



# *The Magazine*

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**Christ Church Walk  
A lovely time had by all!**

## Be imitators of Christ

Dear friends,

Elizabeth II is 96 and, after 70 years as our Queen, is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and did a full week's work!

It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).



What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: 'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.' Here are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from her faith in Jesus Christ. An inspiration for those of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and commonwealth to 'pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.' Clearly, God has answered those prayers!

What kind of Queen is she? Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching his disciples about leadership, Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors." (Luke 22:25). A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ's own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...". It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ's teaching to her reign for 70 years. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing his disciples' feet.

As we tuck into our 'Platinum Pudding', perhaps we could consider how we too can imitators of Christ. As Paul says, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Yours in Christ

Daran

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Here at Christ Church, we want to be part of the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in 2016, **'Thy Kingdom Come'** has seen Christians from 172 countries taking part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- ***Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ***
- ***Pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus***
- ***Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness***

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities, and networks.

**Specifically, we again invite everyone to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.**

There are many resources to help you pray including:

- The Novena and prayer journal which you can download from the website [New For 2022 | Thy Kingdom Come](#) **(there are some printed copies available from church)**
- The **'THY KINGDOM COME'** app which has daily podcasts and reflections, and space for you to list the names of the people that you are praying for.

***"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."***

**Archbishop Justin Welby**

# Diocesan Lay Conference

I missed Mothering Sunday at Christ Church this year, a bit of a disappointment as I have always enjoyed the special services that day. However I was at a Diocesan Lay Conference in Swanwick that weekend. The theme of this gathering was *“Not just Sunday # Everyday Faith”* and it was the follow-on from a previous meeting five years ago. One place was given to each parish and I went from Christ Church. I set off on Friday afternoon on the longest journey I had taken on my own for three years not knowing anyone else who would be there. I felt truly out of my comfort zone but need not have been anxious for God was with me and ahead of me and with all the others who attended.

We had all been asked to take an everyday object that represented something about us and where, how and with whom we spent our Mondays to Saturdays. We'd also been asked to make a poster highlighting some way in which our churches were getting closer to our communities. I had made one outlining how Chat & Chill had started just two weeks before.

I am so glad I went. It was wonderful to worship in person with 200+ others again! The workshops and sessions were interesting and focussed on knowing and listening to others and God, being the people He made us to be in our everyday situations and encouraging others to do likewise. Our displayed “everyday objects” showed that there were carers, teachers, cyclists, walkers, disabled people, doctors, florists, home makers, mountaineers, grandparents, business people, paramedics and many others among us. We came from so many different situations. Several speakers asked the question, *“This time tomorrow or on Monday what will you be doing?”* I know we have had ***This Time Tomorrow*** times in services at Christ Church before but it impacted me more this time. How are we encouraging and praying for one another as we go from our Sunday meetings out into our everyday activities? Could we do more to support one another? We spoke about this in our Growth Group this week as we considered what it meant to “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone” Colossians 4:6.

## Lay Conference 2022

For lay people across the diocese who want to help everyone to live out their faith every day, not just Sundays.



Our “Everyday Faith” is so important and I look forward to the Deanery meetings to take place across the Diocese from now until the autumn.

Mealtimes and coffee breaks were great times for sharing and hearing about what others were doing in their parishes and beyond. I prayed quietly asking the Lord to show me who to go and sit with and some really helpful conversations opened up. At one meal I sat with two ladies who both turned out to be Church Wardens and had been so for much longer than I have. I learnt much just chatting to them!

