b> |
| Thursday  | 8 | 7.30                | Prayer Meeting                      |

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>     | <b>Holy Communion (Peter Hart)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service</b><br><b>(Martin and Laura Purnell)</b>       |
| Monday        | 12        | 9.30                                           | Team Meeting                                                                                                           |
| Thursday      | 15        | 7.30                                           | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><b>(Martin and Laura Purnell)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion (Peter Hart)</b>        |
| Monday        | 19        | 9.30                                           | Team Meeting                                                                                                           |
| Thursday      | 22        | All Day<br>7.30<br>7.30                        | Toddler trip to Wicksteed Park<br>Horticultural Society<br>Prayer Meeting                                              |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>(Martyn Taylor)</b><br><b>CC@4 BBQ. All welcome!!</b><br><b>Evening Service (Rob Shaw)</b> |
| Wednesday     | 28        | 9-3                                            | Day Centre                                                                                                             |
| Thursday      | 29        | 7.30                                           | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                         |

## September

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|---------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Morning Service</b><br><b>(Jane Richardson and Mike Mills)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion (Peter Hart)</b> |
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See weekly notice sheets for details of all events.

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

## Basement

### Regular term time Programme for the Basement

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|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| Monday    | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-9.30 | Teenzone sports @ QE       |
| Wednesday | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-8.30 | Teenzone                   |
| Thursday  | 1-3    | Befrienders                |
|           | 3-4    | Teenzone (Careers Session) |
|           | 4-7    | Teenzone                   |

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Cat's Tails

Hi Family!

They tried to get me in a cat basket the other day to go for a check-up. No way, Hosea!! I'm an outdoor fit cat specimen!

I hope the weather improves. It's showing slow progress so maybe it'll be better by the time the holidays come along. I have managed to get the odd siesta in the garden lately.

Have a good holiday, I'll miss you all. **M.D.**

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