



# ***The Magazine***

**Christ Church Alsager**

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## “Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Dear friends,

The PCC has begun a vision and mission action planning exercise. Why? The quote above from Proverbs 29:18a is one good reason! It's from the King James version. It's worth considering a few other translations of this verse.



- *Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint (ESV)*
- *Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint (NIV)*
- *Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint (NRSV)*
- *Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained (Amplified Bible)*
- *If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves (MSG)*

The Hebrew word, ḥāzôn, translated here variously as vision, prophetic vision, revelation, prophecy, and revelation of God and His word, and seeing what God is doing, clearly places the emphasis on seeking to engage with God to discern where he wants to take us. This is critical. Rather than just creating what looks like a good plan with 'good ideas', we need 'God ideas' if we are going to aspire to a vision that is truly kingdom building.

When we don't seek revelation from the Lord, the people (that's all of us) are in danger of casting off restraint in all sorts of ways, not least by neglecting God's good and perfect plan for us. As we begin to stumble over each other, we may find that we are no longer keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. When this happens, the people stop flourishing and start perishing (spiritually dying).



Setting a clear course of direction is vital for the life of the church otherwise we might find ourselves being drawn in multiple incompatible directions which compete for time, energy and resources.

In the Old Testament the Lord appointed prophets to be his mouthpiece, to bring his word to his

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**Front Cover: As a beekeeper, I wanted to share this beautiful picture of a swarm. Bees swarm in order to reproduce and grow their community, and they work in perfect harmony with each other to achieve this. Something for us all there! - Aly**

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people. In the New Testament, now that the Lord has poured out his Spirit on all people who choose to believe in him, we have the capability to hear from God in words, pictures, dreams etc.

That is why I'm asking you all to "Have your say" by completing a consultation questionnaire, which you can find here: <https://tinyurl.com/ccyourview>. There is also a copy on pages 16 and 17 of this magazine which you could complete and return to Debbie in the church office.

A gut feeling can be a nudge from God or indigestion! But when we bring together many gut feelings, they can reveal a God idea or even a good and perfect plan for us to aspire to collectively.

To encourage you further (if that were needed!) I'm very grateful to a generous donor who has offered to give one pound to Tearfund for every completed questionnaire we receive (up to 200).

Yours in Christ

Daran

**We are hiring a  
Children and Families Leader  
at Christ Church Alsager  
Full-time (40 hours per week)  
Salary £23,000 - £27,000 pa  
(dependent on qualification and experience)**

We are looking for a committed evangelical Christian with a passion for inspiring children and their families to grow as Christians and a missional zeal to build relationships with both children and adults in our town, sharing the love and truth of God, that they may be inspired to get to know Jesus for themselves.



# CSW News

In the last edition of our church magazine I reported on the case of Professor Tarfa, co-founder of orphanages in Kano and Kaduna states in Nigeria, who had been accused of abducting 19 children from their legal guardians and confining them in an unregistered orphanage by a High Court in Kano.

We are thrilled to report that on 25 June he was acquitted of the two most serious accusations. However, he is required to return to court on 27 July on a final charge of forgery. According to C S W this charge is unsubstantiated. Meanwhile the 27 children who were taken from the Du Merci Orphanages remain under the care of the Government and most of them have been prevented from attending school or church. Please continue to pray for justice for the children and that the final charge will be thrown out by the court.

## Other news, Malaysia

In February 2017 Pastor Raymond Koh was abducted from a street in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia by 15 men wearing balaclavas in five S U Vs and on motorcycles. An eyewitness described the incident as like “something out of a movie.”

Pastor Raymond hasn't been seen or heard from since that day four years ago. Meanwhile his wife, Susanna, and the rest of the family are still seeking answers and continuing to trust that God will help them find the truth.



Pastor Raymond is well known in Malaysia for his charitable work. In 2004 he founded Harapan Komuniti (Hope Community) which provides help and support to marginalised and underprivileged communities. In 2017 a dinner organised by the NGO was raided by 30 police officers and the organizers were accused of “proselytising Muslims.” Pastor Koh

and his family have received frequent death threats since that time, but despite that, he continued to carry out his ministry bravely until the day he was abducted.

