

September 2013

Dear Christ Church friends,

Thank You!

Christina and I have been so blessed during these last sixteen months with you, rolling up our sleeves together, and mucking in for God's Kingdom here in this Community. You have so warmly welcomed and embraced us, making us feel part of your family. This was very much evident on our last Sunday with you, with both Church families, yourself and St George's worshipping together, and saying goodbye to us (goodbye simply means, "God be with you").

We were both very touched by the kind words shared, the wonderful bring-and-share lunch, and off course the very kind leaving gift you generously gave, thank you. We have no idea what we will buy with the money yet, but I am sure in due time it will be something special that reminds us of our time with you.

We leave you with heavy hearts, but trust that our Lord Jesus Christ will direct you and use you for His glory. Equally we also look forward with great excitement at the next adventure for us in Sutton Bridge & Tydd St Mary, knowing that Christ goes ahead of us.

We look forward to seeing you again at my Installation Service on the 5th September at 7:30pm, and it goes without saying that you're always very welcome to drop in and visit us.

Much love and blessings in Christ,

Revd. David. (& Christina.)

October Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, September 22nd with publication the following Sunday, 29th.

Jane Richardson.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

July 14th

Jenson Karl Marc Brooks

July 21st

Jenson James Roberts

August 4th

Erine Elizabeth Parker

Collections

The figures for the June and July collections have not been given, as of going to print, so will be included in next magazine.

100 Club

Draw result for July,

1st: No.76, 2nd: No.82.

The August and September draws will take place on Wednesday, August 28th and September 18th during the Day Centre.

Important Bits and Pieces!

David's Licensing at Sutton Bridge

This takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 5th. The minibus (or cars) is booked to take anyone who would like to attend this service and a cost of £6 per person is requested. Please be at church by 5.15pm on the 5th to allow time to sort out seating and enable departure at 5.30pm. ***This is now urgent so if you are unsure of any details speak to Dawn Field (753645) or Jane Richardson (752492) asap! List closes Saturday August 31st.***

More information is available, along with a list which must be signed, in the entrance hall of church.

Missing Hymn Books!

Many years ago the (now defunct!) 'CC Women's Guild' purchased a set of 'Hymns Old and New' books especially for the choir. If I remember correctly 15 of these books were purchased, at great expense, which had the music included and grey covers.

Sadly, all but 2 or 3 of these have 'disappeared'!!!!

If you have '**borrowed**' one of these hymn books please return it as soon as possible to church as we do not even have enough for the current 3 choir members!!

Church members who are unwell / in need of a visit

Now that David has moved 'to pastures new' and Martyn Taylor and Peter Hart are not always going to be in church every week it would be helpful if you could let Brian, Dawn or Jane R. know of anyone you feel would like a visit. We already say prayers at each service for those who are ill or in need of our prayers but perhaps there is 'someone' known to you who isn't necessarily ill but would appreciate a 'social' call. Keep us informed as it is all too easy for our parishioners to 'fall through the cracks' at times of change.

Christ Church Gift Days

These take place over the weekend of Sept. 14th/15th. A letter is being sent to all friends and church members to say thank you for your help and support and ask if you would continue to support Christ Church through prayers, time and financial gifts. A 'Gift Box' will be available in the church for you to put any donation in and please remember, if you are a tax payer, to complete the section on the back of the envelope so we can claim back the tax.

Old Churches Trust Ride and Stride

This takes place all day on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Rev. Peter Hart has agreed to take part in this and is looking for your sponsorship so please sign the form which is in the entrance hall and make it worthwhile for Peter's hard work cycling around the local churches. As usual this raises funds for the Trust and Christ Church as monies raised are divided 50% to each cause.

Harvest Flowers / Church Decoration

The flower ladies and gent(s) will be decorating the church for Harvest on **Saturday, 28th September at 9.30am**. If you are able to help please pop along at that time - remember the saying "many hands make light work".

Harvest Festival Family Communion, Sunday, Sept. 29th at 10.00am

We hope as many as possible will come along and celebrate at our Harvest Festival Family Service with Communion which will be presided over by Rev. Peter Hart. This harvest we are asking you to bring along items of food for the Foodbank charity. (Details of which food items to bring along are listed later in this magazine within an article for Foodbank.) We hope to see many friends and parishioners at this service and hope you will all be as generous as possible with food for those families who are in financial difficulties here in Stamford.

