

June 2012

Is it coming, is it not, doesn't look like it does it? I'm thinking of course about Summer (or the lack of), were we could ask those sorts of questions, is it? isn't it? We keep looking to the sky, listening to weather reports, reading the papers, in the hope that Summer might just come along. Now by the time you read this I believe Summer may already have arrived, just for a few days, so make sure you don't miss it.

Now of course during this time of Easter/Pentecost we have been in that place of waiting. Jesus had given them the 'Great Commission' and promised the disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit, and the disciples now had to wait patiently for Jesus' promise to be fulfilled, but did they wait idly, twiddling their thumbs and not doing anything? No, what they did was gather together, pray together, and build-up one another.

We have a promise also from Jesus, that He will return to gather His people to Himself, but we also don't know when it will take place. So what do we do as we wait for Jesus' return, do we just sit back idly? No, Jesus has given us the most amazing job possible, to share His good news to the world, being His witnesses, and bringing Him glory through our lives and words. Yet we know this isn't easy, and it wasn't easy for the disciples either, which is why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower them and help them to do all He had asked them to do.

This Pentecost we remember that Jesus has made available to us all the promised Holy Spirit, and we remember that Jesus keeps His promise. Jesus will return, so what will He find us doing for His Kingdom and His glory as we wait with eager anticipation? The least we can do is meet together, pray together, build-up one another in faith, and share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

May the Lord fill us anew.

Every blessing, *Rev. David.*

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## *200 Club*

The winning numbers for the May draw were: 115 and 154.

## *Parish Register*

### *Baptisms*

13 May 2012  
20 May 2012

Phoebe Grace Spink-Watts  
Theo Malcolm Swavy Read

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Collections

April

Open Plate	Env. Gift Aid	Env. (NTP)
£381.62	£1148.00	£209.50

Parish Share

We have paid 3 months Parish share to date, which means that we are nearly two months behind.....this is nothing unusual for Christ Church! Please continue to pray for the finances of the Church and the Projects, as we move forward in faith with the building work which may be undertaken this summer.

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## *July / August Magazine*

Could all entries for the above double edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Publication will be on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember all items/happenings in August will need to be included!

Just to update in case of confusion my email address is:  
[jane.richardson222@talktalk.net](mailto:jane.richardson222@talktalk.net)

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Strawberry Teas

It's arrived at last! The sun has actually been making a regular appearance in the sky for the last 7 days (I'm writing this on 24th) so long may this phenomena continue along with the lovely temperatures that come with it.

And now that summer has arrived it must mean that it's time for our **Strawberry Tea Afternoon!** This will take place on **Saturday, June 16th from 2 – 4pm.** Fresh homemade scones with jam, fresh cream and lots of strawberries and as much tea (or cold drink) as you can drink will be available for the cost of £2.50. There will be a raffle and lots of time to sit and enjoy a good 'chat' with friends.

We hope you'll come along and join us, bringing friends, relatives and neighbours with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

A poster is pinned into the centre of this magazine which we hope you'll display in your windows.

Fundraising Committee.

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## *Day Centre*

We are delighted to welcome back Joyce Beal as one of our Day Centre volunteers. Joyce retired a while ago but has now decided to return and everyone is delighted.

Singer Nicky Downs proved very popular with Members during her visit in May and staying on the theme of music we will be welcoming a presenter from Rutland Radio on June 20<sup>th</sup> to talk about the station and what is involved in working there.

We would like to welcome all our new Members and hope they will enjoy their time with us on a Wednesday.

The Foot Health Practitioner will not be visiting this month and neither will there be a Day Centre Communion in June.

The Day Centre will be closed for one week on June 6<sup>th</sup> due to the half-term break.

## *Amy & Carolyn*

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Day Centre Market Stall, Friday June 15th

We will be manning a Cake Stall and Tombola for Day Centre funds at Stamford Market on Friday, June 15th.

If you have a suitable prize for the Tombola or are willing to bake a cake all donations will be very gratefully received.

Please contact **Amy on 07895356898** or call in at the Day Centre on a Wednesday if you have anything to donate.

Do come down and support us on the day, we would love to see you!

Day Centre Volunteers Urgently Required

Do you have anything from a couple of hours upwards of free time on a Wednesday?

Would you be interested in joining our group of Day Centre volunteers?

We urgently need more Minibus assistants and car drivers who can help for approximately 2 hours morning and afternoon on a monthly rota to bring our Members to the Centre and take them home again.

We also need anyone willing to spend a full day (9am-3pm) with us helping at the Day Centre on a weekly basis with anything from setting out tables and chairs to making cups of tea and coffee.