The pain of not knowing must be overwhelming to Pastor Koh's family. About three weeks after the abduction his wife, Susanna, went on a silent retreat. She says of that time: “God ministered to me through the book of Ruth. He spoke to me very



personally, showing that he is my kinsman redeemer and provider of all my needs. When I came back there was no fear of the interrogators or the police who were following me. I could even stand up to them and exert my rights.”

Susanna continues to stand up for her family’s rights, seeking the truth about her husband’s abduction. She made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia, who, in April 2019, after a year-long enquiry, concluded that the Special Branch of the Malaysian police were responsible. The Government in June 2019 set up a special task force to look into this finding, but nothing has been heard from the task force up to now.

Susanna has also told me that the current and former prime ministers of Malaysia and has filed a civil suit against the police and the government. “We are praying and trusting God for him to help us find the truth,” she told CSW. [Material provided by CSW]

You can find out more about Pastor Koh and his family by going on to the CSW website and there is even a video at [csw.org.uk/pastorkoh](http://csw.org.uk/pastorkoh).

You could also send a word of encouragement to Susanna at the following address:

Susanna Koh, #107, Lot LG109B, One Utama, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, West Malaysia, or you could email her at [liewsusanna@yahoo.com](mailto:liewsusanna@yahoo.com).

Keith Davies, Regional Ambassador, CSW.

### **‘On Holiday with Jesus’ - Paul Hardington**

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. This year will be very different, with many opting for a ‘staycation’! The good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’ (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

**The Invitation:** Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself: ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.’ We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry from the last 18 months. Jesus doesn’t offer a ‘quick fix’ to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!

**The Promise:** Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. Jesus says: ‘My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to Me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!’

What’s so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!

# Update Regarding Sunday Services

*"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."*

*Psalm 96:1*

Dear friends

As you will no doubt be aware, we are now in stage four of the Government's roadmap for lifting Covid restrictions in our nation. I want to share with you the key changes that we are now implementing for Sunday Services at Christ Church in the light of the Church of England's guidance for moving into this new phase.

Many will be excited about the removal of restrictions whilst others will be concerned and perhaps even fearful. The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Recovery Group has said, "Taking personal responsibility means responsibility for our neighbour, not just for ourselves, and taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be." With this in mind, we are proceeding with a level of caution by encouraging people to continue with certain practices that have become part of our daily lives, while it continues to be appropriate to do so.

All the following come into effect for services from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## ***Booking is no longer required***

You can just turn up for church – there is no longer any need to book a seat for either of our Sunday morning services: 9am Reflective Service or 11am Informal Service.

## ***Test and Trace***

We ask that you continue to "check into the venue", either by using the NHS Covid-19 App or registering with a member of the Welcome Team as they greet you on arrival.

## ***Hygiene***

We ask that you sanitise your hands on arrival and wear a mask whilst in the building.

## ***Social distancing***

We have retained a small section of the church for those who want to maintain a level of social distancing. Do ask a member of the welcome team if you would like to sit in this section. Otherwise you can sit in any of the remaining seats.

## ***Singing***

Yes, we are allowed to sing again in church! Many of us, including myself, are extremely excited about this. That said, I do promise to refrain from singing any solos – that would not be pleasant! Please keep your mask on while singing.

## ***Children's Groups***

From 1st August children will be in church with their parents/carers from the start of the service before moving to the hall for children's activities. There will be no social distancing in the hall and the children will be able to share resources. They will hand

sanitise before entering the hall. Adults on team will wear face masks.

Young children are welcome to join us in the hall and there will be a space for the little ones with a few toys which we will clean after use.

If it's a Holy Communion week, we will return to the church in time so that we can be together as the church family for this.

### ***Recording and Live Streaming***

We will continue to record and live stream services. Parents/carers must be aware that if their children wander in front of the first row of pews they are likely to be caught on camera.

### ***Refreshments between services in the hall***

Fellowship in the hall with refreshments will be reintroduced in the autumn term when we hope to have a team of volunteers in place who are ready to serve in this way.