Harvest Supper, Saturday, October 5th, 5-7pm

This is going to be a 'bring and share' supper when, we hope, many friends will come along to church for food and friendship! 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 in advance.

Brian, Dawn and Jane R.

Friends of Christ Church

We are delighted to inform you that we are setting up the "Friends of Christ Church". The aim of the "Friends" is to encourage more people to be interested in, and support, the development of Christ Church, and to provide sustainable funding to enable us to carry out our work. This would be for both (i) the maintenance, improvement, repair and decoration of the buildings at Christ Church, and also (ii) the social and community outreach projects and activities that are undertaken and organised at Christ Church.

Leaflets are available to tell you more about the “Friends” and the process of joining; and meetings will also be organized in the near future to inform you further and encourage membership.

By becoming a Friend you would receive a newsletter updating you of recent events and be invited to the AGM. More to the point, you would be greatly assisting in helping to further the valuable work being done at Christ Church.

Please consider whether you would be able to support us and do not hesitate to contact me (or any of the other members of the committee: Dawn Field, Gail Burnham, John Jeffery or Mike Mills) if you have questions.

Many thanks.

Jane Calderin. (Chairman, Friends of Christ Church).

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## *Fundraising*

Well, what a lovely summer we have had. Lots of wonderful sunshine, some rain (well, the gardens needed it!) as well as time to have a holiday or two – if you were lucky!

So what events have we got for you now that we are heading towards autumn? Well, first up is the annual Old Churches Trust Ride and Stride (which has already been mentioned) on Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to ‘man’ the church to sign the forms of any participants who visit our church on the day. A list is up in the entrance if you are able to lend a hand so please sign up if you are available for an hour or two!.

This is also the weekend of our church’s Gift Days, also mentioned earlier, so we hope you will be generous with your gifts.

**Market Stall on Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.** We will be having a Tombola and selling cakes, pastries, jams etc. This is the Stamford Victorian Weekend so we are hoping for lots of visitors to Stamford and our stall! We’re even thinking of dressing up in Victorian costume! Donations of items which are suitable for the tombola will be very welcome and can be brought to

church from now. A box will be placed in the entrance for you to put any donated items in. Cakes etc can be brought to church on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September between 6.30-7.30pm or down to the stall first thing Friday morning. Don't forget to come along and support us on the day!

Looking ahead to our **Bazaar on November 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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. More details about stalls etc for the bazaar will be in next month's magazine.

## *Fundraising Committee.*

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### *StartaFresh*

After a very busy and hectic year of fun events and activities, the summer has seen a welcome short break in the usual schedule of StartaFresh meetings. Lots of members have been getting together informally, however, and enjoying friendships and the warmer weather!

And we have recently received some great news about the continued funding of the programme by the Lincolnshire NHS Trust/Partnership. The current grant to support the programme finished in July, but we have now had approval of interim funding of £1,900 to cover the core running costs of the programme until October 2013. In addition, we have just heard that there will be another "wave" of support amounting to £12,000 to cover the programme coordination/salary costs for a further year (to October 2014). This is really wonderful news, and we'll look forward to the programme activities "gearing up" again in September which includes trips to Rutland Water, Exton and Barnack churches and Bay Tree Garden Centre, Spalding.

Another exciting year ahead when we return on Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>!

*Mike and Geraldine.*

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## *Day Centre*

Firstly, we would like to extend a huge thank you to Sid's Golden Chippy who treated Day Centre members to a fish and chip lunch at a discounted rate at our last get together on August 7<sup>th</sup> before the summer break.

Tim Mackrill's Osprey Talk will now take place on our return on August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming a band called 'The Zimmers' to entertain us on September 4<sup>th</sup> and the following week, 11<sup>th</sup>, Cummins are giving a talk on 'The National Trust' all of which we are sure will make an enjoyable afternoons entertainment.

The Day Centre/mid week Communion will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 11.15am and the Foot Health Professional will be with us the same day from 10am.

*Amy and Carolyn.*

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## *Mothers Union*

The next M.U. Holy Communion Service, followed by the meeting, will be held at All Saints Church on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.

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## *Toddlers*

Hi Everyone! Forty-nine members (families) enjoyed a trip to Wickstead Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brilliant day!

