

November 2013

Dear Christ Church Family,

I am so pleased to be able to let you know that the Diocese has given us permission to create a parish profile with a view to advertising for an associate minister for Christ Church. This will mean that Christ Church will be able to have a designated minister working alongside myself who will have a mission brief to seek to grow the church family and reach out into the local community. In particular the new minister will be looking to join up the dots between the social projects and the worshipping life of the congregation. Our desire is to see more people of all ages that we engage with in the week come to a living faith in Jesus Christ. It would be lovely to see them take their part in His church and share in His mission to Stamford.

I am also pleased to share with you that we have been encouraged to apply for mission support to fund the operation manager's post that Mike is filling at the moment. This means that the Diocese may well support 1.4 posts at Christ Church.

Please pray for the wardens and others who are involved in writing the parish profile. This is an important job as a good profile will help to us recruit a good candidate. We want the best person for the job whether they are male or female and we look forwards to seeing who might apply. Our hope is to finish the profile in mid November and then have a church meeting after the service on Sunday November 24th to share the profile with the whole church family. *(Please see Weekly Notice sheets for further information nearer the time)*. If everything goes to plan we would love to advertise in the New Year and appoint the new person to start after Easter.

Please pray that this process will go well and that we all know the Lord's direction in the coming months.

Every Blessing,

Martyn.

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## *December/January 2014 Magazine*

Could all entries for the above double edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Publication will be the Sunday following, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas card entries (details later in this magazine) must be given to Dawn Field by **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the latest**, for entry in the C.C. Christmas Card which will be included in the above magazine.

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### *Parish Registers*

#### *Baptisms*

October 20<sup>th</sup> Amelia Louise Flanders

#### *Funerals*

October 11<sup>th</sup> Rose Joyce

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### *Collections*

#### **September :**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Open Plate                | £ 441.00        |
| Envelope Gift Aid         | £ 235.00        |
| Direct Debit Gift Aid     | £ 630.00        |
| Envelope Non Gift Aid     | £ 205.00        |
| Direct Debit Non Gift Aid | £ 427.00        |
| Other planned giving      | <u>£ 130.00</u> |
| Total                     | £2069.00        |

*Nigel.*

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## *200 Club*

Draw result for October,

1<sup>st</sup>: No. 29, 2<sup>nd</sup>: No. 31

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> during the Day Centre.

We are still in need of new members for the 200 Club; please encourage family and friends to join. If you are interested speak to Dawn Field. You pay just £1 per month and you will receive a number which will be entered in the draw that takes place on the third Wednesday each month.

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### *Important Bits and Pieces!*

#### *Wonderful News!!*

At the church's annual general meeting in the spring, we had a good discussion about the achievements and challenges of the last year, the vision of Christ Church for the future, the reality that we would be losing the support of David Oxtoby in the summer, the hope that the Diocese would respond favourably to our request for support from the Mission Initiatives Fund and the need for us to continue to "pull together" as a church family.

Well, six months later, we can now inform you all that Martyn Taylor and the other leaders of our church had a very encouraging meeting, at the end of September, with Archdeacon Tim Barker and Archdeacon Justine Elaine Chapman, about the future of Christ Church. In short, we were asked to write up a parish profile, along with a request for support for both a priest and a part-time operations manager post (to continue the work being done by Mike Mills after his current contract finishes). This is wonderful news for us and the future is exciting! We do not have any promises that the resources will definitely be forthcoming, but we are proceeding in strong faith and hope that this will indeed be the case!

Realistically it is going to be a minimum of six months before a priest is in place at Christ Church and it is for this reason that we need all of your support in continuing to worship with us each Sunday to sustain attendance levels at all of the church services (and not just the Eucharist services!) We have several Lay Readers from St Georges who are helping

us with our services for which we are extremely grateful and they in turn have expressed their thanks for our hospitality and friendship.

In the meantime, we would urge and thank all church family members for continuing to step forward and help support the many activities of Christ Church. We are so grateful that we can meet together and celebrate the many blessings that God has given to us, and bring glory to His name through our acts of worship and praise.

### *Keys Amnesty*

Would any church member who holds keys for the church, which are no longer required, return them to a Church warden, or PCC member.

Likewise, if this request could be made known to any 'none active' Church members in possession of surplus keys this would be appreciated.

If at a later stage, keys are needed for whatever reason, this can quickly be addressed.

### *Dawn, Brian and Jane.*

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### *Harvest*

Didn't the church look wonderful on Harvest Sunday at the end of September! Being joined by the Brownies and Guides made the whole service even better!

Thank you to all those who decorated the church on the Saturday and who helped in any way with the service.

And it was lovely to see the 20+ people who came along to the harvest supper the following Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of food was brought along and shared (and taken home again!) and friendly chats held. Thank you to those who helped with the preparation and clearing up.