The usual communications will continue keeping you up to date on what is going on at Christ Church.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Every blessing

Daran



## **Climbing Ben Nevis—by *Tim Lenton***



The first recorded ascent of Ben Nevis was made 250 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1771, by Scottish botanist and artist James Robertson. At 1345 metres (4411 ft), it is the highest mountain in the British Isles. Some 100,000 people now make the climb each year.

Robertson wrote: "A third part of the hill from the summit towards the top is entirely naked, resembling a heap of stones thrown together

confusedly. The summit far overtops the surrounding hills."

Hill climbing was not popular in those days, but the poet John Keats made the ascent in 1818. Scots were not convinced for many years that Ben Nevis was higher than Ben Macdui, in the Cairngorms, but it is in fact more than a hundred feet higher.

The meaning of the mountain's name is uncertain. Some associate it with the Gaelic word for "venomous", but it seems at least equally likely that "Nevis" relates to snow or clouds.

It is in fact the remains of an ancient volcano that collapsed in on itself. Its summit plateau stretches for over 100 acres and contains the remains of an observatory, which was opened in 1883 and led indirectly to the invention of the cloud chamber.



# Christ Church Youth

**Sam Parnell Youth Leader**  
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Some of you may remember that way back in January, I wrote about the Alsager School's Eco Garden, which Christ Church and Wesley Place Methodist Church had been asked to help create.

Whilst far from complete, I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on some of the progress that's been made on the garden by some very hard working Year 7 students, along with some of the school's staff, with myself and Jonny helping with some of the more physical jobs.

Once a boring patch of grass, the garden now features a range of bird feeders, a bug hotel, a dead hedge, some raised planters containing thriving tomato and pepper plants, a herb garden growing in recycled containers, a log border, and the beginnings of a sensory path, and we hope in September to add some prayer/reflection spaces.



This project has provided some great opportunities to work with staff and students in the school, and some of the students who have taken part are also joining in with a kayaking & outdoor activities trip organised with The Oakhanger Project at the beginning of August.



It has been great to see the garden springing into life, and in some ways this transformation has been a reflection of our youth ministry over the past 18 months. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, due to many of the restrictions in place our youth ministry has laid somewhat dormant, and whilst with groups running online it was certainly far from ever being dead, it has been great over the past month or two to start arranging activities and groups in-person again. We've already started to meet new young people, and had opportunities to share our hope in Jesus with them in a variety of creative and exciting ways.



Please join with us in praying that, like the Eco garden, our youth ministry will continue to grow, blossom and flourish, and please do get in touch if you'd like to get involved with volunteering to support our youth work over the next few months.



# Youth Fun Day

FOOTBALL CAGE      GROUP GAMES

NERF WAR      WATER SLIDE

11am-3pm Thursday 12th August

Ages 11-18

Wood park, Alsager

BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND JOIN US FOR A FREE DAY OF  
FUN AND GAMES!

Organised by Wesley Place Methodist Church and Christ Church Alsager  
Email [jonathannewbould@aol.com](mailto:jonathannewbould@aol.com) or [christchurchyouth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchyouth@hotmail.co.uk) for more info



## Christ Church Alsager says Welcome!

UKHK is a new project helping to welcome the 300,000 people expected to arrive in the UK from Hong Kong over the next five years. There are three ways they are working to do this:

- They provide information to newly-arrived Hong Kongers about UK society and how to settle into the local community through their website (UKHK.org) which is updated regularly with guides and information.
- They inspire UK society to welcome those arriving from Hong Kong. This includes encouraging the UK government, churches and other groups, businesses and service providers, to help new arrivals.
- They connect Hong Kongers with people who can welcome them into their local community.

The UKHK website provides lots of information in areas such as housing, health, education and employment and also allows churches to register and create a profile allowing Hong Kongers to connect with a church community before they even arrive. As a registered



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Stoke on Trent

[Detail](#)

church, Christ Church has access to online training on a wide variety of subjects, from welcoming people from other cultures to a fascinating overview of Hong Kong and its people which was created by Hong Kong cultural experts. Any member of our church can access the training, just let me know and I'll create a log in for you. I'm sure you will all want to join me in saying welcome to our new neighbours from Hong Kong.