During the summer hols we had a big spring clean of all the toys ready for our return. All the baby chairs and floor mats have been washed ready for Thursday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> when we look forward to seeing everyone and catching up on all the gossip! See you all soon.

*Toddler Gang.*

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## *Love in a Box*

We hope you have been saving your empty shoe boxes from the new sandals and shoes you've bought over the summer (separate lid from box, size 6/7 approx.) so that we can cover them in Christmas paper and fill with lots of lovely toiletries, gifts etc for children who would otherwise not receive anything at Christmas time.

With all the summer sales at the moment, kids going back to school offers etc please think of our Love in a Box appeal and consider donating the 'BOGOF' and '2 for the price of 1' offers to us. All donations are very much appreciated. Money gratefully accepted so we can purchase extra items as needed.

Thank you in advance,

*Gail, Gill and Phil.*

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Foodbank

July was our busiest month on record; we fed 96 people and gave away $\frac{3}{4}$ tonne of food. We have fed a total of 720 people as of mid-August (a year + 2 sessions).

Thank you for all your support

Nicola Dunkin. *Project Manager, Stamford Foodbank*

We need:

tinned meat	tinned fruit	tinned fish
tinned vegetables	potatoes (tinned or mashed)	
tinned rice puddings	sponge puddings	custard
dried milk/long life milk	biscuits	treats/ snacks
long life fruit juice	small jars of coffee	jam
small bags of sugar	Cereals	

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## *Bishop of Lincoln's Letter.....*

*I have always thought of September as a month for new beginnings, and one which therefore resonates very much with our faith.*

*This month brings new beginnings for pupils and students of every age as a new academic year begins. From the smallest toddler to the oldest mature student, the prospect of learning new things makes us both a little excited and a little apprehensive too. A whole academic year is opening up, offering new opportunities for us to grow in knowledge, understanding and skill.*

*In other areas, like the world of work, the autumn is often a time for new projects to begin as everyone returns to work after the summer holidays. With renewed energy and refreshed interest, we feel more able to tackle new projects or harness new ideas.*

*In our churches, the pattern of fellowship that goes on outside our regular worship will be beginning again after a summer break – whatever form that pattern takes for our particular parish – prayer groups, perhaps, or Mothers Union meetings, fellowship, lunch clubs, and so on. The pattern is wonderfully unique in every parish.*

*One of the things we have discovered over the last couple of decades is that learning does not stop when we leave full-time education. It is a life-long process, however formal or informal it might be.*

*This is just as true in our gaining in knowledge and understanding of our faith. It is a life-long process to deepen our knowledge of the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus called people to make a new start and to learn about and demonstrate the love of God in their words, thoughts and actions.*

*Jesus' ministry concluded with the resurrection, the greatest new beginning of all time, which showed that through God's grace, love and forgiveness we can all make new beginnings from whatever situation we find ourselves in.*

*May God bless your new beginnings at this time of year, whatever shape or form they may take.*

**+Christopher Lincoln.**

# *The Deanery of Stamford*

## **Parish Foundation Course      Updated Notice**

Following the success of the 2011-2012 Parish Foundation Course the Deanery is arranging its second course to start in September 2013.

The course will run on Wednesday evenings starting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. [See below.]

The course consists of 17 sessions at fortnightly intervals. Sessions included are concerned with the Bible, Worship, Anglicanism, the local community, being a Missionary Church, Gifts and Skills, God's Call, and Developing as a Church.

The course is designed to help any of us broaden our knowledge and think through the story of our faith and how that relates to ourselves, our church and society. It may be taken as a free standing course or as preparation for further training towards Lay Ministry. Taking part in it entails no commitment to proceed to the further modules involved in preparation for Authorised Lay Ministry.

The first session on Wednesday 4th September (venue t.b.a.) is an introductory or taster evening. The remaining sessions will continue with breaks at Christmas and Easter concluding in mid-May 2014.

If you have any queries please contact your incumbent, or the Revd Mark Warrick 01780 756942, the Revd Martin Brebner 01778 561145, or Edwin Gobbett 01780 762963

## **Uniting in Christ to Serve Christ and to Proclaim Christ**

*Details of this course are in the entrance hall of church.*

*For more information contact:*

*Edwin Gobbett Orchard House,  
Emlyns Street, Stamford, PE9 1QP  
01780 762 963*



*Ladies @ Launde*  
*Ladies Retreat: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013*



Are you feeling that you'd like to just step back from everyday life for even 24 hours to have space to listen to God's voice? and to have some silence to just 'be' in the company of others?