On Sunday morning all our posters were displayed and it was obvious that much is going on across the Diocese. Another church had done “Jesus Rocks” at Christmas, many are using their buildings to have community teas and coffee mornings. (*I didn't spot any other Big Breakfasts!*) Food Banks, food deliveries, eco projects, working with local schools on gardening projects. A young youth worker sought me out to ask about Chat & Chill. She had been thinking of something similar and even had a name “Cake ‘n’ Shake”. She was excited and encouraged to know how the Holy Spirit had led Sam and how we had publicised the club. We are all on a journey and it is good when we can learn from the wisdom and experience of others. I was certainly refreshed and resourced by being able to go to the Conference. Krystian’s talk this Sunday about what we have in our hands and how we are to use these things has challenged me afresh and reminded of the conference. As on Sunday, we finished our worship at the conference singing “**Transform, Revive and Heal Society**”. - Jane Askew

## **You could help a Christian child in Egypt learn more about the Bible**

Egypt has by far the largest Christian population in the Middle East. But many of Egypt’s Christians are very poor. In the extremely deprived area on the outskirts of Cairo nicknamed ‘Garbage City’, the vast majority of families are Christian. They make a living from recycling the rubbish that surrounds them.

Recently a supporter of Bible Society was so moved after hearing how the team in Egypt were reaching 10,000 of God’s children with backpacks full of Bible booklets and Scripture resources that she gave generously to double the amount of backpacks distributed last December to 20,000.

The 20,000 children who received the backpacks come from families who would not be able to afford such items without help.

The backpack resources are designed to help the children engage with the Scriptures and build up their hope in Jesus. The backpacks included a board game, puzzle, a Bible storybook and a children’s tract titled ‘Do not Fear’ among other things.

One nine-year-old boy, Kirolus, said, “I never have had a puzzle before, and I am so happy to receive one in my bag. Also, I like to build stuff, and I will put the manger together too. We live in the garbage village and I found some parts of toys, and I like to put them together. Now I have two new things to build.”

If you would like to contribute, please visit <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/>



*Congratulations to  
Her Majesty the Queen  
on her Platinum Jubilee*

Christ Church, Alsager

# Queen's

## Platinum Jubilee Pudding Party

Saturday, 4th June - 7.30 to 9.30pm

Come along with your friends and family to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign. Bring along a pudding from one of the seven decades to share with others, and bring along whatever you would like to drink.

Games and other entertainment during the evening for everyone to join in.

Please arrive from 7.00pm onwards for a 7.30pm start.  
Please sign up so we know how many people to expect.  
Sign up sheet in the Church Hall from Wed 11th May.  
See you there!



# Ablaze Youth Club

**Thursdays 7-8:30pm**

**Games**

**Discussions**

**Activities**

**Trips/Fun Nights**

**Food & Drinks**

**Talk About Faith**

**Make Friends**

**Free!**



Wesley Place  
Methodist Church

**Wesley Place Methodist Church**

**School Years 7-13**

Contact Jonny Newbould on  
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# Christ Church Youth

## Eco Garden Update

Over the past two years, we've been supporting the Geography department and students at Alsager High School with the creation of an outdoor learning environment that the students have planned and worked hard on throughout the pandemic and in the months since. This project aims to help students learn about the environment and how we can better look after our world in practical ways.

What was once an empty patch of grass, now plays host to a bug hotel, a dead hedge, a compost bin, a sensory path, bird feeders, raised beds, and a selection of vegetables like broccoli, beans, cabbages, pumpkins, tomatoes, carrots, garlic, onions, and a whole variety of tree saplings.

Our hope is to create some reflective spaces within this garden to help students to meditate on God's creation, and start to think about what they believe through engaging with this space.





Most recently we have added a memorial garden area to commemorate Calvin Middleton, a Year 11 student who tragically passed away in February. This area has been created for students who knew Calvin to sit and remember, and reflect on their friendship with him.

Whilst I didn't have the privilege of meeting Calvin, it was great to be able to get to know about him through supporting some of his closest friends and teachers in the immediate aftermath of his loss. Youth workers from Christ Church and Wesley Place Church created a temporary prayer and reflection space within the school's library where Year 11 students, and staff who knew Calvin could speak to youth workers, and engage with a variety of activities to help them to remember Calvin, and process his loss. This was widely used, and appreciated by staff, students, and senior leadership alike.

Calvin had a strong Christian faith, and at the time of publication, a JustGiving page has raised over £15,000 for the church where he and his family worshipped, and their work with schools and hospitals in Zimbabwe.

