

September 2012

Dear friends in Christ,

What a wonderful summer, maybe not so with the weather, but with the major events and celebrations that have taken place, the Queens Diamond Jubilee, and the London Olympics to name but two. These events have shown that as a nation we can be united, we can achieve wonderful things, we can put on a great spectacle for the world to see, and it's ok to be proud of all that our Olympians have achieved.

As we look ahead to the start of a new term, with our community care and outreach programmes resuming, and some new initiatives in the Church diary, including a weekly Prayer Meeting and Bible Study groups, we remember that we don't do these things for our own praise and glory, but for the one who is worthy to receive all praise. In Christ we are united as a body of people through which He can do wonderful things as we make ourselves available for His service. May we seek to bring Him glory in our community, and be proud to share with others what Jesus means to us.

September also sees Jane Calderin retire from her role as Deacon; I for one have greatly valued her servant heart and desire to serve Christ through His Church. Her ministry will be greatly missed, but I wish her a wonderful and relaxing retirement.

So, may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all as we seek God's will for His Church in this Community.

Every blessing,

Rev. David.

October Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by **Sunday, September 23rd**. Publication will be Sunday, Sept. 30th

Jane Richardson.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

19th August

**Alisha Claire Springthorpe
Olivia Paige Springthorpe**

Funerals

17th August

**Roy Plant
Alma Whittington**

Collections

	Open Plate	Env/Gift Aid	Env. (NTP)
June :	£441.83 HMRC tax refund £1990.19.	£1220.50	£145.20
July :	£392.40	£1250.50	£158.95

Parish Share.

Please continue to pray for the finances of the Church and the Projects, as we move forward in faith.

Thanks go to all who have generously given funds towards the building work which has been undertaken this summer.

Gail.

200 Club

The July draw did not take place so will now be drawn, along with the August and September draws, on Wednesday, September 19th during the Day Centre meeting. Full results will be published in next month's magazine.

Bits and Pieces

Church Gift Day

We will hold our Annual Church Gift Day on Saturday, September 8th. The church will be open for anyone who wishes to come along for a cuppa and chat with friends. If you are not able to call along that day please put your donation in an envelope, and if possible Gift Aided, into the marked box which will be in the church entrance or give to a Church Warden or Sides person on the Sunday following.

Please be as generous as you are able to be at this time.

Survey Results

Following the recent survey conducted in church with regard to the King's Praise service, where 78% of those replying said they would like the KP service changed back to a traditional service, it is being proposed that the 3rd Sunday of each month changes to a traditional Morning Prayer service. A Holy Communion service will continue to take place in the evening of each 3rd Sunday. Once feedback from this proposal has been given, and everyone is urged to participate in this, a decision will be taken and announced in church and in the weekly notice sheets.

For now there will be no KP in September before a final decision is made for October and beyond.

A good number of people also wish to take part in a weekly prayer meeting and a Home/Bible study group. These will probably take place during the evening as this was the preferred time. Details of when these groups will commence will be announced in church and printed on the weekly notice sheets.

The 5th Sunday of each month, when it occurs, will remain an All-Age Communion Service when all three congregations will come together to take part. Only when a Christening or other special event is happening will this change.

As previously said these are proposals, not set in stone, and as more feedback/ideas are forthcoming they may well be amended.

Jane Calderin's Retirement as Deacon

As many of you know Jane is retiring as Deacon at Christ Church. Her last service in this capacity will be on Sunday, September 2nd at 10.00am. It is hoped as many as possible will come along to this service which we hope will be very special for Jane. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Jane will still be very much a part of our Christ Church community as a member of our congregation and she will also continue to serve at some Communion Services.

Fundraising

Our fundraising activities have mostly taken a break during the summer due to the alterations/renovations at church. One exception was the Cheese and Wine Tasting event which was held on Friday, August 17th. This was a lovely evening when 26 friends came together to learn about and taste various English and Italian cheeses and wines served by experts from Waitrose. I'm sure everyone who came along learned something new and a wonderful evening was had by all! £195 was raised for church funds.