Launde Abbey is about 40 minutes' drive from Stamford and you're invited to come for a 24 hours retreat there. We will be led by Rev Diana Rees-Jones, an ordained minister in the CoFE and Mrs. Pam Stocker who is a qualified counsellor. There will be short talks followed by some shared activities and longer times of quietness with a variety of contemplative and creative ways of being with God on the theme of looking at Jesus' prayer life.

Ladies @ Launde retreat is open to ladies connected in any way with St George's and Christ Church. It will be from 5.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 4.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

There are a few subsidised places; the full cost is £92. Some of the 25 places are already taken up, and we will hold a waiting list if needed.

Full details are on the booking forms which are available at both churches and from St George's church office. If you'd like further details or can't find a booking form please contact me via St George's Church Office: 01780 481800 or at [ppdale41@btinternet.com](mailto:ppdale41@btinternet.com)

*Pat Dale.*



## *Supporting the Evergreen Care Trust*

Did you know that the Evergreen Care Trust is presently supporting over 400 clients on a regular basis in and around Stamford and Bourne? It delivers domestic home support services plus a range of other projects including befriending, advocacy and hospital to home as well as community meals and delivered lunches. The Trust helps older persons, and those who find themselves in any sort of vulnerable circumstance, no matter what age. Please contact the Trust (01780 765900 or [reception@evergreencare.org.uk](mailto:reception@evergreencare.org.uk)) for details of the support offered.

The Trust is continually expanding to reach those who call on its services, and we would love you to partner with us by becoming a “**Friend of Evergreen**” to support us financially. We would also like to invite you to come to our **Evergreen Autumn Charity Ball**. This year the Ball is being held at the Greetham Valley Golf Club on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm and tickets cost £35.00. We hope that you will feel encouraged to join us for the evening which consists of 3-course carvery dinner, dancing to Dave Charles from Harborough FM and "The Edge" Disco. Dress code for the evening is posh frocks and jacket and tie.

Another way to help might be to volunteer with us: or help fund-raise by holding your own event. Contact us to obtain details about our volunteering and employment opportunities, or to partner with us to financially support the ongoing work of the Trust.

### **Dementia Friends Awareness**

The Evergreen Care Trust provides regular support and training opportunities to its staff and volunteers. Next term's schedule of support training sessions is offered to any interested persons. Please see the schedule of dates and sessions, below. In particular the session run by Heather Gillings, Chair of the Lincolnshire Dementia Action Alliance on 23<sup>rd</sup> September is certificated so that attendees receive the award “Dementia Friend”, and the sessions by Reg Burrell on Crime Prevention are also certificated. Sessions will be held in the Meeting Hall at Stamford Hospital, from 1.45 to 2.45 pm.

To enquire or book a place, please telephone the Trust at its offices in Stamford: 01780 765900.

| Date           | Topic                                    | Trainer         |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| September 9th  | Dementia Action Alliance                 | Heather Gilling |
| September 23rd | Dementia Friends Awareness               | Heather Gilling |
| October 7th    | Doorstep Crime 1                         | Reg Burrell     |
| October 21st   | Half Term                                |                 |
| October 28th   | Doorstep Crime 11                        | Reg Burrell     |
| November 4th   | Dementia – Issues for clients and carers | Janet Jacob     |
| November 25th  | Dementia Care South Lincs                | Kate Marshall   |

### **Future Dates**

The Evergreen Care Trust Annual Open Meeting will be held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, refreshments from 7.45pm . Please feel free to come along and support us. We are very grateful to Barn Hill Methodist Church for hosting this meeting at the Church.

The Evergreen Care Trust Befrienders' Conference will be held at Great Casterton church hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 am. Please contact the Office to book your place. We are grateful to Great Casterton for hosting the Conference.

Your Evergreen Ambassador is: **Ruth Locke.**



## *One World Week - "More than Enough"* 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The Fairtrade Town Group is now working on plans for their ninth One World Week event. Previous events have attracted over 2,000 visitors a week.