Aly Ward

# FAREWELL FROM RACHEL

Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe that my time at Christ Church is coming to an end. In September, I will be leaving my role as Children and Families Leader here and going to start training to be a vicar. Living life with Jesus is always an adventure and I'm excited about the new season I am stepping into, but sad to be saying goodbye to this present one too.

I have really enjoyed my 5+ years at Christ Church...

I remember my first day on the job when I had to hit the ground running with a day at the Alsager Carnival – taking part in the parade, running children's activities and meeting so many new people! Since then I have had the privilege to work with and alongside you at church, in schools and in the community. It has been wonderful to get to know you and be part of your lives for this short time – I will miss you! I have so many great memories to treasure from Cherubs Toddler Group, Messy Church, Friday Night Children's Groups, School Lunchtime Clubs and Assemblies, Sunday Services, Knitted Sheep Trails, and so much more!

The past 18 months has been very different for us all! Before then, I never dreamed I'd be creating videos and doing Facebook Live sessions! And though it has been more difficult to meet with you in person, I have enjoyed visiting many of you on the doorstep, joining you on Zoom, sending you notes, messages and chatting on the phone.

Thank you to you all for welcoming me into the church family and the community, for encouraging and supporting me in my role and personally through the highs and lows over the last five years. I will still be living in Alsager for the meantime, so you may well see me around and about, and I know I will keep in touch with many of you. But, as I embark on this next part of my life's adventure, I trust you to welcome with open arms the new Children and Families Leader when they come, just as you have me, and I wish you all the best and pray that you continue to grow in faith and the love of God.

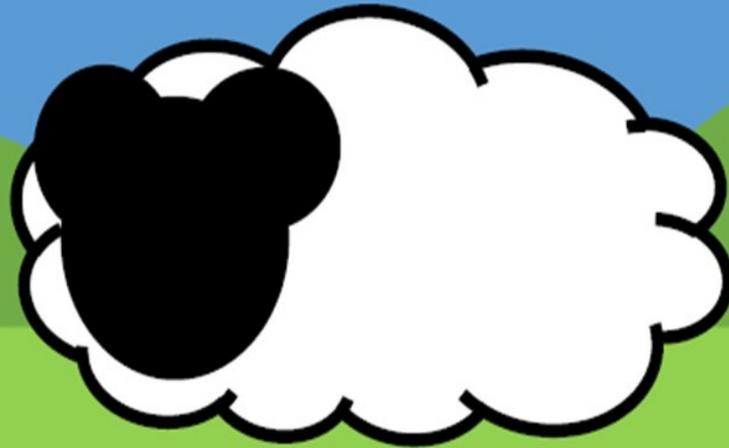
Many blessings,

Rachel



During August, we are setting up 3 different trails around Christ Church grounds, based on Psalm 23, for you to explore. Come along in your own time, and wander and wonder together as a family.

**Psalm 23 Trail 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> • Sheep Hunt 11<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> • Colour Trail 22-31<sup>st</sup>**



Wandering and Wondering Through

Psalm 23



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## A Prayer for Rachel

Father God,

We thank you for Rachel, for her ministry here among us. For her wisdom. For her heart for the children and families of this area.

Father, as she sets out on this new part of her journey with you, would you strengthen and guide her, protect her and fill her with the joy of knowing that she is obediently following your will for her life.

Lord, give her a fruitful ministry and good friends and colleagues who will support her.

We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

# Children's Corner

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
2 Sam 15, 16:15-19, 17:4-22, 18:1-12, 33, 19:1-8

King David had many wives and children. He loved his sons so much that he never punished them or told them off if they did wrong.

Also David had not said who would be king after him.



His son Absalom was very handsome, and he made friends with everyone.



People began to prefer him to David.



Absalom gathered an army of supporters and they headed for Jerusalem.



David and his supporters had to flee.



A few stayed behind to be spies and to give bad advice.



David was able to get away.

The two armies fought in a rocky wooded place.