Summer Sale: Anniversary Tea Towels!

We are having a Summer Sale of tea towels. Now you can buy **two tea towels, gift wrapped for £5!!!** What a bargain!!! They are available in the church entrance hall (or come along and buy from the market stall!)

Market Stall, Friday, August 31st. All day.

This is our next major event and it's very close! We shall be selling cakes, biscuits, scones, preserves etc as well as having a Tombola. Anniversary tea towels, mugs and good quality books will also be sold to raise funds for church. Donations of cakes etc can be bought along to church on Thursday, August 30th from 6.00-6.30pm. If you are able to help 'man' the stall during the day please sign the list in the church entrance hall as soon as possible or speak to Dawn Field (753645) or Jane Richardson (752492).

Please come along to support us on Friday, 31st and let's hope for a dry, sunny day!

Sponsored Ride and Stride, Saturday, Sept 8th, 10.am-4.00pm

This annual event in aid of the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust will take place around the churches in our Deanery of Aveland and Ness with half the money raised going to the Trust and half to Christ Church.

Once again Joseph Wise, along with David Ettridge a work colleague of his dad David, will be cycling around the Deanery. David and Lucy Wise will be 'striding' around Stamford There are sponsorship forms in the church entrance hall for you to sign up to support them, the Old Churches and Christ Church! Any sponsorship would be great.

We also need people to 'man' the church on that day to welcome any cyclists/walkers who need their forms signing as well as offering them refreshments. If you could spare an hour or so during the day please write your name on the form which, again, is in the church foyer.

Grand Draw Raffle Tickets

These have been placed in the foyer of church. Please take some books and sell to friends, relatives, neighbours and anyone else you can think of and so make this the best draw ever! Donations of prizes would also be much appreciated and should be given to Dawn Field. The Draw will take place at the Bazaar on Saturday, November 24th so make sure you have this date in your diaries!

We will be selling raffle tickets at Waitrose on Saturday, October 20th when we go to 'bag pack '(which was financially successful last year) but more information will be given about this in next month's magazine.

Fundraising Committee.

Love in a Box

Once again it's the time of year when we start thinking about the above!

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 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.

Thank you and Cheerio!

Thank you and cheerio! Summer 2012 has been very memorable for both Mum and I in that Mum has taught me to knit!! We have been knitting scarves, headbands and squares for a blanket, we even had a 'Skype' knitting session with a friend at Rosebud, in Canada, to teach him how to knit! This was one of the funniest things ever, but very rewarding as he can now cast on and knit. Another scarf is on its way as he hasn't mastered purl or cast off yet. Watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who has caught up with me. It has been just great listening to everyone's stories and hearing about all the prayers for me.....This is very humbling; thank you so much.

I returned to Canada for one more year of study on Thursday 23rd August, but will be back for two weeks in February 2013 when the school go on their International trip to London and Stratford so you may see me around during those two weeks.

Till then I pray that all goes well with the building project and that Christ Church is blessed with support and encouragement for the future. And not forgetting..... "Happy Retirement, Jane".

Love, *Zoe. xx*

Day Centre

I do hope everyone has enjoyed a happy and healthy extended summer break. It's a pity the great British weather hasn't been a little kinder but I'm sure many of us have been glued to the Olympics to watch Team GB's huge success.

We have a new edition to the Day Centre family! Little Erine Parker arrived safely on August 3rd. Huge congratulations and love to Amy, Leigh, Jaynie-May and Charlie on the new arrival. We look forward to meeting Erine and having a cuddle soon.

Andrea our new Day Centre hairdresser will be with us on September 19th. This is the first day back for us this term; later than usual because of the building works.

The Foot Health Practitioner will not be visiting during September and neither will there be a Day Centre Communion this month.

Carolyn.