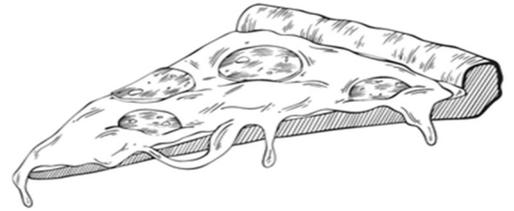
**Thief, Prisoner, Soldier, Priest by Paul Cowley** *published by Hodder Faith 2020*

I heard about this book when I came across an interview on Facebook between Canon J. John and the author and thought it worth reading. The reviews on Amazon and Eden are better than I can produce, but they don't mention a particular rescue of the author and others in what was possibly (must have been) an angelic intervention. This book tells the story of a young criminal who after an army and business career was introduced to Christianity by a most unlikely contact and whose subsequent life story shows how God saves and uses broken people for His good purposes. I thoroughly recommend it. Available through the Cheshire Library Service for a £1 reservation fee as it is not currently held in Alsager. - Ruth Taylor

# TEA ON TUESDAY

Starts  
26th April

4-5.30PM (TERM TIME)  
Christchurch Hall, ST7 2HS



**FREE FOOD - GAMES - CRAFT**

Children and families are welcome to come along. A meal will be provided for families to share such as pizza. There will be games, activities and a small talk. We will also have table talk activities and a time to socialise. This is a club for the whole family.

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## Coffee and Communion

Dates for April and May:

3rd June - No service (Bank Holiday)

16th June

7th July

21st July

If you need a lift, please contact:

Adrienne on 01270 875072 or Pam on 01270 874521

# FAMILY & CHILDREN'S EVENTS

AT CHRIST CHURCH ALSAGER, CHURCH RD

HAVING FUN, EXPLORING FAITH!

JAN - JUL 2022

**FREE!**



Sun 2 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 9 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 16 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 23 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 6 Feb	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 13 Feb	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 6 Mar	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 20 Mar	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 10 Apr	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Fri 15 Apr	10am-12:30	Easter Detectives	in Hall
Sun 17 Apr	11am-12:15	Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt	in Church
Sun 1 May	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 15 May	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 29 May	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 19 Jun	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 26 Jun	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 17 Jul	11am-1	Messy Church and BBQ	in Hall

Messy Church is crafts, games, songs, lunch - for families together

Together are services for all ages with interactive activities & songs

Other Sundays 'Kids for God' for children for part of the 11am service

**YOUTH**

for 11-18s.  
See website

**PARENT  
CHAT**

Mon 10am

**CHERUBS**

Mon 1.30-3pm  
Toddlers/Carers

A lively part of the Church of England. On Church Rd near the High School ST7 2HS

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**Imogen Belicki** *Children and Families Leader*  
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## **Christ Church Children and Families**

During this Summer Term we have a range of activities throughout the week, including our new club; Tea on Tuesday. Come and join us at our regular activities that take place in the church hall during the week (term time only).

### **Parent Chat with crèche: Mondays 10-11:30am**

A group of parents who meet together to chat about life as parents, to support and encourage one another. All parents are welcome to join us.

### **Cherubs Toddler Group: Mondays 1:30-3pm**

A group for parents, grandparents, carers, babies and toddlers to meet together in a safe and friendly environment. You are welcome to join us. Only £1 per child.

- Safe, friendly group with a wide range of toys.
- Baby corner for playing and feeding.
- Interactive story time.
- Crafts – for children and carers together.
- Snacks and refreshments for children and adults.

### **Sunday Activities**

We have something for children at 11am every Sunday at Christ Church. Most weeks, after enjoying drinks and snacks in the hall before the service, we start in church all together for a time of welcome and singing songs. Then the children have the opportunity to go to the hall for activities to explore their faith and have fun! Sometimes we all stay together in church for a fun and interactive time with songs, activities and teaching. About once a month we have Messy Church instead of our usual 11am children's activities. This is run in the church hall for families together where we have lots of fun doing activities, games, songs and share lunch together. **We hope to see you soon, you are most welcome.**

### **Tea on Tuesday**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April, we started a new club for the whole family, Tea on Tuesday. This is a weekly (term time) club that families can join in with together. Since we began, 10 families have been involved. It has been great to play games, create crafts and share a meal together. Between now and the summer holidays we will be exploring different fruits of the spirit through discussion questions and fruit related crafts.

