

September Magazine

TIME GOES BY SO QUICKLY

Dear Friends

It may be that as I get older and often busier, that time flies past. Perhaps it isn't so and I'm less able to keep up with things. September here and it doesn't seem as though the summer has started and we are already in the autumn and of course it will soon be Christmas!!

If you are finding this to be true of your life, then I think it is time we (you and I) took things a little easier and found time to sit back and think. One way you might like to think a while is with a course which will be running for seven weeks starting in early October. It is called 'Christianity Explored' and is a course which looks at basic Christianity through St Mark's Gospel. Above all it might give us a chance to sit and think about our own faith and how we might be willing to tell others. Keep your eyes and ears ready to receive the information about date and time. It will be taking place at Georges Place. So stand by!!

Changes are also a cause of this time "rushing by" business. It seems as though changes which are taking place at Christ Church can cause us to panic. In fact the changes which are happening are minimal. On the first Sunday of the month we shall have a Kings Café after the 10.00am Holy Communion Service. On the third Sunday we will have a Kings Praise at 10.00am and on the other two Sundays we will have a Communion Service but will also be running a Sunday school for any children which turn up. I hope you will be happy with this, but if you find something which doesn't work for you please tell some one. I much prefer to hear complaints first hand rather than gather that there are unhappy people who are just moaning to each other.

During September we also look forward to our 50th Anniversary taking place in October. The refurbishment should be well under way by the time you read this letter. Many thanks to those who have given for the Gift Day and have been involved in other money raising efforts. A day of bag-packing at Waitrose raised £545 with more to come from the 'green discs'. Well done and thanks!! I found the hour that I did bag packing really interesting and I received many enquires about where Christ Church was and what the money was needed for. Try explaining that as you pack bags!!

I hope and pray that all goes well this autumn. That we each find time to stop and think and that we will all enjoy our beautifully refurbished and decorated church.

God bless you all.

Peter.

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## *Collections*

|              | <b>Open Plate</b> | <b>Env/Gift Aid</b> | <b>Env. (NTP)</b> |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>June:</b> | £193.95           | £809.70             | £152.70           |
| <b>July:</b> | £273.29           | £750.50             | £277.50           |

### **Tax claim**

I have sent off a claim for a tax refund of £2000. This is unusually high because of the very generous support for the church refurbishment project as well as the usual giving.

### **Parish Share**

Our Parish Share for 2011 is £22913 or £1909 per month of which we have paid £8300 to date. This leaves £14613 still to pay. Please pray that we find the funding to pay our Parish Share.

If anyone would like to join the 'envelope giving' or give by monthly direct debit, please have a word with me or ring 01780 751780.

Thank you to everyone.

*Gail.*

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October Magazine

Could all entries for the above edition of the magazine be given to me by Sunday, Sept. 18th. Publication will be the following Sunday, 25th.

Jane Richardson.

Parish Registers

Baptism

10th July	Evie Kimberley Ford Katy Ford (adult)
14th August	Connor James Hutchins
21st August	Taylor-Lorraine Laura Smith
28th August	Lucas David Alan Hinson Grace Marie Sinclair

200 Club

Draw result for July,

1st: No. 10, 2nd: No. 53

The August and September draws will take place on Wednesdays, September 14th and 21st respectively during Day Centre meetings.

Bits and Pieces

Volunteers Wanted!

We need volunteers for arranging and serving refreshments at the morning services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. It doesn't have to be both and the more people we get the less often it is to do.

You would need to be at church by 9.30am to set up and everything will be provided so there is no monetary outlay.

Please speak to Jane C. on Stam. 754290 if you can help.

Need some inspiration?

Try: www.ucb.co.uk The 'Word for Today' makes for some easy reading!

Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who sent letters and cards of condolence on the death of my dear wife, Mary. We had over 100 and they were a great comfort to read.

We would like to thank Jane Calderin for the time she spent with us as a family and the wonderful funeral service she took. Our thanks also to Maria for all the beautiful flowers which decorated the church, it looked wonderful.

The amount donated in memory of Mary for the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust came to £772.88. Thankyou all for donating so generously.

Arthur Potter and family.

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*A Sincere Apology*

I would sincerely like to apologise to Arthur and his family for omitting the above letter from the July magazine. No words come close to expressing how I feel about this omission. **Jane Richardson.**

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Stamford Deanery Parish Foundation Course

The Parish Foundation Course starts in only four week's time with the Introductory Taster Evening on Monday 5th September.

This first evening is an open meeting and people will then be asked to sign up for main course which starts on 19th September.

All the sessions are at 7.30 pm in the All Saints' Centre, Stamford.

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting new venture then come along on Monday September 5th to All Saints' Centre, Scotgate at 7.30pm.

Chris.