Absalom was riding through it when his hair got caught in a tree.



Joab and his men killed him.

When David heard Absalom was dead, he was so upset...



..his soldiers were ashamed they had won.



Joab came back from the battle and found David crying.



You should be ashamed! You care more for your disloyal son than for those who risked their lives for you!



# Children's Corner

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## Christ Church Alsager Consultation

Name (optional):

Please circle your age group	13-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
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Score each statement between 1 and 10 (1 completely disagree – 10 fully agree). Do this instinctively to get a feel for the relative strengths and weaknesses of our church. We are in difficult times, but please if possible try to reflect on your experiences both pre and during Covid.

**1. We give a really warm/welcome to our church and people want to come back.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**2. The worship in our church is attractive, inspiring and inclusive.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**3. Our church is a place where everyone grows and matures as a disciple of Jesus.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**4. Our church is well led, enabling people to identify and grow their God-given gifts and talents.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**5. Our church is a place where people grow in their gifts and flourish and vocations are nurtured.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**6. Our church is committed to numerical growth.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**7. Our church makes a difference to our local community and at least one other community beyond.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

**8. Our church is good at making children and young families feel welcome.**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

What is going well?

What else could we do?

*Tick all congregations that you are regularly part of:*

9am in person	<input type="checkbox"/>	11am in person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Messy Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you in a Growth Group?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9am online	<input type="checkbox"/>	11am online	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coffee & Communion	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have children aged 0 - Year 6?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have children in school years 7-13?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do they participate in Christ Church children's activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do they participate in Christ Church youth activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Roast Beef and Giant Yorkshire Puddings

*The secret to getting gloriously puffed-up Yorkshire puddings is to have the fat sizzling hot and don't open the oven door!*



*Cost  
£10 approx*

*Prep 20 mins  
Cook Time 3-5 Hours*

*Difficulty  
7/10*

*Round roasting tin  
Roasting Tray  
Cooking pot or Steamer*

## INGREDIENTS

**Beef!**

*I went for a slow cooked joint -  
0.8kg - Brisket*

*Follow the direction on the  
packet or pressure cook - again  
follow guidance*

*For the Yorkshire Puddings*

*140g plain flour (this is about  
200ml/7fl oz)*

*4 Eggs*

*200ml Milk*

*Sun flour / Veg Oil*

*For the Veg - It's your choice!*

*I used frozen mixed veg to  
make things easier*

## METHOD

**1** Start the Beef cooking

Oven directions - 180° / 170° fan

Place the beef in a roasting tin season and place in the oven for 30 minutes

Then transfer to a casserole dish, your add stock (I use gravy with mustard / seasoning - but its your choice!) and return to the oven for 3 hours

Pressure Cooker Method

I add the Gravy as the required amount of liquid to the pressure cooker, season and cook for approx 1 hour 20 minutes.



**2** Whilst the beef is roasting prepare the Yorkshire Pudding mix

When you are ready to cook the Yorkshire Puds Heat oven to 230C/fan 210C/gas 8 Drizzle a little sunflower oil evenly into 3 x 20cm tins or something similar, you need to fill the Yorkshire Puds with the beef, veg and gravy!

Place the tins in the oven whilst making the batter



**3** To make the batter, tip 140g plain flour into a bowl and beat in 4 eggs until smooth.

Gradually add 200ml milk and carry on beating until the mix is completely lump-free. Season with salt and pepper.

Pour the batter into a jug, then remove the hot tins from the oven. Carefully and evenly pour the batter into the tins - watch out for spitting fat!

**4** Place the tins back in the oven and leave undisturbed for 15-20 mins until the puddings have puffed up and browned - keep an eye on them!

**5** Whilst the Yorkshire Puddings are cooking, Cook the veg - I used frozen mixed, but of course this is your choice!



**6** Is all about timing!

Just before the Yorkshire Puds come out of the oven, Carve the Joint ready to then place in the Yorkshire Puddings You may want to thicken your gravy at this point Now to put the meat, veg and gravy into the Yorkshire Puds!

Enjoy!