### *Dawn and Jane R.*

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# Fundraising

Our big event of the year takes place shortly. It is our **Autumn Bazaar which is to be held on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11.00 – 2.00pm.**

We shall have the following stalls:

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Cakes & preserves, | Books,        | Crafts,              | White Elephant, |
| Wine & Water,      | Tombola,      | Gifts and Toiletries |                 |
| Tea Towels & Mugs  | Toys & Games, | Refreshments.        |                 |

Please support this event by donating items for the stalls. We need items for the tombola i.e. tins, toiletries, unwanted gifts; bottles of wine for the Wine & Water stall; toys, puzzles, cuddly toys for the Toy stall, anything really which we can sell to raise funds. Please bring these to church as soon as you are able and put them in the box marked 'Bazaar' in the entrance hall. Items for the White elephant and book stall please bring to Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

If you can make any cakes or preserves these can be delivered to Church after 9.30am on the morning of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be getting the church and hall ready for the bazaar on the Friday evening beforehand, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7.30pm so If you have any last minute items to donate bring them along then! If you have any difficulty in getting things to church yourself please ring Dawn on 753645, Jane Richardson on 752492 or Jane Harris on 762180.

A list is in the entrance hall for those who are able to help out on the day by manning stalls. Please sign up if you can give an hour or so of your time.

The **Grand Draw** will take place during the Autumn Bazaar. Thank you to those of you who have already taken Raffle tickets to sell. If you have not already got yours there are more available in the entrance hall so please take these to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. I have started contacting the local shops and businesses for Raffle prizes but this is becoming increasingly difficult in the financial climate so if anyone does have any items that they would think would be suitable please speak to Dawn. Any sold ticket stubs along with payment (or unsold tickets) should be returned to Church by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope that you will support the bazaar by inviting friends, family and neighbours to come along. A poster is pinned into the centre of this

magazine so remove carefully and place it in a prominent position to advertise this event! Colour posters are available in the church entrance hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## *Fundraising Committee.*

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### *Christmas Card*

Once again we will be able to send Christmas messages to friends and our Church family through our Church Christmas Card.

Envelopes are now available in the Church entrance for you to put your message and donation in. **These must be returned to Dawn Field by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the very latest!!!** Money raised will go to the Church Fund.

Like last year there will be a separate card inside the December magazine that you will be able to pull out and stand with your other Christmas cards.

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### *Santa Fun Run*

If you happen to be in Burghley Park on the morning of Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, you might think that you are having an optical illusion. For the chances are that you will be seeing close to a thousand Father Christmas's running around a circular track. Actually, it won't be a problem of your eyesight at all, as there will indeed be the annual Santa Fun Run taking place then.

Last year Christ Church had a team of about 15 runners, and we are hoping to have an even larger team participating this year. So if you can (a) walk, (b) jog, (c) run or even (d) sprint (!!!!) around a one-mile track (you can go up to three times round if you like!); if you want to have some fun with lots of friends and supporters; and if you want to help to raise some money through sponsorship for the Christ Church programmes, PLEASE do consider joining us.

Geraldine Crowley and I will be coordinating and facilitating the entries for the Christ Church team, and we would LOVE to hear from you.

Many thanks

*Mike (Mills).*

(A Sponsorship form will shortly be placed in the church entrance (on door leading to kitchen) for you to sign up to support the runners.)

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### *Day Centre*

It was with sadness we said goodbye to two Day Centre Members, Rose Joyce and Win Russon. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.

We also said farewell to Amy last month but wish her all the best for the future and lots of luck in her new job. We will miss her at the Day Centre.

It is hoped the Yaxley Handbell Ringers will be with us on November 13<sup>th</sup> and we will have a talk on the National Trust the following week. Both of these are subject to change at the moment.

The Foot Health Professional will not be with us in November but is here next on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am.

The Day Centre Communion will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am.

*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, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 10.00am.

All are welcome.

## *StartaFresh Macmillan Coffee Morning*

Friday 27th of September, StartaFresh organised a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. The members decided to have the coffee morning to help “give something back” to the community and wanted to dedicate the morning



to our great friend and member, Joy Thompson. Joy, sadly lost her battle with cancer earlier this year. She is a huge loss to our community and group and is missed very much by everyone

Preparations began the day before at the Thursday session. With the help of volunteers, members got involved in making cakes and scones. On the day, everyone arrived early and helped to set up the tables and chairs, prepared the tea and coffee and organise the cake display. It was a great experience and everyone had a good time. As one member said “It was very rewarding helping others”. And they did, StartaFresh raised £104.29 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**Well done to everyone at StartaFresh. You raised £104.29p**

*Geraldine Crowley.*

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Bishop of Lincoln's Letter for November

What a fantastic summer we've had! The wonderful warm weather and those big, blue skies seemed to go on forever.

However, there's no doubt now that things have changed and the season is turning. As I write, the bright blue sky has given way to grey as the rain pitter-patters on my window. Warm woollies and raincoats have been dusted down, and all around us the glorious green of summer is giving way to the browns, reds and yellows of autumn.

While I enjoy the summer, I also enjoy this time of year. Those changing colours which are all around us, the fruit on the trees and those fallen leaves crunching underfoot, are a reminder that human life is marked by change as much as it is by constancy. And as the light summer days give way to the darkness of winter that is coming, we are reminded, too, of our own mortality and the transient nature of this earthly life.