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## *Keep fit*

We look forward to restarting our Keep Fit sessions on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm when Deanna, our new leader, will put us through our paces and give us a heart and balance workout. We do as much, or as little, as we can for an hour before ending the afternoon with a cuppa and 'naughty' biscuit as well as having a good chat!

Come along and join us – we're a great bunch!

*Gill Stafford and the Keep-fit Gang.*

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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 6th at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.

Stamford Community Event

Wednesday 12 September 2012, 4.30pm – 7pm

**United Reform Church Hall,
29 Broad Street, Stamford, Lincs. PE9 1PJ**

First Contact is a service which enables people aged 60 and over to access a wide range of information and advice, helping to keep them safe and independent in their own homes for longer.

Organised with the support of South Kesteven District Council, this community event will provide easy access to information and advice from a host of organisations, such as:

Saga Homecare

LCC Carers Team

Adults Supporting Adults

SKDC Private Sector Housing

Lincolnshire Rural Support Network

Age UK Kesteven

Macmillan Cancer Support

Dementia Support South Lincs

Department for Work & Pensions

Call Connect

Stamford Foodbank

Deeping Community Trust Limited

Lincolnshire CVS

Wiltshire Farm Food

AgeCare Advice

Mobile Libraries

Hanover Housing

Parkinsons

Falls Prevention

Safe Local Trades

Sensory Impairment

Lincolnshire (SILCS)

Thursday Teatime

(Stamford URC)

**This is a free event and includes refreshments.
There is NO requirement to book a place. If you do have any queries
please contact:**

Jayne Thomas, First Contact Field Coordinator,
Tel: 01775 710737 Mobile: 07846 796093
Email: jayne.thomas@ageuklincoln.org.uk



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7:30PM

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Vegetarian alternative available (Please advise at time of booking & no later than the 24th September).
Bottled water & soft drink available. Alcoholic drinks bring your own.

Tickets £10 per person. available from Stamford Arts Centre ticket office.



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StartaFresh Skegness trip

Tuesday 14th of August saw 48 happy day-trippers leave Christ Church to enjoy a great day out in sunny Skegness. Members from the Day Centre, StartaFresh and friends of the church enjoyed walks on the beach, visiting the seal centre, ice cream, donkey rides, hair braiding, boat trips and fish and chips in the glorious sunshine.

Many thanks to Ruth Lock and Mike Mills for arranging the trip and for Mike's wonderful tour guiding!



Geraldine.

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## *StartaFresh / Befrienders*

We heartily welcome Geraldine as our new co-ordinator – we know she'll look after us well!

We look forward to starting back again at church on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and have many courses and trips planned during our September to December term with our first trip being to Peterborough Cathedral on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our courses include: 'Hobbies' with a certificate awarded on completion; a new course with David O starting on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> (he makes them most interesting and we have good discussions and achieve and learn much about our Lord); another Cookery course with Ken before Christmas, hopefully on Christmas Fayre and a 3 week course on Financial Management given by Lisa from CAP.

We will also continue with our two course prepare and share lunches.

What a wonderful group we have and many thanks to all who help with the planning.

Love to all, *Ruthie.*

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Toddlers

Toddler Group visit to Wicksteed Park

Thursday 16th August saw **two** massive coaches draw up at Christ Church sharply at 9am. For a moment, I wondered whether the toddlers' group membership had risen so much that a single coach would be insufficient to accommodate all those going on the annual trip to Wicksteed Park. In fact, the second coach had been booked by Teenzone and was destined for the Twin Lakes Theme Park. Anyway, the toddlers' coach was filled almost to capacity, and 42 of us set off for Kettering for a day of fun. (The Teenzone coach departed soon afterwards, with a similar number of youth in it and with no confusion at all about who should be in which coach... a testimony to excellent programme management and perhaps a bit of luck too!).

