

May 2014

Dear Friends,

Lent is over and we have celebrated Easter. Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia.

Our understanding of the Resurrection is vital to our Christian faith. Jesus died on the cross. The Roman soldiers don't make a mistake like that. It is clear that Jesus died and was put in a tomb. Yet three days later the tomb was found to be empty. The first visitors to the tomb did not understand how it could be empty, but gradually it dawned on them that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was seen over the next day's many times and once we are told by 500 people at the same time. Jesus Christ is risen and death is defeated.

Although we come to the end of our earthly life, we have the promise of eternal life. This Christian hope is for all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah. I know that I will die sometime, we all will, but I have that special hope of life with God, in a place prepared for me by Jesus (John 14 verse 2) . What a wonderful promise that is.

In the church's year we next come to Pentecost. When after His resurrection, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high. This event happened to the twelve and other believers at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came down as tongues of fire and they were all filled with power from on high. Another great event which is also available to us who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's power given to us to help us follow Christ more closely.

If this all seems like nonsense to you why not come along to church? Or if you wish to learn more join an Alpha Course. May God help you in your journey of faith. If you don't start that journey then you may never know the God who loves you and longs for you to come and worship him.

I hope you have a very happy Pentecost.

Yours as ever

Peter Hart

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## *June Magazine*

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to Jane Calderin by Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Publication will be on the following Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## *Magazine Subscriptions*

Hopefully, by now subscriptions have been paid as they were due last month, April.

If you have not paid yet the cost remains at £5 per year, 50p per copy. For those who have their magazines delivered please give monies due to your 'delivery person' asap.

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## *Parish Registers*

### *Baptism*

**April 27<sup>th</sup>      Keagan Jonathan Dwyer-Bailey**

### *Marriage*

**April 12<sup>th</sup>      Kelly Atkins and Mark Styles**

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## *Collections*

|                | <b>Open Plate</b> | <b>Env Gift Aid</b> | <b>Env. Non GA</b> |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>March :</b> | <b>£304.00</b>    | <b>£816.00</b>      | <b>£528.00</b>     |

*Nigel.*

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## *100 Club*

Draw result for April,

1<sup>st</sup>: No., 158, 2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 152

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> during the Day Centre.

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### *Thank you!*

I would like to thank everyone who donated money for Easter Flowers in memory of their loved ones, your support is appreciated.

A special thank you to all the flower ladies for decorating the Church on Easter Saturday, thanks also to Gill Stafford for arranging the linen, Phil Stafford for cleaning the brass and to Colin Field for making our Easter Garden.

Blessings

*Dawn Field.*

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### *Mike Mills*

We would like to thank everyone who gave a donation towards the leaving gift for Mike who has now left his post as Operation Manager. The presentation of a Bible Dictionary and vouchers on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> was a lovely occasion and a time to thank Mike for all he has done here at Christ Church. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Pam, his wife.

We wish Mike well as he continues his Lay Readers Training course with the Diocese of Peterborough and hope to welcome him again at CC when his time allows.

*Dawn and Brian.*

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## *Christian Aid*

**May 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> is Christian Aid Week** when we will be collecting in the streets around Christ Church. Other churches will be collecting in streets in their parishes.

We still have some streets that are not covered; if you would be willing to help please get in touch with Jane Calderin 754290.

Why not join up with a friend and do a street together. Two streets that I would particularly like to cover again this year are Princes Road and Queens Street. Our regular collector will not be doing them this year.

*Jane Calderin*

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Fundraising

We on the Fundraising Comm. have now put together a programme of events to help raise some funds for church. Our first event is:

'My Gambia Trip' by Jane Calderin. Saturday, May 17th at 10.00am

Jane will give a talk on her recent trip to the Gambia. Those who attended her last slide show and talk will remember with pleasure Jane's experiences so do come along to hear about this wonderful trip.

Refreshments will be available.

'Strawberry Tea Afternoon', Saturday, July 5th from 2 pm.

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!

Next up will be a **Stamford Market Stall, Friday, August 1st** when we will have a 'Tombola' along with cakes, preserves etc. for sale. So, if you're given a gift that isn't 'quite to your liking' pass it our way and we'll put it to good use as a tombola prize!

Come September we'll have the **Grand Draw** tickets for sale which will be drawn at our **Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 22nd**.

More details will be given nearer the time for these later events.

Fundraising Committee.

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### *StartAfresh/Befrienders*

Hi everyone! Hope you all had a lovely Easter and were able to join our services.

We've already had a trip to Wittering for Ten Pin Bowling which was combined with a members 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so lots of chocolate cake and balloons! We are looking forward to our picnic at Burghley on May 10<sup>th</sup> and will pray for fine weather. Our RAE course had been cancelled for three weeks as our tutor is ill. We look forward to resuming soon and finishing our course.

God bless you all,

## *Befrienders.*

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Day Centre

Once again we have said 'goodbye' to one of our longstanding members, David Head. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

Betty and Roger came along to entertain us with a 'sing-a-long' and a good time was had by all! We've also had Alex Naylor playing the organ. This type of entertainment always goes down well!

On Friday, April 25th several members and volunteers went to the Town Hall concert and were again entertained by Betty and Roger and a lovely time was enjoyed by all. Thank you Betty and Roger!
We had a two week break for Easter. Catrina did cream teas for all the volunteers which was very kind of her.

We are looking forward to welcoming Rose Lunt on May 14th who is coming along to present 'something refreshingly different' about Post War Britain. If you would like to join us please come along about 1.15pm and stay for a cup of tea and cake. (A small cost is requested to cover the afternoon.)

The Day Centre is looking for a volunteer cook for a Wednesday, around once every four weeks. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact Catrina Batey on 07949605217.