If you think you can help and would like more information or to discuss things further we will be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact: **Amy on 07895356898.**

Rosie and the Christ Church staff

On Friday May 18, the Christ Church staff met up with Rosie for a few hours. This was their first meeting, and it was a great chance to get to know each other. Rosie escorted them for two hours and showed them

the banks of the River Cam. It was a beautiful day; and although Rosie remained silent, the staff were able to relax, reflect and review their work achievements and challenges in bringing outreach services and programmes to the local community in Stamford. Rosie made everyone feel very comfortable; and after the boat trip, the staff had a delicious bring-and-share picnic lunch beside the river. Altogether it was a lovely day out; and many, many thanks to Rosie, the narrow-boat, for playing such an important part in it!



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### *Recruitment of a new StartaFresh Coordinator*

Christ Church is looking to select a new part-time, paid Coordinator for the StartaFresh programme. The post would be for about 22 hours weekly, and the appointment would be for one year initially. The job description is available from the church office and the deadline for applications is June 13.

Please let Mike Mills or David Oxtoby know if you are interested in being considered for the position.

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Toddlers

Hi everyone!

We are enjoying our meetings. We have had water play and it's lovely to have our mums join in our activities. We thank Kate from Alternatives who joined us the other week and we hope to see her again. She brought information about Alternatives Baby Equipment Dept. We thank the Rachel's for joining us.

We are looking forward to better weather so that we can go outside.

New mums and old friends are very welcome to come and join us at our group on Thursdays from 9.30 – 11.30am for fun!

Nanny Ruth, Aunty Tina and the Rachel M. (x 2).

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## *StartaFresh / Befrienders*

We are halfway through another cooking course with Ken, cooking healthy and very tasty dishes. We welcomed Ruth (Mawdsley) who gave us a team building session which was interesting and enjoyable.

We have had trips to Ferry Meadows, Uffington Church and Rutland Water.

We are holding an Indoor Street Market on May 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We are to have our annual trip to Skegness on August 14<sup>th</sup> and would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us. For further details please ring me on Stam. 764165 or speak to me at church.

*Ruthie.*

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Jubilee Message from The Bishop of Lincoln

All over the diocese, indeed all over the nation and the Commonwealth, many of us will be participating in celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee: the sixty years Her Majesty the Queen has served as our monarch.

One of the outstanding features of this very special time has been the Queen's sense of duty. At her Coronation she was asked by the Archbishop to make a series of promises to God about how she would govern her people. For example, 'Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel?' and at the end of these, which together comprised the Coronation Oath, kneeling she placed her right hand on the Book of the Gospels and concluded 'The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God.'

Clearly there is not only a sense of duty visible in the life of our Sovereign, but also a sense of vocation: that God has called her to this role and will resource her through prayer and sacraments to fulfil the task. In this the Queen has modelled something very important for all her subjects – Christian or otherwise – that each one of us is loved God and called to serve him and his people. At a time when the nation and world and nation need to find a new motivation for our lives -- is it about money and power or is it at about faithful service? – this a profound and timely challenge.

My hope will be that these celebrations will not only be an excuse for a party but also a reminder of God's love and call for each one of us and our responsibility to respond for the common good.

+Christopher Lincoln:

Love in a Box

At last the sun has made an appearance so now you'll all be out buying new sandals to go with your dresses! Please remember to ask for the box when buying and donate it to us for Love in a Box. Thank you for your continuing support for this worthwhile project.

Gail.

Free Courses for the Over 60's

New College, Stamford is offering Christ Church up to 40 **free** places on some of their courses for the over 60's. These introductory courses will run at New College, Drift Road, Stamford from Friday June 1st for 3 weeks from 1-30pm-4.30pm.

Courses available at present are: **Improve Your IT Skills**
History of Art
Quick and Easy Crafts
Flower Arranging

There will also be another craft course which will be run here at Christ Church called **Thrifty Crafts which will take place on Friday, June 1st from 10.00am – 12.00noon for one week only.**

For more information or to book your place please contact Operations Manager, Mike Mills on 07523312387.

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## *A 'BIG Thank You'*

To all our friends at the Keep Fit group. What a wonderful surprise we had on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> when we were invited by Gill Stafford to have tea and cake on our retirement. Then Gill presented us with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a lovely card which members had signed and two vouchers, one for Marks and Spencer's and the other a garden voucher. We were overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and generosity.

Also, our ex-instructor, Gill Harris came and it was great to see her again. She also gave us some lovely flowers. It was wonderful, thank you so much everyone.

We are sad to be leaving the group but we leave it in the very capable hands of the instructor Deanna, Gill Stafford and Freda Brown.

At the moment the group has vacancies; they meet on a Tuesday at 2.30pm.

We wish the group every success for the future.

*Daphne and Peter Wise.*

## *Update from Canada!*

A personal heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been praying for Zoe over the last few weeks. After weeks of hearing cries for help from Zoe, but not really recognising them, I decided to get on a plane and go and see her. What I found was sad - she was not coping with her daily life in that she was overwhelmed with school work, exam pressure, research, final projects, rehearsals and her part time job. We had 10 days together, where she clearly needed her Mummy. I did what any Mum would do; cooked, cleaned, laundered, shopped, fed and watered everyone - which the other students loved too and there were many occasions of group hugs.

