

October 2013

Dear Friends,

I thought you did a great job saying farewell to David. It was also excellent seeing so many of you there at David's induction service. He asked me to thank all of you who made the effort to be there and also for the large number of people at his farewell service. I know it seems a long time ago, but this is the first time I have been asked to write a letter for the magazine and I thought it right to pass on David's thanks.

We have now experienced the new pattern for services at Christ Church. The people who have come to preach have, I know, been welcomed by so many people. We have now been able to experience a mixture of young, just trained readers and the slightly more mature, even elderly clergy and readers. I hope this mixture will add to the pleasure of worship.

You may also like to know that the churchwardens, Operations manager and clergy have had many meetings to try and find out what the Diocese is planning to put forward. We are praying and asking that we have a full-time priest to fill the gap. Please be patient and prayerful as we work towards a suitable solution.

Christ Church continues on its way. We have had or will have had our Harvest Festival and bring and share Harvest supper. Other activities include a stall in the Market, a Coffee Morning run by Startafresh and plans for our Autumn Fair. Please keep an eye out for the weekly notices.

As we look to the future we are already looking forward and making plans for Christmas!!

Whatever happens over the next few months I hope and pray that you will make every effort to keep up your present support and enjoy worshipping our Lord.

Yours as ever,

Peter Hart.

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## *November Magazine*

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Publication will be on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

*Jane Richardson.*

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Collections

	Open Plate	Env/Gift Aid	Env. (NTP)
June :	£431.24	£245.10	£119.10
July :	£363.39	£224.50	£132.60
August:	£230.38	£229.00	£116.05

Nigel.

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### *Meet our new Treasurer!*

Hello Everyone

You may have seen or heard my name pop up recently and I thought it would be nice to introduce myself.

As you know, Gail has decided to take a well-earned break from doing all the financial tasks for CC and I have agreed to step into her huge shoes (metaphorically speaking).

I have been involved with a number of charities in the past (St John, Toc H, Hospital Radio) and have enjoyed a number of positions with them (Social Secretary, Chairperson and Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator). Having worked for Halifax PLC for over 13 years in various roles and branches, as well as Stamford Post Office, I have a strong financial background. I am a qualified bookkeeper and have qualified in Payroll.

After 9 years studying with Open University I finally graduated, receiving my BSc (Hons). I enjoy model making and am currently learning to fly

radio controlled aircraft. My wife and I also enjoy weekends away in our caravan. I am involved with Stamford Foodbank and regularly attend St Georges. As you can see I like to keep myself busy and shift work at Stamford Hospital certainly helps to do just that.

Over the last few months I have been getting used to the new Financial Software and becoming acquainted with Christ Church's accounts so you may have seen me pop in and out. I hope to be around from time to time and will be updating our Gift Aid and donations register soon, so please expect a letter or email from me.

In the meantime, I will be in my 'counting house' totting up the figures for various meetings. Should anyone wish to contact me, my details are in the Parish Magazine.

God Bless you all,

*Nigel Harvey.*

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100 Club

Draw result for August: 1st: No.22, 2nd: No.27

Draw result for September: 1st: No.6, 2nd: No.152

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd during the Day Centre.

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### *Important Bits and Pieces*

*Harvest Supper, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm*

We hope many of you will come along and enjoy our 'bring and share' harvest supper. We're sure it will be a wonderful time for food, fun and friendship. All we ask is that you bring a plate of food for yourself plus a little extra for sharing. Teas/coffees will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all there! The minibus will be available should you want a lift so let one of us (wardens) know asap! (Phone nos. inside magazine cover!)

## *Removal / Addition of Kitchen Equipment*

Recently there have been several incidents of equipment being removed from the kitchen and not returned. Equally items have appeared which do not belong there!

Will all users of the kitchen please **NOT** add or remove anything without prior consent from Amy Parker. All items brought in should be removed immediately after use and will be disposed of if they are not.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## *Christ Church, Bookings and Space Utilization.*

Isn't it wonderful that Christ Church plays so strong a role in the local community? On any particular day of the week, we have many, many activities taking place, some run and managed by the Church itself and some being organized in our venue by others. This is a blessing and testimony to the part that the Church plays in supporting and assisting people in and around Stamford.

However, this is also a challenge to us, as recently we have been facing an increase in requests for space and use of the building. At times, we have faced the prospect of potentially double or even triple bookings and we have also found the Church already booked for another event when needed urgently by the church family ourselves.

So the Church leadership now wants there to be a process of review about the use of the building by others, not to discourage this but rather to assess priorities and ensure that we are operating and using our resources appropriately. This review will be done over the next few months and will not affect existing bookings, but will rather lead into an assessment of policies and practices for the use of the building and space in the New Year.

So, in the meantime, we ask that church family users show consideration to others when 'popping in' to use the church building. Remember to check to see if the church is 'free' as others have paid to use the space and are entitled to have full use of the same!

## *Christ Church Gift Day*

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our church Gift Day. Monies are still coming in and once counted the amount raised will be published in this magazine. We are grateful for your continued support and prayers at this time.