**Please feel free to join us at the Church Hall between 4-5.30pm on a Tuesday evening. For more information and to book please email [Christchurchfamilies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Christchurchfamilies@hotmail.co.uk).**





## Fun, faith and food for families!

Hands on activities for everyone including:  
games, paint, craft, baking, action, family  
challenges

Join us in the church hall at 11am

Booking required via the church office:  
[christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk)

### Dates:

**26th June and 17th July**

# TEA ON TUESDAY



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## Family Events

Noah's Ark  
Family Fun Day  
Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Time: TBC

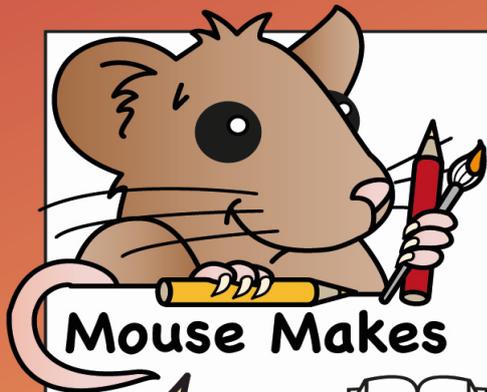
Look out for further details on the  
church notices and Facebook



## Prayer Points

- For the growth of the team
- For the continuation of Tea on Tuesday and that more families join
- For God to bless all those who serve within the Children and Families Ministry
- That seeds of faith and knowledge are sown in the hearts and minds of the children we reach out to this year

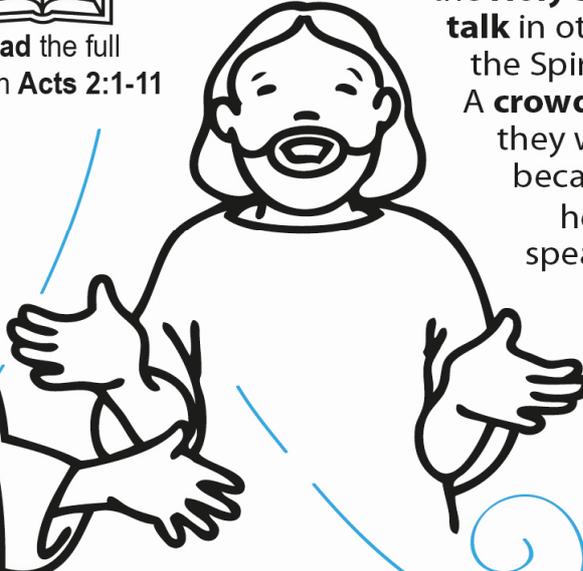
# Children's Corner



## Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

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language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

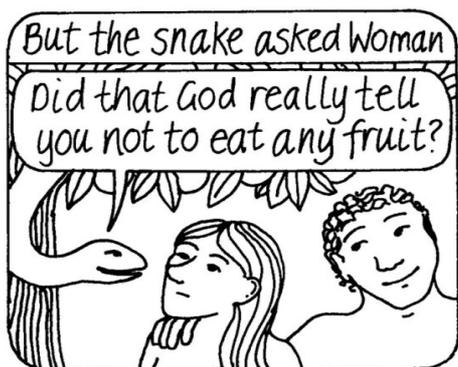
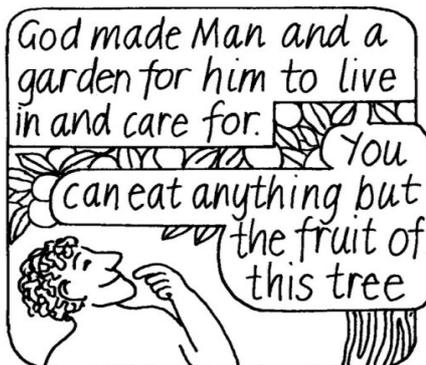
# Children's Corner

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9,15-25 and ch.3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...





