

## *October 2012*

Dear friends,

I was in a meeting the other day when a Church member stated that “it’s too difficult to share my faith, I don’t want to upset anyone.” So, I posed this question, “what would the Church look like today if the Disciples hadn’t told anyone?” Of course the answer is likely to be, there would not be a Church as we know it. I then posed the obvious follow-up question, “what will the Church look like in 200 years, if we don’t tell anyone about Jesus”, to which the answer came back, “it probably won’t be here.”

Jesus, when sending out the twelve Disciples, said to them “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>Math 10.32</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”<sup>33</sup> Not easy words for us to hear, but words that are true never the less. So, did the Disciples go out in their own strength? No, we read at the start of Chapter 10 “He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.” Jesus, when sending us out to share His Gospel, also gives us the means to do it, let us seek Christ for His authority to go with us, His compassion for the lost, His direction where to go, and His words with which to speak.

The Disciples had the amazing privilege of spending time with Jesus, watching, listening and learning together. We also have opportunities of learning and growing together, let me therefore encourage you to take advantage of the new weekly Bible Study group, and Prayer Meeting, so we might also be those who watch, listen and learn, so that we likewise will be ready to give an account of the hope we have in Christ, sharing the Good News of Jesus wherever we go, and wherever He may send us.

Every blessing

*Rev. David*

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# November Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** Publication will be following Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Jane Richardson.*

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## Parish Registers

### Funerals

September 14<sup>th</sup> Fred Dixon

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(A bracelet was found in church following one of the funerals recently. If it belongs to you/someone you know please contact church office.)

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## Collections

	Open Plate	Env/Gift Aid	Env. (NTP)
August :	£325.07	£131.50	£97.80
September Gift Day (to date)	£690.		

*Gail.*

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## 200 Club

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|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Draw result for: July, | 1 <sup>st</sup> : No. 26,  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : No. 154 |
| August,                | 1 <sup>st</sup> : No. 104, | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : No. 137 |
| September,             | 1 <sup>st</sup> : No. 71,  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> : No. 38  |

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> during the Day Centre.

# *Bits and Pieces*

## *Harvest*

Our harvest service will be on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. It has been agreed that this year we will collect for the 'Food Bank' charity. Please bring along any (or as many!) of the items listed below so they can go to help feed families in desperate need in Stamford. Please be generous in your giving to this worthwhile charity.

|                        |                      |                       |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Milk (UHT or powdered) | Sugar (500g)         | Tea Bags,             |
| Pasta Sauces,          | Rice (500g)          | Long life Fruit Juice |
| Breakfast Cereals,     | Jar Instant Coffee   | Jar of Jam,           |
| Instant Mashed Potato, | Tinned Fruit,        | Tinned Tomatoes       |
| Tinned Sponge Pudding, | Tinned Rice Pudding, | Tinned Fish and Meat  |
| Packets of Biscuits    | Snacks               |                       |

## *Harvest Flowers*

The church will be decorated ready for our Harvest Services on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. If you are able to lend a hand the flower ladies and gentlemen will be very grateful.

Each year the cost of the flowers increases so, if you are able, please make a donation towards them. This can be given to the church wardens or vicar.

## *Harvest Supper*

Our Harvest Bring and Share Supper will be on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 4.30 – 6.30pm. Do come along and bring a plate of food. This evening is a good time to sit and enjoy a chat with friends and is always a wonderful event so don't miss it!! Transport is available **but you must give plenty of notice!** Speak to the vicar, Dawn (753645) or Jane R. (752492).

## *Church Gift Day*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's appeal. So far £690 has been raised. In the current climate and our difficult financial situation every donation is gratefully received! If you have not yet donated there is

still time; put your donation into one of the Gift Day envelopes which can be found in the church entrance and give to a churchwarden or vicar. If you are a tax payer please complete the declaration so we can claim back tax paid. Thank you.

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## *Thank You!*

*Dear Christ Church Family,*

*It was wonderful to see so many of you at my retirement service; what a precious gift. David really surprised and delighted me by inviting Bob, Jane and Archdeacon Tim to take part in the service. So many of you were also involved in one way or another; in the music, flowers, prayers, readings, cake making, coffee serving and I know that some of you did a 'Spring Clean' on Saturday! There is always a danger of missing someone out when listing activities, know that you are all included...*

## *Thank you*

*Speaking of gifts thank you so much for the cheque, the flowers and especially for the beautiful quilt on which many of you wrote messages and which Daphne (and I think some others) put together; I feel truly loved.*

*It has been my pleasure to serve at Christ Church over the past nine years, and I shall continue to worship with you and be an active part of the congregation.*

*Blessings and much love, Jane.*

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## *Fundraising and Thanks!*

It really doesn't seem possible that we are into autumn – where has the time gone and where was the summer??!! So we look ahead to our next fundraising activity which is:

**Bag packing and Grand Draw Ticket selling at Waitrose on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am to 5.00pm.**

There will be a list up in the entrance hall which we hope you will sign to help 'man' the tills or table! This is really a worthwhile event as it gives Christ Church publicity for all we do as well as raising much needed funds for church.

On Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Bazaar here at church. We will have the usual stalls and games so please start looking out any items which could go towards the tombola, toiletries, books, bric-a-brac stalls etc.

**Grand Draw tickets** are available in the entrance so please take books to sell to relatives, friends and neighbours. This will be drawn at the bazaar. More details will be in next magazine.

We still have our **Anniversary Tea Towels** for sale; **buy two tea towels, gift wrapped for £5!!!** What a bargain!!! They are also available in the church entrance hall



We would like to say a **big thank you** to David, Joseph and Lucy Wise along with David Ettridge, a work colleague of David's who in early September cycled around part of the Deanery for the Lincolnshire Old

Churches Trust Ride and Stride. They raised £160 altogether with half going to the Trust and half to our church funds. Thank you all!!

And lastly, thank you to everyone who supported our Market Stall held in August. We raised £331 for church funds. It was a lovely day with the sun shining all the time – just a pity more help wasn't forthcoming to 'man' the stall!!

## *Fundraising Committee.*

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### *Befrienders*

Back to the usual routine! On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> we had a very interesting visit to Peterborough Museum, and on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> we went to Ferry Meadows. Brilliant! We are now all looking forward to visiting Peterborough Cathedral on October 1<sup>st</sup> as well as starting our courses with Rutland Adult Education. Geraldine is right on the ball organising things for us! She really is a gem!!

Some of our volunteers have been attending training courses as we want to do our best for our group.

We also have three new members and we welcome them to our group.

Blessings to all,

## *The Befrienders.*

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### *Day Centre*

It was lovely, if rather hectic, to restart on September 25<sup>th</sup> after postponing our return due to the renovations overrunning!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the extended break even though the weather hasn't been very good over the summer!

We enjoyed seeing Amy at the Day Centre the afternoon of our return when she came along to show baby Erine to us all. Much 'cooing', 'oohs and arrhs' were heard and cuddles had!

Our Holy Communion Service will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> which is also the day that Amy returns from maternity leave to once again take over the helm!

Andrea our new Day Centre hairdresser will be with us in October, date to be arranged, and the Foot Health Practitioner will be visiting us on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Carolyn.*

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### *Keep Fit Group Closure*

It is with great sadness that we have to close the Keep Fit Group. Over the last few months our numbers have fallen to a level which cannot sustain the group. Last time we met we had seven attend and we need at least twelve members to make it viable!

Our thanks go to Deanna for helping us over the past few months and who knows – if more of you speak to us about joining we may be able to restart but for now it's goodbye and thank you!

*Gill and Freda.*

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### *Mothers Union*

The next M.U. Holy Communion Service, followed by the meeting, will be held at St. Georges Church on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.

(Many get well wishes go to Vera Davis who hasn't been well of late!)

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## *Toddlers*

It was lovely to be back after our summer break and we had lots of new faces! We have had a lovely session where the toddlers and mums made lots of friends and another session mixing paints and making gorgeous autumnal colours. Next week we will be making models with Play dough. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us!

God Bless,

*Toddler Gang.*

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### *Love in a Box*

Time is moving on and we are ramping up our plea for support to this wonderful, well worthwhile project.

We ask that any donations: toys, socks, handkerchiefs, tennis balls, skipping ropes, toothbrushes, hair brushes etc are left in the inner vestry in a clearly named bag: 'Love in a Box'.

If you would prefer us to do the shopping by donating money for us to spend on the children please leave in a sealed envelope addressed to Gail Burnham, also addressed 'Love in a Box'. If you wish to fill your own box please remember to put £2.50 inside to cover transport costs.

If it's any help we never have enough combs, hair brushes, soap, face clothes, note paper/pads, small toys (cars, lorries, skipping ropes, yoyo, tennis balls etc) **AND** empty shoeboxes (size 6).

We couldn't do this without your continued support. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

*Gail, Gill and Phil.*

## Spanish Lessons

Ever wanted to learn Spanish? Then come along to church **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm**. Sarah Harrington has agreed to give **free** beginners Spanish lessons to anyone who is interested in learning a new language. The idea is to learn some basic phrases and vocabulary which one can use when going on holiday to a Spanish speaking country, whilst having fun and enjoyment learning something new!

The lessons will last for 1½ hrs. for about 10 weeks.