## *Old Churches Trust Ride and Stride*

Peter Hart kindly cycled around the Stamford parishes and further afield. Well done Peter! If you sponsored him please let him or the church wardens have your money asap. All funds raised are split equally between the Christ Church and the Old Churches Trust.

## *Twinklets*

Our Twinklets group (for multiple births) which meets here every Thursday afternoon is taking a break for now as Lydia, the organizer is standing down after several years of running the group. A new organizer will be taking over shortly. We thank Lydia for all the hard work she has put in over the years and wish her well for the future.

## *Dawn and Brian.*

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Fundraising

By the time you read this magazine we will have held our market stall and thank all who supported this with items for the Tombola or cakes etc. We'll let you know next month how much was raised.

Looking ahead to our **Bazaar on November 23rd** the **Grand Draw tickets** are now in the entrance for you to take and sell to family, friends and acquaintances. Tickets cost £1 per book of 5 tickets so take as many as you can. Donations of prizes for the Grand Draw will be welcome. Full details about this event will be in next month's magazine.

Fundraising Committee.

Love in a box

Once again the time has come when we ask that you spare a thought for the children in Eastern Europe. We hope that you have kept your shoeboxes when you bought this year's summer sandals as lots of empty boxes are needed.

A collection box will be placed in the entrance hall for any donations but if you would prefer to donate money with a shopping list we will happily spend your money on these children.

All you need to do is cover a shoebox with pretty Christmas paper; the lid must be covered and **separate** from the box. The age ranges are: 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs and 10-14 yrs, for either girls or boys. The cost to cover distribution remains the same at £2.50 per box. Please put the money in an envelope inside the box.

Please select from the following suggested YES items:

- ✓ A cuddly toy
- ✓ A toothbrush, toothpaste, a **wrapped** bar of soap and flannel
- ✓ A notepad, colouring book, picture books
- ✓ Pencils, pencil sharpener, pens and paper, a set of crayons or felt pens
- ✓ A hat, cap, gloves, scarf
- ✓ A small ball or tennis ball
- ✓ A puzzle e.g. small jigsaw
- ✓ For boys: a toy car, truck, passenger plane or similar item
- ✓ For girls: jewellery (e.g. pair of clip earrings, make-up, hair accessories)
- ✓ Sweets (**must be at least March of next year sell-by-date**)
- ✓ Small musical instrument

Do not include items from any of the following categories:

- ✗ No chocolate due to customs regulations in some receiving countries
- ✗ Other edible items (e.g. crisps, biscuits, tinned food or cake)
- ✗ War related items (e.g. toy guns and soldiers, knives)
- ✗ Clothing (other than listed above)
- ✗ Glass containers, mirrors or fragile items
- ✗ Liquids of any type (e.g. blow bubbles, shampoos, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols)
- ✗ Marbles or sharp objects
- ✗ Anything of a political, racial or religious nature
- ✗ Medicines
- ✗ Reading books

I have yet to find out the date for collection, which I will announce as soon as I am able. Please leave filled boxes in the inner vestry clearly marked 'Love in a Box' at any time, you don't have to wait till the collection date.

If you would like to help with the packing of boxes please have a word with me. The more the merrier!

Thank you for your continued support.

Gail.

Evergreen Care Trust

An Amendment

Last month, the Evergreen Care Trust invited interested persons to join them for their weekly training sessions, run on Mondays from 1.45 till 2.45 at the Stamford Hospital site; the term's training was to have focused on Dementia and **Dementia Friends Awareness**. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, this term's training has been postponed until after the New Year.

The Trust apologises for any inconvenience, and hopes that you will make a note of the new training dates, once they are released.

Best wishes,

Sue Cliffe. Volunteer Coordinator.

Mothers Union

The next M.U. Holy Communion Service, followed by the meeting, will be held at St. George's Church on Thursday, October 3rd at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.

On Tuesday, October 15th our Deanery Lunch will be held here at Christ Church.

Bishop of Lincoln's Letter for October

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, as Keats put it, is upon us; so, too, is the season of harvest festivals. We are surrounded by reminders of the fruitfulness of the earth in our part of the country.

There can be few dioceses in the Church of England more aware of the importance of harvest than our own. Its success or failure goes a long way to shaping the economic present and future of us all. Respecting the good things that God has given us in the gift of creation, thanking God for that gift, remembering that we are stewards of it; these are all important things to do at this time of year.

Giving thanks to God for the fruits of the earth is inherent in our tradition: the story of Cain and Abel in the fourth chapter of the book of Genesis revolves around the idea of giving an offering of thankfulness for God's bounty in creation.

The links to the literal harvest are plain to see at this time of year, but Harvest Thanksgiving can also be a time to give thanks to God for the fruits of all our labour – whatever that labour might be – and wherever the place of it. We might do all our work at home, caring for others in one capacity or another. Or we might go out to work. Indeed, we might do both, but the key point remains the same. As the people of God, it behoves us to recognise that ultimately our achievements come through the grace of God as much as by the work of our own hand.