Accelerating Community Transformation

## An update from IcFEM Mission in Kenya



**We now have 41 students sponsored** through their education at Dreamland Education Centre (DEC). These students have all their food, stationery and uniform needs catered for. They all attend DEC which is one of the best schools in the area, and it means they have a great opportunity to gain an outstanding primary education. These students would not have been able to go to school were it not for the sponsorship scheme.

One of these students is Hezron (pictured), whose parents have health difficulties, meaning that providing for their family can be challenging. They can plant a few crops on a small piece of land they own, allowing them to provide the essentials for their family. Hezron has eight older siblings.

He has now settled in school and is enjoying making new friends. He has hit the ground running in his lessons, which has meant he has improved academically. When he first started at DEC he was a little behind his peers due to his family background. He has worked really hard to close this gap and is now approaching the level expected of a student his age. When he grows up he wants to be an engineer.

**The work in the wider community** is very varied and continues to bless the surrounding villages. Around Valentine's Day we launched a fundraiser that looked to provide families with beehives and protection suits that they could use to cultivate bee colonies that would produce honey that could be consumed by the family or sold. St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers.

The project was a remarkable success with enough funds being raised to provide at least eight families with beehives that will boost their household income. We are looking forward to purchasing these and distributing them to families in the community.

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# BOARD GAME CAFE & HOMEWORK CLUB

*Free Hot Drink & Cake, Computers for Homework,  
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*School Years 7-11*



*Fridays, 3:15-4:15pm*

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## **ANSWERS TO PRAYER IN IRAN**

Imagine you and your close friends are worshipping at a gathering in your home when you hear a bang on the front door and muffled voices. You look around the room hoping to find a hiding place, but you hear footsteps coming down the hallway. It's already too late....

This is what happened at a church meeting in Rasht in Northern Iran when secret police raided the house in which it was being held.

Two of the church leaders at this meeting were arrested, then released two weeks later on bail of around "£69,000. Morteza Mashhoudkari and Ahmad Sarparast were held at a secret location before their release.

Although CSW is celebrating their release unfounded charges against the men are yet to be dropped.

Christians in the Northern city of Rasht have faced intense harassment by the Iranian authorities for several years and these arrests are emblematic of the regime's effective criminalization of Christianity and other minority religious faiths like the Bahais.



Yousef Nadarkhani was pastor of a large church in Rasht for many years. Born into a Muslim family he became a Christian as a child and never practised the Muslim faith. He has been arrested on numerous occasions and after being found guilty of apostasy in September 2010 he was sentenced to death by execution. He spent two years on death row as he waited for the sentence to be

carried out. Meanwhile Christians throughout the world were praying for him. It is hard to describe how we felt when he was acquitted of apostasy in September 2012 and released from prison. I well remember attending our annual conference in London that year. We were told at the beginning that the programme was being changed to accommodate a surprise visitor later in the day. Imagine our joy when, at the beginning of the afternoon session who should walk down the central aisle in that large London church but Pastor Nadarkhani accompanied by senior staff from CSW. I can tell you, there wasn't a dry eye in the place.

Sadly that was not the end of the sufferings of this humble but extremely brave man. In May 2016 Pastor Nadarkhani and three other Christian leaders were arrested again by the Iranian authorities. In July of the following year they were found guilty of "acting against national security" by "promoting Zionist Christianity" and sentenced to 10 years in prison. This was later reduced to 6 years imprisonment on appeal.

CSW has spent a lot of time and effort lobbying on behalf of Pastor Nadarkhani at the U N and now a ray of hope shines for him and his fellow pastors. The U N Working Group on Arbitrary Detention is asking the Iranian Government for his immediate release describing him as “a target of religious discrimination.” Meanwhile CSW continues to campaign for his release and for all charges against him to be dropped. Please join with us in prayer that he will soon be freed.

The place of prayer is very important to our organization. I know that every day begins with prayer at our head office in New Malden. This is a reflection of the words of our former National Director, the late Stuart Windsor. One of his favourite Bible verses was James 5:16: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

If you want to find out more about CSW please go on the website, [www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk).