The OWW Churches Together act of Worship at 6.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October is to be led by Rev. Jane Campbell of the United Reformed Church and John Chambers from the Free Church. The preacher will be Rev. Richard Baggott, from Oakham Methodist Church, who previously worked for Christian Aid. The Service will take place in the Ballroom at the Stamford Arts Centre. All are welcome.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> will see another OWW exhibition in the Gallery at Stamford Arts Centre. The main focus of the exhibition will be on the campaign being currently run by the FTT Group, entitled “The Right Label?”. New College students are to work on a massive display running the full length of the Gallery to be designed following a talk by Jo Kemp, who is leading the FTT Group’s campaign. It is hoped that other displays will inform visitors where clothing sold in Stamford is being made and what are believed to be the ethical policies of the companies manufacturing and selling the clothing in our Stamford shops. This should enable buyers to choose “The Right Label”. The campaign was started prior to the disastrous fire in Pakistan and building collapse in Bangladesh. With workers killed that have been making clothing to be sold in Stamford the campaign is very relevant to all of us. Every effort will be made, as before, to have interactive events to involve visitors.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> will see an evening reception for supporters and members of the Town Council. Instead of the usual speaker, plans are under way to have a “Question Time” event, popular on TV. So far on the panel, a Stamford clothing retailer and a clothing manufacturer. MP Alan Duncan, responsible for government aid distribution, has been approached and we also hope to have a member of the National Union of Students. Full details will be confirmed nearer the time.

The Arts Centre normally helps by running OWW themed films on at least one night. More details to follow.

Volunteer stewards help to keep the event running. Can you help?  
 For more information contact Jan or George Hetherington 01780 757439 or [georgehetherington2@gmail.com](mailto:georgehetherington2@gmail.com).



## *Calendar*

### *September*

|               |          |              |                                                         |
|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Service of the Word<br/>(M Mills / J Richardson)</b> |
|               |          | <b>4.00</b>  | <b>CC@4</b>                                             |
|               |          | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evensong (Alistair Summers)</b>                      |
| <b>Monday</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>9.30</b>  | <b>Team Meeting</b>                                     |
|               |          | <b>1-3</b>   | <b>Befrienders</b>                                      |
|               |          | <b>8.00</b>  | <b>Bible Study Home Group</b>                           |

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|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday     | 4         | 9-3<br><b>11.15</b>                        | Day Centre<br><b>Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Hart)</b>                                              |
| Thursday      | 5         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>5.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Bus leaves church travelling to Sutton Bridge for David's licensing       |
| Friday        | 6         | 7.30<br>1-3                                | Horticultural Society<br>Befrienders                                                               |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Hart)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong (M &amp; L Purnell)</b>      |
| Monday        | 9         | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                        | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                              |
| Wednesday     | 11        | 9-3                                        | Day Centre                                                                                         |
| Thursday      | 12        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting                                                            |
| Friday        | 13        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                                        |
| Saturday      | 14        | 8-11.00<br>All Day<br>All Day              | Life Church Women's Breakfast<br>Church Gift Day<br>Old Churches Trust Ride and Stride             |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Service of the Word (C &amp; R Knight)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong (C &amp; R Knight)</b> |
| Monday        | 16        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00                        | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                              |
| Wednesday     | 18        | 9-3                                        | Day Centre                                                                                         |
| Thursday      | 19        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>7.30                        | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Prayer Meeting                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Holy Communion (Rev. Martyn Taylor)</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong (R. Macey)</b>            |

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|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday        | 23        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00              | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                                                          |
| Wednesday     | 25        | 9-3<br>7.30                      | Day Centre<br>PCC meeting                                                                                                      |
| Thursday      | 26        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>6.30-7.30<br>7.30 | Toddlers<br>Twinklets<br>Cakes etc to church for market stall<br>Prayer Meeting                                                |
| Friday        | 27        | 1-3<br>All Day                   | Befrienders<br>Stamford Market Stall                                                                                           |
| Saturday      | 28        | 7.30-10.00<br>9.30               | Men's Breakfast<br>Decoration of church for Harvest                                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><br><b>6.00</b>  | <b>Harvest Festival Family Communion<br/>(Combined service) (Rev Peter Hart)</b><br><br><b>Churches Together Youth Service</b> |
| Monday        | 30        | 9.30<br>1-3<br>8.00              | Team Meeting<br>Befrienders<br>Bible Study Home Group                                                                          |

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

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|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 (Careers Session)<br>Teenzone |