Above all, harvest is a sign of God's superabundance of generosity: for God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) It is that love and that life that we celebrate not only at Harvest but every week as we join together in worship and praise.

+Christopher Lincoln.

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## *CC@4 and Bible Study Home Group*

### **Want to see what the Bible says about everyday living?**

CC@4 is an informal service in Christ Church each Sunday at 4pm (hence the name!) that generally takes the form of a discussional Bible Study followed by pizza etc. at 5pm.

Home Group is also a discussional Bible Study group: it meets in Ruthie's home each Monday at 8pm. All are welcome!

If you want to know more or have any questions, please do contact me.

*Paul Darley.* 01780 759 100 or [paul@energyfromwaste.com](mailto:paul@energyfromwaste.com).

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## *Day Centre*

Firstly, we would like to remind Members that we will **NOT** be closed for half-term at the end of October.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Pauline Whiley will be giving a talk on Stamford and the following week we are holding a baby picture quiz involving photos of Day Centre staff. This proved popular last time and provided plenty of fun. Phil Rudkin is talking and showing slides on wildlife on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Alex Naylor is playing the organ on the 30<sup>th</sup> with a Halloween theme.

The Foot Health Professional will be with us on October 16th from 10am.

The Day Centre Communion will take place on October 2nd at 11.15am.

*Amy and Carolyn.*

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## *Startafresh / Befrienders*

Our new term started with a requested lunch menu of jacket potatoes with assorted fillings followed by bread and butter pudding and custard, enjoyed by all!!

Prepare and share with Pam is a new venture where two members will be taught all aspects of buying and preparing a simple meal, preparation and kitchen hygiene.

We've had an enjoyable trip to Rutland Water with a picnic lunch and we are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable term.

Love to all, *Befrienders.*



### *Toddlers*

It's been lovely catching up with all our holiday 'chit-chat' as well as welcoming some new 'mums' and their adorable little ones! Our babies are growing fast and developing their individual personalities - all equally endearing.

We had a lovely (small) harvest service on Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> which was enjoyed by all and makes a lovely addition to our other services at Easter and Christmas. Our thanks go to Rachel for this.

Lots of Love, *'Tots' Gang.*



### *Cat's Tails*

Hi Family!

I have a new Des. Res. as my old one was vandalized! It's an upgrade so I'm climbing the property ladder! Nice clean soft furnishings to go with it too.

I had an interloper arrive the other day so I had to explain that it's by invitation only that you come a'calling! We welcome all to Christ Church but I think certain standards should be kept.

Love to you all, *M.D.*



# *Calendar*

## *October*

|               |           |                                                |                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday     | 2         | 9-3<br>11.15<br>3.00                           | Day Centre<br>Holy Communion (Rev. P. Hart)<br>D. C. Committee meeting                                                                 |
| Thursday      | 3         | 9.30<br>7.30<br>7.30                           | Toddlers<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Horticultural Society                                                                                    |
| Friday        | 4         | 1-3                                            | Befrienders                                                                                                                            |
| Saturday      | 5         | 5-7                                            | Harvest 'Bring and Share' Supper                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Service of the Word</b><br><b>(L &amp; M Purnell)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>(Rev. P. Hart / A. Summers)</b> |
| Monday        | 7         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                            | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                                                                  |
| Wednesday     | 9         | 9-3                                            | Day Centre                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday      | 10        | 9.30<br>7.30<br>8.00                           | Toddlers<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Church Wardens Meeting                                                                                   |
| Friday        | 11        | 1-3                                            | Befrienders                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>(Rev. P. Hart/Ron Macey)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evening Service (L &amp; M Purnell)</b>                  |
| Monday        | 14        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                            | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                                                                  |
| Tuesday       | 15        | 11-2.00                                        | MU Deanery Lunch                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday     | 16        | 9-3                                            | Day Centre                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday      | 17        | 9.30<br>7.30<br>8.00                           | Toddlers<br>Prayer Meeting<br>PCC Meeting                                                                                              |
| Friday        | 18        | 1-3                                            | Befrienders                                                                                                                            |

## Half Term Week

|               |           |              |                                                       |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Service of the Word<br/>(C &amp; R Knight)</b>     |
|               |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                           |
|               |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service (C &amp; R Knight)</b>             |
| Monday        | 21        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                          |
|               |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                           |
|               |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                |
| Wednesday     | 23        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                            |
| Thursday      | 24        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                              |
|               |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                        |
| Friday        | 25        | 1-3          | Befrienders                                           |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion (Rev. M. Taylor)</b>                |
|               |           | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                           |
|               |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service<br/>(Rev. P. Hart / Ron Macey)</b> |
| Monday        | 28        | 9.30         | Team Meeting                                          |
|               |           | 1-3          | Befrienders                                           |
|               |           | 8.00         | Bible Study Home Group                                |
| Wednesday     | 30        | 9-3          | Day Centre                                            |
| Thursday      | 31        | 9.30         | Toddlers                                              |
|               |           | 7.30         | Prayer Meeting                                        |

See weekly notice sheets for details of all events.

## 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             |
|           | 4-7    | Teenzone             |

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