Interested? Come along and find out on October 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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## Wool Wanted!

Several people at church are busy filling their time (and hands!) with knitting 'squares' for blankets and newborn baby jackets for hospital Intensive Care Units.

If you have any suitable wool, preferably double knitting; please give to either Jane Richardson or Ruth Lock.

Thank you in advance – we know you'll 'come up trumps'!

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## Bishop of Lincoln's Letter

*The great sporting summer of 2012 continues to amaze. The stupendous success of the Olympic Games being followed by a different, but just as successful, experience – the Paralympic Games. These two beautifully organised sporting festivals have not only showcased London and Britain, but also reminded us of several important ideas.*

*The first is that there is nothing wrong in taking a pride in our British-ness. In recent decades – in part because of the experience of Fascism in the 1930 and 1940s – we have been cautious about celebrating our national qualities too overtly. We wanted our nation to do well – particularly as the proud hosts – and were thrilled when medals were won and Olympics records broken.*

*Natural human loyalties and communities are given to us as schools for love, as places where we can learn to broaden and deepen our love for the wider world and for God, by learning to love others, some of whom may be very different from ourselves.*

*So it is no bad thing to be proud of the achievements of our nation as long as it leads to broadly human sympathies and is not diminished by unhealthy jingoism.*

*And this brings me to my second idea: that we should not be dominated by an idea of perfection against which we measure everything else. We live in a diverse universe with many complementary expressions of life.*

*This is demonstrated so powerfully by the athletes of the Paralympic Games, and challenges those who are conventionally able to see those with injuries and disabilities not in negative terms, but as fellow human beings with a different set of abilities. We may then be able to view the human race as family of people of differing (and ideally complementary) backgrounds, ethnicities and abilities all of which can be focused towards the Common Good.*

*I am proud to be British not only because of the achievements of our athletes – but also because we are becoming a nation which values all its peoples whoever they are and expects everyone to contribute to the benefit of all.*

*+Christopher Lincoln*

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*Cat's Tail!*

The builders have nearly gone but the school children are back. They are lovely but a little enthusiastic sometimes!

I've had my soft furnishings refreshed recently. I've been sunbathing behind the railings and mummy Ruth said I looked as if I was in prison. As if!!

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

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## Can Prison Work?

Have you ever thought about what happens to offenders after they have been given a prison sentence? Removing a person from society and locking them away is unlikely to change their behaviour. Prisons run work programmes, training and education sessions but also depend on volunteers for assistance.

The Prison Chaplaincy is an important service that provides a wealth of spiritual and pastoral care for people of all faiths and none. Like priests anywhere there is always much work to do so volunteers can play an important role in assisting them. It could be helping with courses to raise victim awareness, develop interpersonal skills, bible study groups or helping with chapel services. Volunteers are usually well received by offenders as they are not part of the 'establishment' but seen as 'real' people they can relate to.

Prison Fellowship is a Christian, volunteer-led, national charity, with a small paid admin staff, which works with offenders, victims and families. Its 1,600 volunteers in England and Wales pray for prisoners, run projects like Sycamore Tree, write letters to prisoners and generally assist chaplains.

The Stamford Prison Fellowship Group meets monthly at Barn Hill Methodist church. Some of its members work with the chaplaincy at HMP Stockmen near Stretton. This work is enjoyable and rewarding and has opportunities for everyone to be involved in the way that suits them best. It is a group which needs 'Martha's' and 'Mary's', the 'doers' and 'listeners' of this world.

If you would like to know more about us, then please **come and meet us at our Coffee Afternoon in 'The Well' at Barn Hill Church on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 between 2.30 and 4.30 pm.** We would love to see you and chat about what we do and what you could.

If you cannot come you can contact me, Marjorie Needham on Stamford 752698 or email [Marjorie@mneedham.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:Marjorie@mneedham.fsworld.co.uk).



# *Calendar*

## *October*

|               |           |                                            |                                                                           |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday        | 1         | 1-3<br>8.00                                | Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                     |
| Tuesday       | 2         | 6.30                                       | Spanish Lesson                                                            |
| Wednesday     | 3         | 9-3<br>11.15<br>7.30                       | Day Centre<br>DC Communion<br>Gospel Choir                                |
| Thursday      | 4         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30<br>7.30                | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Horticultural Society |
| Friday        | 5         | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                               |
| Saturday      | 6         | 9.30                                       | Church Flower Decoration<br>for Harvest                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Harvest Festival</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong</b>                 |
| Monday        | 8         | 1-3<br>8.00                                | Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                     |
| Tuesday       | 9         | 6.30                                       | Spanish Lesson                                                            |
| Wednesday     | 10        | 9-3<br>7.30<br>8.00                        | Day Centre<br>Gospel Choir<br>PCC                                         |
| Thursday      | 11        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Informal Prayer Meeting                          |
| Friday        | 12        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                               |
| Saturday      | 13        | 4.30-6.30                                  | Harvest Supper                                                            |
| <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>Evensong</b>                   |