The Foot Health Professional will be with us on May 21st and then again on July 2nd both from 10am.

The Day Centre Communion will take place on May 7th at 11.15am.

Catrina and Barbara.

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*Toddlers*

Hi everyone, hope you are all well!

We enjoyed Hot Cross buns on the Thursday before Easter which were even nicer than the toast we usually have!

We are going to do Joseph's coat of many colours on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> so look out for our poster!

We have a wonderful time at 'Tots' so if you're not at big school yet come along and join us,

Lots of love

*The 'Tots' Gang.*

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Bishop of Lincoln's Letter for May

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter tend to be very busy ones in the Church. Many of us will have been involved in meaningful services and activities since the beginning of Lent, and it is only now that the immense joy of Easter Day begins to give way to a gentler time of reflection on the enormity of God's love for us which is so clearly demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

How do we, as Christian people, respond to that great love? At the end of this month, I hope you will join me in using a new resource which has been produced by our emerging discipleship team to help all of us in the diocese to deepen our commitment to Christ, in prayer, together.

2015 will be a Year of Discipleship in the diocese and exciting things are being planned to mark this special year. The prayers prepared by the team have been specially written to help us begin to prepare for that Year. Please look out for them in your church before the end of the month.

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one, and I hope that these prayers will be used across the diocese, that together we will live and pray with faith, confidence and joy.

I invite you to use the diocesan prayer as you begin each day:

*Almighty God, source of our hope and of all good things;
you call us in love to share in the work of creation
in making all things new.*

Bless our diocese:

*may we be faithful in our worship,
confident in our discipleship,
and joyful in our service,
that through us,*

*the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us,
made known in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

With every good wish,

Bishop Christopher

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## Puzzle Answers

Here are the answers to last month's anagram puzzle:

Burns me - *Numbers*.

Our needy Tom – *Deuteronomy*

Chair haze – *Zechariah*.

Rich clones – *Chronicles*

Eds jug - *Judges*

See sign – *Genesis*

Evil is cut – *Leviticus*.

Select as ices – *Ecclesiastes*

Hail Mac – *Malachi*.

Threes – *Esther*

Hurt – *Ruth*.

Tom anneals it – *Lamentations*

I jam here – *Jeremiah*.

Used ox - *Exodus*

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*Jane Calderin.*

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Cat's Tails!

Hi Family!

The weather hasn't been too bad just lately has it?

Mummy Jane is having a break soon so Mummy Ruth will be in sole charge but I've promised to behave! It's lovely living here. The little ones wave through the windows to me. The cars can be a bit scary but I've learned to dodge them and just mind my own business!

Be kind to each other

Luv's you loads, **M.D.**

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# Calendar

## May

|                                        |           |              |                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>4</b>  | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Morning Service</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> |           |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                                                                             |
|                                        |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                                                    |
|                                        |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                                                                          |
|                                        |           |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                                                                             |
| Monday                                 | 5         | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                                                         |
| Tuesday                                | 6         | 7.30         | Momentum                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday                              | 7         | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                                                     |
|                                        |           | 11.15        | Holy Communion                                                                                                 |
| Thursday                               | 8         | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                                                       |
|                                        |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                 |
| Friday                                 | 9         | 10.30        | Thanksgiving Service for<br>George Barnett                                                                     |
|                                        |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                    |
| Saturday                               | 10        | 8.30         | St. George's Ladies Breakfast                                                                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>11</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                                                                          |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                                                    |
|                                        |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service</b>                                                                                         |
| Monday                                 | 12        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                                                                                   |
|                                        |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                    |
|                                        |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                                                         |
| Tuesday                                | 13        | 7.00         | Church Lads Meeting                                                                                            |
|                                        |           | 7.30         | Momentum                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday                              | 14        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                                                     |
|                                        |           | 1.15         | Rose Lunt entertains at the Day<br>Centre. All welcome to come along<br>for 'something refreshingly different! |
|                                        |           | 7.30         | PCC                                                                                                            |
| Thursday                               | 15        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                                                       |
|                                        |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                 |
| Friday                                 | 16        | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                    |
| Saturday                               | 17        | 10.00        | Gambia Talk by Jane Calderin                                                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                          | <b>18</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Morning Service</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> |           |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                                                                             |
|                                        |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                                                    |
|                                        |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service</b>                                                                                         |

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|----------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday                                 | 19        | 9.30<br>1-3                | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders           |
|                                        |           | 8.00                       | Bible Study Home Group                |
| Tuesday                                | 18        | 7.30                       | Momentum                              |
| Wednesday                              | 21        | 9-3                        | Day Centre                            |
| Thursday                               | 22        | 9.30<br>7.30               | Toddlers<br>Prayer Meeting            |
| Friday                                 | 23        | 1-3                        | Befrienders                           |
| <b>Rogation Sunday</b>                 | <b>25</b> | <b>10.00</b>               | <b>Holy Communion</b>                 |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> |           | <b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service</b> |

**This week is half-term so some of our groups are taking a break.**

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|-----------|----|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 26 | 9.30<br>8.00 | Team Meeting<br>Bible Study Home Group |
| Tuesday   | 27 | 7.30         | Momentum                               |
| Wednesday | 28 | 9-3          | Day Centre                             |
|           |    | 7.00         | Transport Comm. Meeting                |
| Thursday  | 29 | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                         |

See weekly notice sheets for details of all events.

## **Basement**

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

|           |                   |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 3-7<br>7-9.30     | Teenzone<br>Teenzone sports @ QE    |
| Wednesday | 3-7<br>7-8.30     | Teenzone<br>Teenzone                |
| Thursday  | 1-3<br>3-4<br>4-7 | Befrienders<br>Teenzone<br>Teenzone |

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

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