And if you want to pray for Christians who suffer persecution go on to the website above, click on “Get Involved,” then click on “Pray” and, if you scroll down you will find our Prayer Diary.—Keith Davies, Regional Ambassador, CSW.

### **Fathers come in five different types**

This month brings Father’s Day. The Office for National Statistics tells us that of the UK’s 68 million people in 2021, 49% are men (33 million). It also tells us that there were 35 million married couples with children in 2021 and nine million cohabiting couples with children. That all adds up to many millions of fathers in the UK.

Of course, there are many kinds of fathers. In a recent study by the (Christian) American Barna Group on fatherhood, they identified five types:

The *irresponsible father*, who “has literally zero involvement with his kids... they don’t even know who he is.”

The *ignorant father* “doesn’t know anything about being a father, and he doesn’t try to learn or improve.”

The *inconsistent father* “is torn by personal ambition. He has the capability of doing better at this fathering thing, but instead he prioritises his own job, career, and hobbies.”

The *involved father* shows up for his kids in a positive way, but “he never seeks to understand specifically who his children are, and why God gave them to him.”

Finally, there is the *intentional father*. He “seeks to understand the children God has given him and wants to form them into young persons who can fulfil their purpose. He sees parenting as central to his call before God and does it with all of his might.”

All these types of fathers are probably present in our own community, and so the categories might form the background for thinking about Father’s Day this month (Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June) How can we encourage our local fathers to make the most of their vital role?

Ultimately, our pattern of Fatherhood has to come from God. As Leith Samuel once said, “He who had always known Him as Father came to address Him as God that we who could only have known Him as God could come to address Him as Father.”

**Oakhanger Church**  
**Oakhanger News June 2022**



## **Jubilee Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022: Celebration Walk (Haslington – Winterley – Oakhanger) All Ages Welcome. Register for full details and map of route.**

Email: [oakchallenge@aol.com](mailto:oakchallenge@aol.com) or mobile: 0799 993 2963

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Jubilee Celebrations start at 3.00pm** *Welcome drinks and opening ceremony followed by afternoon tea.*

**Oakhanger Project Family Activities** *are provided at Brereton and Oakhanger and other venues as advertised. Have fun in the outdoors, learn to canoe or kayak, complete a nature trail, and more .... Canoe and kayak training starts Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Join us for a 4-week course in basic skills. Learn new skills and work as a team to complete a kayak journey.*

**Oakhanger Family Adventure Camps** *will be on the weekends of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June at Rhos-on-Sea and on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at Trearddur Bay, Anglesey.*



*We still need **volunteers** to run activities for children and families during the summer holidays. No particular skills are needed as all training will be provided. Adults will need a Safeguarding check. If you are between the ages of 14 to 17 join the Acorns team to train as a young leader and assist in running activities.*

**The Church at Oakhanger** *continues to meet on the first and third Sunday of each month and at other times as advertised. **First Friday Prayers** are now live on the first Friday of every month and on Zoom when possible.*

*For Details of all Oakhanger events and to register for an activity contact Graham on [oakchallenge@aol.com](mailto:oakchallenge@aol.com); Mobile: 0799 993 2963*

Graham Bushill, BEM, MA, Project Leader Oakhanger Project and Oakhanger Church and Community Group - Butterton Lane, Oakhanger, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 5UU. Facebook "Oakhanger Project" and "Oakhanger Church"

# What's On?

Something for everyone  
at Christ Church

## BIG BREAKFAST

Mondays 8am to 10am

Only £3 come along and enjoy a great breakfast

## CRAFT GROUP

Tuesdays 1pm – 3pm

Cardmaking, flower arranging etc.