**Thank you to Graham Mason for another mouth-watering recipe. So, everyone round to Perry's!! - Ed**

## Oakhanger Church News from Oakhanger



Dear All,  
Oakhanger Church continues to meet for worship at 6.30pm on the first and third Sunday of each month and at other times as advertised.

We are grateful to God for His provision over the past 12 months and thankful for His continued presence as we respond to His call to "Go and make disciples" Mat 28: 19-20.

We now have a resident band who meet weekly and who provided an open air celebration at the end of June. They will lead our open air Christmas celebration at Oakhanger on Tuesday 21st December.



The Community Garden Project has an assortment of vegetables and herbs thanks to the hard work of preparing and planting by members of the Project and the community

Volunteers are still needed for this exciting project which reflects the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of our work and ministry.

The Oakhanger Project Outreach has been active throughout the summer, supported by a growing team of volunteers, and provides canoe, kayak and other activities at Brereton Heath and other venues. We had an amazing day kayaking around Puffin Island off Anglesey where we were joined by local seals.

We are now recruiting young leaders (age 14 to 17) for the Acorn team as well as adult leaders.

A4A (Activities for All) will run on Wednesdays 28th July and 4th, 18th and 25th August providing land and water activities for families.

The Veterans Team will provide survival skills and environmental trails. Canoe and kayak sessions will be provided by trained and qualified leaders.

Contact me at the address below for details of any of any of the above.

I look forward to sharing with you in the weeks ahead.

Every Blessing

Graham



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# What's On?

Something for everyone  
at Christ Church

## BIG BREAKFAST

Mondays 8am to 10am

Only £2 - come along and enjoy a  
great breakfast

## CRAFT GROUP

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Cardmaking, flower arranging etc.  
Contact Debbie Daniels

## BOWLING GROUP

Indoor carpet bowls

Tuesdays 1:15pm to 3:15pm

Contact Tony and Pauline Birchall  
(874353)

## GROWTH GROUPS

Fortnightly (mostly)

For: Friendship, Bible study,  
Prayer, Socials. Ten groups day  
time or evenings. Contact church  
wardens for further details and to  
join. - **PLEASE MESSAGE YOUR  
GROWTH GROUP LEADER  
FOR DETAILS OF HOW YOUR  
GROUP WILL STAY IN TOUCH.**



Call Debbie in the church office  
on 01270 872291



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admin@christchurchalsager.uk



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Facebook:  
Christ Church Alsager and  
Christ Church Families and like/  
follow/share with your friends

All  
Welcome

# BB@C

## Big Breakfast @ Church



Start each week with a  
hearty breakfast  
from **£1.50** per adult  
(£2 for a Full English)  
Children less than £1

Served on

**Mondays 8-10am**  
**Christ Church Hall**  
Church Rd, Alsager ST7 2HS

Plenty of choices  
including fruit juice, tea,  
coffee, cereals, toast or a  
cooked breakfast