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|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday        | 15        | 1-3<br>8.00                                | Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                         |
| Tuesday       | 16        | 6.30                                       | Spanish Lesson                                                |
| Wednesday     | 17        | 9-3<br>7.30                                | Day Centre<br>Gospel Choir                                    |
| Thursday      | 18        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Informal Prayer Meeting              |
| Friday        | 19        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                   |
| Saturday      | 20        | 9 -5.00pm                                  | Bag Packing/Raffle Ticket<br>Selling at Waitrose.             |
| <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> |
| Monday        | 22        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                   |
| Tuesday       | 23        | 6.30                                       | Spanish Lesson                                                |
| Wednesday     | 24        | 9-3<br>7.30                                | Day Centre<br>Gospel Choir                                    |
| Thursday      | 25        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Informal Prayer Meeting              |
| Friday        | 26        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>28</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>Evensong</b>       |

## Half Term

Most of our groups will be taking a well-earned rest during this week.

|           |    |      |                |
|-----------|----|------|----------------|
| Tuesday   | 30 | 6.30 | Spanish Lesson |
| Wednesday | 31 | 7.30 | Gospel Choir   |

## *November*

|               |          |              |                       |
|---------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b> |
|               |          | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>           |
|               |          | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evensong</b>       |

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**

|           |          |                                       |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 12.3-3.3 | Stroke Association (every other week) |
|           | 5-7      | Teenzone                              |
|           | 7-9.3    | Teenzone sports @ QE                  |
| Wednesday | 4-5      | Teenzone table tennis                 |
|           | 5-7      | Teenzone                              |
| Thursday  | 1-3      | Befrienders                           |
| Friday    | 5-7      | Rainbows                              |
|           | 7.30     | Teenzone                              |

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## *A Basketful.....*

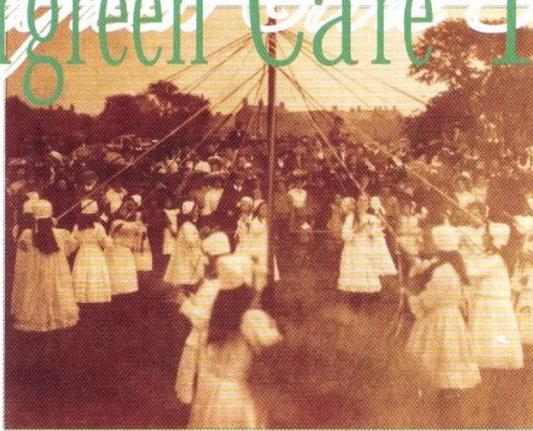
*As I was walking down life's highway many years ago  
I came upon a sign that read Heavens Grocery Store.  
When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide  
And when I came to myself I was standing inside..  
I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere  
One handed me a basket and said "my child shop with care".  
Everything a human needed was in that grocery store  
And what you could not carry you could come back for more  
First I got some Patience, Love was in that same row  
Further down was Understanding, you need that everywhere you go!  
I got a box or two of Wisdom and Faith a bag or two.  
And Charity of course I would need some of that too.  
I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost it was all over the place  
And then some Strength and Courage to help me run this race.  
My basket was getting full but I remembered I needed Grace,  
And then I chose Salvation for Salvation was for free.  
I tried to get enough of that to do for you and me.  
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do the Masters will.  
As I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and so I put that in,  
For I knew when I stepped outside I would run into Sin.  
Peace and Joy were plentiful, the last things on the shelf.  
Song and Praise were hanging near so I just helped myself.  
Then I said to the angel "Now how much do I owe?"  
He smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go."  
Again I asked "Really now, how much do I owe?"  
"My child" he said, "God paid your bill..... a long, long time ago."*

*High Notes Music Society presents*

# The Best of British!

A concert in aid of the

# Evergreen Care Trust



## Saturday 20th October 2012

7.30 pm: Trinity Methodist Church, Barn Hill, Stamford

*the* **Belvoir**  
**Wassailers**



**Evergreen**  
*care trust*  
towards healthy ageing  
Charity Reg. No. 1121423.

Guest Artiste  
Mark Swingler  
*Melodion and Concertina*

**BV**  
**Burghley Voices**  
Fergus Black  
conductor

All performers, and the church, are donating their services.

**Tickets £8 (concessions £5)**

from 01780 763203 – Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St Mary's Street, S

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