Fundraising

We hope that you have all had a good summer!

Just a quick recap of events held over the last few months:

Lent Slim, Sponsorship Money

Thanks to Peter Hart, David Wise (who we hope is still keeping on course to loose another stone!) and Maria Jackson over £320 was raised for Church funds. Thanks to everyone who sponsored them and well done to our three volunteers!

Friday Market Stall, June 17th

This was a good day with the sun shining (at least until lunchtime!) A steady flow of customers kept us busy and along with the Tombola held we raised £360 towards the Refurbishment fund.

Strawberry Tea Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was an afternoon of fellowship and enjoyment of the scones, strawberries and cream. Thank you to those people who baked for us. We raised £167.50.

Coffee Morning, 30th July, Coffee Evening 25th August

These two events were held so friends could come along and share stories of Christ Church over the last 50 years. Committee members made notes which will be transcribed into the Memory Book. The two events raised £56 for the Refurbishment Fund through donations kindly made for refreshments.

Partnering with Waitrose

Christ Church has joined in a partnership with Waitrose who are currently helping us to raise funds for our 50th Anniversary but primarily for the Refurbishment Fund.

Several church members did a 'Bag Pack' at the store on Saturday 13th August and we raised a staggering £545!!! Well done to everyone involved on the day. The hours were long but enjoyable as Peter Hart has already said in his letter!

Cheese and Wine Tasting Evening Sponsored by Waitrose Friday, September 23rd, 7 - 9pm

Tickets are now available for this evening and are **very limited** so get yours now. First come, first served! They are priced at a 'minimum donation' of £5 to be Gift Aided if possible.

Tickets available from Dawn Field, 753645 and Jane Richardson, 752492.

Sunshine Bags:

Thank you for (hopefully!) filling these over the summer. We did have some sunny days if I remember correctly. Please return these to Church over the next few weeks and give to Dawn or a Church Warden so the money can be counted and put to good use on the refurbishment.

50th Anniversary Weekend 8th/ 9th October 2011

We still need your help providing us with memories of your life at Christ Church over the past 50 years especially with regard to the church in Willoughby Road. Any event details or photo you have will be thankfully received.

There is also a 'book of memories' on the notice board where you can put down your thoughts or you can write them down at your leisure on a piece of paper and put it in the envelopes provided. If you're not sure what sort of 'thoughts' we're after take a look at what's written in the book already and maybe that will inspire you! The more information we have the more we can make the Anniversary interesting and informative for everyone. There must be so many wonderful stories which others would love to hear about life at Christ Church before Green Lane!

We can only display what you have told, donated or loaned to us! Please pass any items to a member of the Anniversary Committee.

We will shortly begin selling our 50th Anniversary Tea Towels which we have commissioned to celebrate the anniversary. Keep a look out for details in church.

Please do keep looking at the 50th Anniversary notice board for further information and lookout for further announcements/information given in church and on the weekly notice sheets in particular about the bring and share lunch on the 9th October.

Refurbishment of the Church

Burmor Construction will be starting work on Tuesday 30th August, so please expect some disruption for approx two weeks. Painting has already started in the back half of the church thanks to volunteer Sebastian White and we are indebted to his willingness to assist us. Working parties are currently being organised for each Saturday starting from the 27th August at 10.00 so please speak to Bill or Chris who are overseeing this group. Please volunteer your services as we cannot do this on our own.

Refurbishment Gift Day, started on 17th July

To date we have £4978.84 in the Refurbishment Fund which includes the donation of £1500 from Church Lads towards the curtain fabric. This means we are almost halfway to our goal of £10000 which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation especially if you agreed to 'Gift Aid' this. If you have not contributed and feel you would like to do so it is not too late. Any donation, however small or large, would make all the difference to the fund. Please speak to Dawn or a Church Warden.

Grand Draw Raffle Tickets

We will be selling raffle tickets and our 50th Anniversary Tea Towels on Saturday 17th September at Waitrose. We need your help to 'man' the stand in Waitrose foyer so please sign up on the list in the entrance hall.

We look forward to your continuing support.

Blessings and thanks,

Dawn Field

*On behalf of the Fundraising and 50th Anniversary
Fundraising Committees*

Dawn Field	Helen Burney	Jane Richardson	Jane Harris
Bill Mawdsley	Brian Stephens	Jane Calderin	Peter Wise

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# *Sponsored Ride and Stride*

*In aid of the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust*

**Saturday, September 10th, 10.00am - 6.00pm**

This annual event 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.

This year once again my work colleague David Ettridge has agreed to take part in this along with my son Joseph. There is a sponsorship form in the church entrance hall for you to sign up to support them. Any sponsorship would be great. They are hoping to visit 21 churches on the day.

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.