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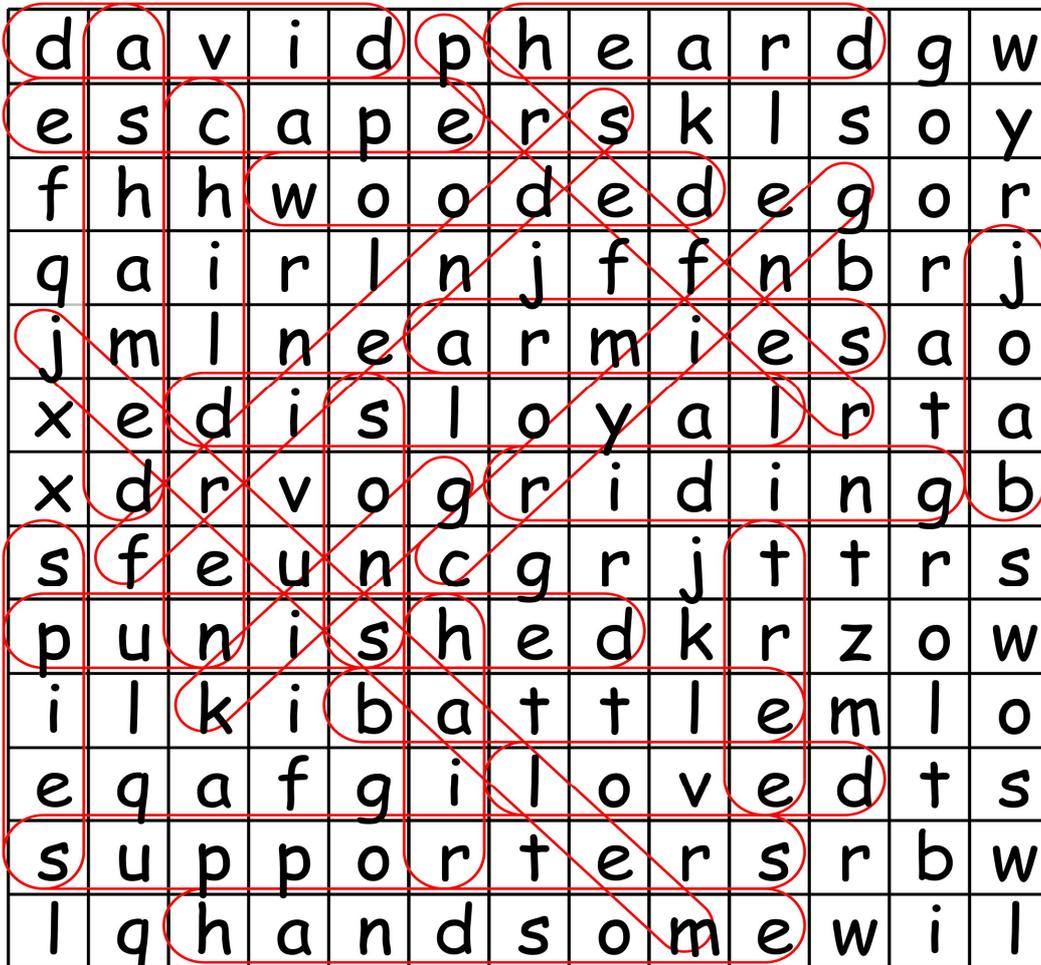
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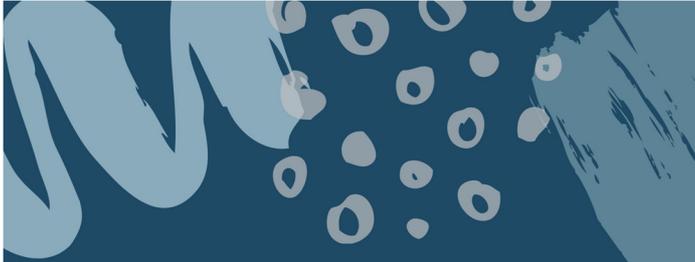


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## Theme: Jesus Speaking in Parables

<b>1th August</b>	<b>The unforgiving Servant. Matthew 18:21-35</b>
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
<b>8th August</b>	<b>The Mustard Seed and the Yeast. Luke 13:18-21</b>
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with communion with children's worship service in the hall
<b>15th August</b>	<b>The Lost Sheep. Luke 15:1-7</b>
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
<b>22th August</b>	<b>The New Wine into Old Wineskins. Luke 5:36-39</b>
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
<b>29th August</b>	<b>The Wise and Foolish Builders. Luke 6:46-49</b>
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with communion with children's worship service in the hall
<b>5th Sept</b>	<b>The Great Feast. Luke 14:15-24</b>
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with communion with children's worship service in the hall
<b>12th Sept</b>	<b>The Top Table. Luke 14:7-14</b>
9am	Reflective Service with communion
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
<b>19th Sept</b>	<b>The Workers in the Vineyard. Matthew 20:1-16</b>
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with children's worship service in the hall
<b>26th Sept</b>	<b>The Tenants. Matthew 21:33-45</b>
9am	Reflective Service
11am	Informal service with communion with children's worship service in the hall

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If you can't make it to church, our 9am and 11am services will be live streamed and also available on our website for you to watch later. Our YouTube channel is:

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