In any event, the toddlers' group had reached the Park by 10am and we all then spent a lovely, sunny day exploring and experiencing the various rides, games and attractions. I have to admit that I was personally "killed" endlessly in the laser quest, with lots of youngsters proving their better speed of reaction and accuracy of shooting. The water rides also caused most of us to be drenched, while a few particularly brave members of the group were adventurous enough to ride on the roller coasters and pirate ship (but certainly not me!). Altogether it was a great day: an opportunity to get to know each other better, to enjoy all that the Park has to offer, and to get at least something of a sun-tan after all of the rainfall this summer!

'Uncle' Mike.

Toddlers will restart after our summer break on Thursday, September 13th.

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*Bishop of Lincoln's Letter*

Haven't we had a busy summer of sport? The Wimbledon Tennis Championships when our boy got closer than ever; the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games and even some Test Cricket which, at the time of writing, could go well or badly for England.

Of course, we in Lincolnshire had our own taste of the Olympics when the torch moved around the diocese for a couple of days. For those days it seemed as if that great international event, watched by 4 billion people all over the world, came to our part of England. I saw the torch in Skegness and Lincoln and could not fail to be moved by the response of local people celebrating, not only the Olympic movement, but also (in their choice of torch-bearers) their local communities and those who had made outstanding contributions within them.

Now it is all over and normal life resumes. The nights start to cut in and we look towards the autumn and even Christmas. So what have learned from the summer?

I suppose the challenge is to take something of the sense of celebration and community spirit that we felt in July and August into the routine and mundane of life of the autumn.

God has given many great gifts to us – our lives, our bodies, our homes, our families and our communities, local and international. He has given all these dimensions of life for us to enjoy and to enhance the quality of our experience so that, by being the best people we can be, we come closer to the person God has made us to be.

Let us take something of the great summer of sport into the autumn. Perhaps a commitment to more exercise, but also a commitment to celebrate and enjoy what we have been given and look forward to his greatest gift of all, God's very self in Jesus Christ, which will come to us again at Christmas.

Every blessing,

**+*Christopher Lincoln:***

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Cat's Tails!

Hi Folks! I'm enjoying the better weather and take shade in my lovely garden. The gang from Teenzone have also been enjoying playing outside.

I've had to wait patiently, once or twice, for my tea when Mummy Ruth has been busy with trips and the girls, so I forgive her.

Love to you all,

M.D. (Which means 'Mission Drift' for those who don't know!)

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### *Why?*

*Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?*

*Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?*

*If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?*

*Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?*

# Calendar

## September

|               |           |                                            |                                                                                                                 |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>10.00</b><br><b>4.00</b><br><b>6.30</b> | <b>Retirement of Jane Calderin as Deacon of C.C.</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>CC@4</b><br><b>Evensong</b> |
| Wednesday     | 5         | 7.00<br>7.30                               | Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir                                                                         |
| Thursday      | 6         | 7.30                                       | Horticultural Society                                                                                           |
| Saturday      | 8         | All Day<br><b>All Day</b>                  | Annual Ride and Stride<br><b>Church Gift Day</b>                                                                |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>9</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>                                                         |
| Monday        | 10        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                     |
| Tuesday       | 11        | 2.30                                       | Keep Fit                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday     | 12        | 7.00<br>7.30                               | Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir                                                                         |
| Thursday      | 13        | 9.30<br>1-3                                | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                                           |
| Friday        | 14        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>16</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        | 17        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                     |
| Tuesday       | 18        | 2.30                                       | Keep Fit                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday     | 19        | 9-3<br>7.00<br>7.30                        | Day Centre<br>Informal Prayer Meeting<br>Gospel Choir                                                           |
| Thursday      | 20        | 9.30<br>1-3                                | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                                           |
| Friday        | 21        | 1-3                                        | Befrienders                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>23</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        | 24        | 1-3          | Befrienders                   |
| Tuesday       | 25        | 2.30         | Keep Fit                      |
| Wednesday     | 26        | 9-3          | Day Centre                    |
|               |           | 7.00         | Informal Prayer Meeting       |
|               |           | 7.30         | Gospel Choir                  |
| Thursday      | 27        | 9.30         | Toddlers                      |
|               |           | 1-3          | Twinklets                     |
| Friday        | 28        | 1-3          | Befrienders                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>All Age Holy Communion</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    | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-9.30 | Teenzone sports @ QE       |
| Wednesday | 3-7    | Teenzone                   |
|           | 7-8.30 | Teenzone                   |
| Thursday  | 1-3    | Befrienders                |
|           | 3-4    | Teenzone (Careers Session) |
|           | 4-7    | Teenzone                   |