Thankyou,

*David Wise.*

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Day Centre

We hope all the Day Centre staff and Members have enjoyed the summer break and will return happy, healthy and refreshed. Our return is, sadly, postponed for one week due to the refurbishment and decorating work which is taking place at church at the moment. We now look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 14th!

On our first day back (14th) Margaret Fox and friends will be singing and performing various cabaret acts. It is some time since Margaret has been to see us and we look forward to welcoming her back. Phil Rudkin shows his beautiful wildlife slides on the 21st which we always find fascinating and Kath Heyden-Dale brings her poems and short stories for us to enjoy on the 28th.

The next Day Centre Communion takes place on September 14th at 11.15am. The Foot Health Practitioner will also be with us on this day.

Amy and Carolyn.



Fun and Fitness

After a long summer break we are looking forward to returning to our group on Tuesday, 13th September at 2.30pm. We have a full membership now with three new people starting this next meeting.

We will have a weeks break on October 4th restarting again on the 11th and then have another break on November 1st restarting on the 8th. We then meet weekly until our last meeting for this term on December 6th when we break for Christmas.

If you have any queries please contact us on Stam. 751789.

Daphne and Peter Wise. Group coordinators



Mothers Union

The next M.U. Holy Communion Service, followed by the meeting, will be held at All Saints Church on Thursday, September 1st at the usual time of 10.00am. All are welcome.



StartaFresh / Befrienders

We are going to miss Katie very much but we wish her every success as she moves on to pastures new! Mike has, very ably, stepped into the breach – another responsibility to add to those he does with such a big heart.

We've been continuing to meet during the holidays by having picnics on the Meadows each Monday and also our 'light lunches' on Fridays here at church. Mike, Kitty, Chris and Bill have kept us all in check and we thank them very much for keeping the groups going during the holidays. It is much appreciated by our members.

We had a lovely trip to Hunstanton on Tuesday, August 16th with 24 members enjoying the day. The weather was quite nice. Fish and chips and ice creams were the order for the day! Some of us even braved a paddle – looking forward to the next one!

Our normal timetable will resume with our 'light lunch' on Monday, September 5th.

Love and thanks to all,

Ruthie.

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*Working with Families*

**Toddlers**

Everyone had a great time at the end of term party. Seven of our little members have left us to go to big school and they will be missed by us all!

Although we have been on summer break I have met many of our little friends whilst out shopping – them seeing me before I them!

We had a lovely trip to Wickstead Park on August 11th and everyone had a great time despite the rain which fell for a short time. There were about 70 of us so we had a coach and Uncle Mike drove the minibus. Sadly, Auntie Pam was unable to join the trip as she had a poorly leg. We hope she's getting better following her operation.

We look forward to welcoming members old and new when we return on Thursday, September 8th.

*Granny Ruth and the Gang!*

# *Bishop of Grimsby's Letter*

Dear Friends,

The violent disturbances in London and other cities during August raise many questions. Inevitably our thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered and lost through the violence. There can be no excuses for the criminal behaviour of scores of people who subsequently had to take responsibility for their actions before the courts.

Yet the complexity of the breakdown in law-and-order demands a wiser response that just legislating for longer sentences and more powers for the police. We cannot pretend that such behaviour has been spawned from happy, contented and flourishing sections of our society. Nor does it really address the problem by blaming parents or a lack of discipline in schools. The moral vacuum we witnessed in the violence and looting is evidence of a deeper malaise within our society. Difficult and politically unpalatable questions about the quality of our society have to be addressed and, to me, the most urgent issue is that too many within our communities sit on the margins of our society feeling that they don't 'belong'. Gangs and the mob offer a sense of 'belonging' which is too frequently absent for those who are culturally, socially and economically marginalised.

Feeling that we 'belong' is a fundamental feature of a healthy community. This truth has been recognised from the very earliest human communities. It is an imperative found in the Old Testament prophecies, where 'belonging' means that you have a share in the good things of creation. The need to 'belong' is central to Jesus' healing and pastoral ministry, where he restores people to community and creates a new platform of belonging for their future.

Followers of Jesus Christ have to take a lead in creating a sense of belonging for all sections of our communities. Enabling people to know that they 'belong' has to be fundamental to creating communities where the negativity of the violence we witnessed this summer is addressed through the quality of life which all people are offered. There are inevitably political and economic features to 'belonging', but it starts within each and every community. In Christian terms our neighbours 'belong' because, being made in his image, they have a God-given dignity.

Our task is to turn the theology of 'belonging' into a reality within the communities in which we worship and witness. The strength of the

parochial system is that we are well placed to give a lead to this agenda in each and every community.

+David Grimsby

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Love in a Box

Yes, it really is the time of year when we start thinking about the above!

We hope you have been saving your empty shoe boxes (separate lid from box, size 5 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.