Zoe is now on the mend, she is being given one-to-one support (including Therapy) and lots of love and support from everyone at Rosebud. School has now finished for the summer and as she is working in the Rosebud Box Office selling tickets for this summer's show "Anne of Green Gables", if you ring up and book tickets, it will be her voice you hear!

*Gail.*

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## *Cat's Tails!*

Hi Family! Had an uninvited guest the other day. Mummy Ruth said we were to be friends and not fight! She said she was beautiful, white, long haired and fluffy. Well, I guess she wasn't bad but she was still uninvited so I escorted her off the premises! Introductions are necessary and it takes time to get to know new friends! I hope you all have good friends!

Love to you all, **M.D.**

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## *Advance Notice*      **PETER OWEN-JONES,**

BBC Presenter of 'Around the world in eighty faiths', 'Extreme Pilgrim' and 'How to live a simple life' will be reading from his new book and taking questions. All Saints' Church, Stamford, 7pm, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Tickets £10 from All Saints' or on the door.

## *Free Massage!*

I am currently completing a remedial massage diploma with the Oxford School of Sports Massage. I need willing volunteers to receive massage treatments. Should you wish to have free treatments as regularly or infrequently as you would like between now and October please contact Amanda.

Email: [massagestamford@gmail.com](mailto:massagestamford@gmail.com), or tel.: 07540 747 421

*(Please note this advert has been included in good faith but without any personal recommendation.)*

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Calendar

June

Friday	1	10-12 1-3	Craft Course Befrienders
Trinity Sunday	3	10.00 4-6 6.30	Holy Communion CC@4 Jubilee Celebration Evensong

Half term so groups are on holiday

Wednesday	6	7.00 7.30	Informal Prayer Meeting Gospel Choir
Thursday	7	7.30	Horticultural Society
Sunday	10	10.00 4.00 6.30	Holy Communion CC@4 Evensong
Monday	11	1-3	Befrienders
Tuesday	12	2.30	Fun and Fitness
Wednesday	13	9-3 7.00 7.30	Day Centre Informal Prayer Meeting Gospel Choir
Thursday	14	9.30 1-3	Toddlers Befrienders
Friday	15	All Day 1-3	Day Centre Market Stall Befrienders
Saturday	16	2-4	Strawberry Teas

Sunday	17	10.00 4.00 6.30	Kings Praise CC@4 Holy Communion
Monday	18	1-3	Befrienders
Tuesday	19	2.30	Fun and Fitness
Wednesday	20	9-3 7.00 7.30	Day Centre Informal Prayer Meeting Gospel Choir
Thursday	21	9.30 1-3	Toddlers Befrienders
Friday	22	1-3	Befrienders
Sunday	24	10.00 4.00 6.30	Holy Communion CC@4 Evensong
Monday	25	1-3	Befrienders
Tuesday	26	2.30	Fun and Fitness
Wednesday	27	9-3 7.00 7.30	Day Centre Informal Prayer Meeting Gospel Choir
Thursday	28	9.30 1-3	Toddlers Befrienders
Friday	29	1-3	Befrienders

Basement

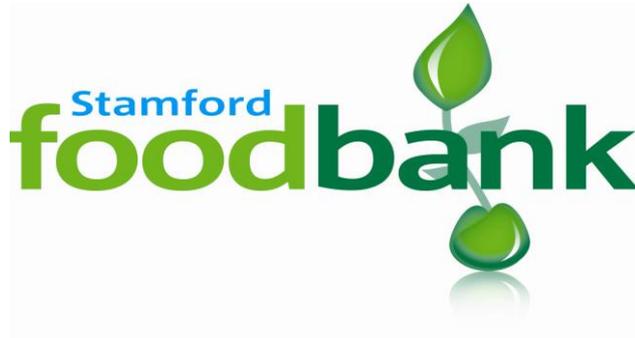
Regular term time Programme for the Basement

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

See weekly notice sheets for details of all events.

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

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(Apologies in advance if I have made mistakes with the calendar. I'm still trying to get back in to the swing of things but my brain is still 'elsewhere'. J.R.)



## Stamford Foodbank Update

We have an amazing God!

"Ask and it will be given to you....." Matthew ch7 v7

We asked for:-

a base..... we have one,  
a treasurer .....we have one,  
a fundraiser..... we have a fundraising committee,  
volunteers.....we now have over 40  
money.....work in progress!

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have joined us or who have helped us in any way!

Volunteers first training day will be with Anne Danks from Trussell Trust on Thursday 5th July, pm but time to be confirmed.

Nicola Dunkin

Stamford Foodbank Co-ordinator