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Why? (2)

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

Flower Quiz Answers

Quiz 1

1. Columbine.
2. Honesty.
3. Thrift.
4. Broom.
5. Creeping Jenny.
6. Bizzie Lizzy.
7. Pampas Grass.
8. Candy Tuft.
9. Cornflower.
10. Foxglove.
11. Wallflower.
12. Hyacinth.
13. Honeysuckle.
14. Virginia Creeper.
15. Snap Dragon.
16. Fritillary.
17. Canterbury bells.
18. Bind Weed (or Convolvulus.
19. Bluebell.
20. Solomon's Seal.
21. Ragged Robin.
22. Hollyhock.
23. Sweet William.
24. Violet.
25. Bugle.

Quiz 2

1. Gopher.
2. Almonds.
3. Fig.
4. Grapes.
5. Bitter herbs.
6. Waters made sweet.
7. Olive.
8. Mustard.
9. Wheat.
10. Corn (Ears of Grain).
11. Mandrake.
12. Crown of thorns.
13. Lentil Stew (or Potage).
14. Lilies.
15. Vine.

I hope you enjoyed doing these quizzes!

Chris.

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## *Mission Trip to Karamoja, Uganda August 2013*

A mission trip is being planned to Iriiri, Karamoja, for August next year. Stamford already has a very close relationship with the church in Uganda, and especially with St John's Church in Iriiri, through several past visits there. The trip's duration will be approximately 2 weeks. The exact dates will be finalized by September 2012, as airfares for next summer will only be released in a few weeks' time.

The main purposes of the trip are to:

1. Help with the completion of a mission house being built at St. John's, if not already finished by then.
2. Help with the refurbishment/improvement of the church building.
3. Strengthen relationships with the church and, perhaps, put on a special programme for children or youth work there.

The overall itinerary will be:

Arrive in Kampala; stay 1 or 2 nights depending on flight times.  
Travel up to Iriiri; with a possible overnight stop en route.  
Stay in Iriiri 10-12 days for the work programme.  
Return to Kampala; with a possible over-night stop en route.  
Fly out of Kampala.

The accommodation at Iriiri is very basic, but the people there will make everyone feel very welcome and comfortable.

It is anticipated that the overall cost will be in the region of £1500, with £500 being a contribution towards the local cost of the building work. The cost of travel insurance, medical requirements (inoculations and prophylactics) and personal requirements are not included. Opportunities will be explored to raise funds and subsidize the trip for those who would like to go and help with the building work but cannot afford to pay the full cost.

It would be helpful if notification of interest could be made as soon as possible. Places will be limited. A deposit of £500 will be required by the end of September 2012 and further amounts as and when airfares, etc.

have to be paid. The deposit will be forwarded to Iriiri, in stages, for the advance purchase of materials and some labour costs ahead of the trip's commencement.

This is a wonderful mission opportunity especially for anyone interested in work abroad.

Further information will be published as it becomes available.

Rev. Martyn Taylor Rector.

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### **Mission Trip to Karamoja, Uganda, August 2013**

I am interested in joining the Mission Trip to Iriiri in August 2013. Please consider me for a place on the team.

Name:.....

Address.....

e-mail.....

Phone No.....

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