Also, with all the bargains in the summer sales at the moment (kids going back to school offers), 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 gratefully appreciated. Money gratefully accepted so we can purchase extra items as needed.

Thank you in advance,

Gail, Gill and Phil.

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### *Cat's Tales*

Hi Family!

Hope you are all enjoying your holidays. Activities here have been less than usual but I've been keeping an eye on the old homestead!

Talking of eyes - I had a nasty eye infection and very, very reluctantly went to the V...!! (Don't say the word out loud!) A rather unpleasant jab in a rather delicate place has put me to rights though I'm not anxious to repeat the experience!

See you all soon once the new term starts. Love, **M.D.**

# 15 Hidden Books of the Bible Quiz - The Answers!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better.



## Calendar

***Renovation /painting of the church and hall will be taking place from Tuesday, Aug. 30th to Friday, Sept 9th - if all goes well and according to plan. Disruption will, hopefully, be kept to a minimum but your patience is requested at this difficult time. It will all be worth it!!!!***

### September

|               |           |              |                               |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Friday        | 2         | 1-3          | Befrienders                   |
| Saturday      | 3         | 10.00        | Church Cleaning Work Group    |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>         |
|               |           | <b>11.30</b> | <b>Kings Café</b>             |
|               |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evening Service at URC</b> |
| Monday        | 5         | 1-3          | Befrienders                   |
|               |           | 6.30         | Teenzone Drama                |
| Wednesday     | 7         | 6-8.30       | Teenzone Dance                |
| Thursday      | 8         | 9.30         | Toddlers                      |
|               |           | 1-3          | Twinklets                     |
| Friday        | 9         | 1-3          | Befrienders                   |
|               |           | 4.30-5.30    | Teenzone Glee Club            |
|               |           | 6-8          | Brownies                      |
| Saturday      | 10        | 10.00        | Church Cleaning Work Group    |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>10.00</b> | <b>Holy Communion with</b>    |
|               |           |              | <b>Sunday school</b>          |
|               |           | <b>6.30</b>  | <b>Evensong</b>               |

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|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday        | 12        | 1-3<br>6.30<br>7-9               | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama<br>Guides                                                          |
| Tuesday       | 13        | 2.30                             | Fun and Fitness                                                                                  |
| Wednesday     | 14        | 9-3.00<br><b>11.15</b><br>6-8.30 | Day Centre<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Teenzone Dance                                            |
| Thursday      | 15        | 9.30<br>1-3                      | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                            |
| Friday        | 16        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30<br>6-8          | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Glee Club<br>Brownies                                                    |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>      | <b>Kings Praise</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b>                                                     |
| Monday        | 19        | 1-3<br>6.30<br>7-9               | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama<br>Guides                                                          |
| Tuesday       | 20        | 2.30<br>7.30                     | Fun and Fitness<br>PCC                                                                           |
| Wednesday     | 21        | 9-3.00<br>6-8.30                 | Day Centre<br>Teenzone Dance                                                                     |
| Thursday      | 22        | 9.30<br>1-3                      | Toddlers<br>Twinklets                                                                            |
| Friday        | 23        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30<br>6-8<br>7.00  | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Glee Club<br>Brownies<br>Cheese and Wine Tasting Event                   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>10.00</b><br><b>6.30</b>      | <b>Celebration Service with St.Geo's<br/>in Stamford School Assembly Hall</b><br><b>Evensong</b> |
| Monday        | 26        | 1-3<br>6.15<br>7-9               | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Drama<br>Guides                                                          |
| Tuesday       | 27        | 2.30                             | Fun and Fitness                                                                                  |
| Wednesday     | 28        | 9-3.00<br>6-8.30                 | Day Centre<br>Teenzone - Dance                                                                   |
| Thursday      | 29        | 9.30<br>1-3                      | Toddler Group<br>Twinklets                                                                       |
| Friday        | 30        | 1-3<br>4.30-5.30                 | Befrienders<br>Teenzone Glee Club                                                                |

## Basement

### Regular term time Programme for the Basement

|           |                             |                                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 12.30-3.30<br>5-7<br>7-9.30 | Stroke Association (every other week)<br>Teenzone<br>Teenzone sports @ QE |
| Wednesday | 4-5<br>5-7                  | Teenzone table tennis<br>Teenzone                                         |
| Thursday  | 1-3                         | Befrienders                                                               |
| Friday    | 5-7<br>7.30-10.00           | Rainbows<br>Teenzone                                                      |

- See weekly notices for details of all events

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### *Don't try to outsmart your dad!*

*A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.*

*His father said he'd make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'*

*The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.*

*After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut'.*

*The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair.....and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair'.*

*(You're going to love the Dad's reply):*

*To this his father replied, 'And did you also notice they walked everywhere they went?'*

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