Our church calendar is a big help here, since at the beginning of this month we keep the festivals of All Saints and All Souls.

All Saints is a day when, as a church, we remember that great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us; the saints whose lives are an example and an inspiration to us as we try to live out our vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ in our time, just as they did in theirs.

All Souls - or as it is also known, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – is a time for us to remember our loved ones before God, giving thanks for all that they have given to us, and commending them to his unflinching love.

If there are services for these festivals taking place in a church near you, I encourage you to go along and take a full part in them. Both of them are an opportunity to examine our own Christian lives in the light of those who have gone before us, who have loved us and inspired us, and to dedicate ourselves once again to follow Jesus in the service of others and of God.

+Christopher Lincoln.

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*Foodbank  
Volunteer Organiser Needed!*

Lively enthusiastic person needed to take over the day to day running of Stamford Foodbank. Must be sympathetic to Christian values and aims.

15/20 hrs monthly as needed. Training provided. This is a voluntary post)

For further details please contact Stamford Foodbank on 07570583799, Email: [info@stamford.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@stamford.foodbank.org.uk) or call Rev Eileen Bangay (Chair of Trustees) on 01780 765115".

And here is the reason for the job advert:

*Dear All*

*It is with mixed emotions that I write to let you know I will be standing down from Stamford Foodbank in a couple of months. My role was always to set up Foodbank, which we have done, so I am not being replaced as such. The role we are seeking to fill now is one which will lead Stamford Foodbank onto the next stage of its existence.*

*It has been an incredible privilege over the last 2 years setting up and running Foodbank and doing God's work in Stamford but I believe the time is now right to move on. Therefore the trustees and I would be grateful if you could advertise this vacancy within your Churches.*

*Thank you for all the support you've given Foodbank and me personally over the last 2 years. It could not have been done without you!!*

*Blessings*

*Nicola Dunkin.*

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*Calendar*

*November*

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|------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday                                         | 1        | 1-3<br>7.30                                                         | Befrienders<br>Parish Profile Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> before Advent | <b>3</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b><br><br><b>(6.30)</b> | <b>CAP Sunday Service.</b><br><b>(Simon Jary / Lisa Garwood)</b><br><b>Refreshments after service.</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>(P. Hart/A. Summers)</b><br><b>Refreshments after service.</b><br><b>United Celtic Worship Service</b><br><b>at URC)</b> |

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| Monday                                                           | 4         | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                  |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday                                                        | 6         | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                  |           | 11.15        | Mid-week Holy Communion                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                  |           | 7.00         | Teenzone Committee Meeting                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday                                                         | 7         | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                  |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                  |           | 7.30         | Horticultural Society                                                                                                                            |
| Friday                                                           | 8         | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Remembrance Sunday</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>(P. Hart/Ron Macey)</b>                                                                                              |
|                                                                  |           | <b>11.00</b> | <b>Act of Remembrance</b>                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                  |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service</b><br><b>(L &amp; M Purnell)</b>                                                                                             |
| Monday                                                           | 11        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                  |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday                                                          | 12        | 7.30         | PCC                                                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday                                                        | 13        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday                                                         | 14        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                  |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                                                   |
| Friday                                                           | 15        | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</b>             | <b>17</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Service of the Word</b><br><b>(C &amp; R Knight)</b>                                                                                          |
|                                                                  |           |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                                                                                                               |
|                                                                  |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Prison Fellowship Sunday</b><br><b>Churches Together Service.</b><br><b>(P. Hart, C &amp; R Knight)</b><br><b>Refreshments after service.</b> |
| Monday                                                           | 18        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                  |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                                                                                           |
| Wednesday                                                        | 20        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday                                                         | 21        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                  |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                                                                                   |

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| Friday                    | 22        | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                          |
|                           |           | 7.30pm       | Bazaar Set-up                                                                        |
| Saturday                  | 23        | 11-2pm       | Bazaar. Grand Draw at 1.00pm.                                                        |
| <b>Sunday</b>             | <b>24</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion (M. Taylor)</b>                                                    |
| <b>Next before Advent</b> |           |              | <b>Followed by Parish Meeting to discuss Parish Profile. Refreshments available.</b> |
|                           |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                                                          |
|                           |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service (Ron Macey)</b>                                                   |
| Monday                    | 25        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                                                         |
|                           |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                          |
|                           |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                                               |
| Wednesday                 | 27        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                                                           |
| Thursday                  | 28        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                                                             |
|                           |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                                                       |
| Friday                    | 29        | 1-3          | Befrienders                                                                          |

## *December*

|                      |          |              |                                                       |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Advent Sunday</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Service of the Word (L &amp; M Purnell)</b>        |
|                      |          |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                    |
|                      |          | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                           |
|                      |          | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Advent Readings with Holy Communion (P. Hart).</b> |
|                      |          |              | <b>Refreshments after service.</b>                    |

See weekly notice sheets for fuller details of 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**

The day and times of some Teenzone meetings have changed and will be updated in next month's magazine.