Contact Dilys Daniels

All  
Welcome

# BB@C

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## GROWTH GROUPS

Fortnightly (mostly)

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Call Debbie in the church office  
on 01270 872291



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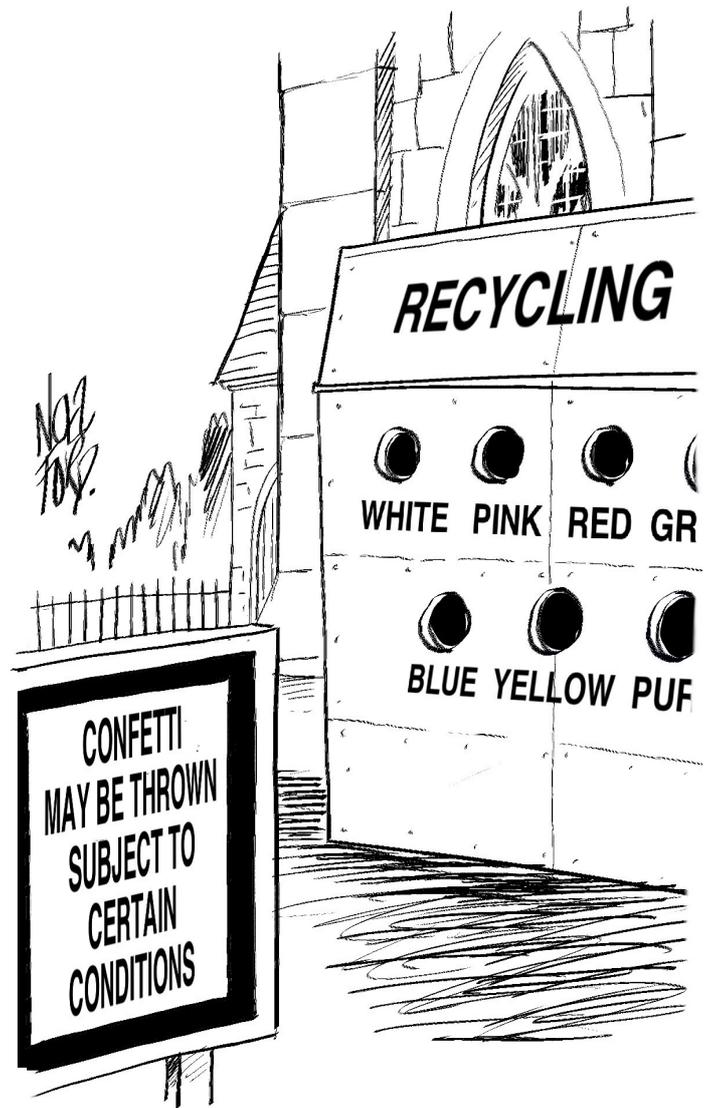
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## Stroke Survivor group

A stroke survivors' support group started recently at the 13 Club in Alsager. If you have suffered a stroke and would benefit from some easy and simple social interaction then do come along. We are a friendly group with no agenda other than improving the support for stroke survivors. John my husband will be co leading the group with me as he has first hand experience of how stroke affects individuals. If you require any additional information please feel free to call me on 07738 626891 or email [strokesurvivorsalsager@gmail.com](mailto:strokesurvivorsalsager@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Susan Wenlock Smith  
GROUP LEADER



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## To advertise contact Debbie on 872291

# Church Services

- 5rd June Pentecost Acts 2.1-21**  
9am Reflective Service  
11am Informal service with children's activities in the hall  
**Theme - Meet the Judges**
- 12th June Samson Hero or Zero? Judges 15**  
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion  
11am Informal communion service with children's activities in the hall  
**Theme - Kindness in our everyday lives**
- 19th June Kindness in Loyalty Ruth 1**  
9am Reflective Service  
11am Together Service
- 26th June Kindness in Generosity Ruth 2**  
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion  
11am Informal service with Messy Church in the hall
- 3rd July Gift Day**  
9am Reflective Service  
11am Informal service with children's activities in the hall
- 10th July Kindness in Redemption Ruth 3**  
9am Reflective Service  
11am Informal communion service with children's activities in the hall
- 17th July Kindness personified Ruth 4**  
9am Reflective Service  
11am Informal service with Messy Church in the hall followed by a BBQ
- 24th July TBC**  
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion (in church)  
11am Together Service in the church hall
- 31st July TBC**  
9am Reflective Service (in church)  
11am Together Service in the church hall

**Online Service**—If you can't make it to church, some of our services will be live streamed and also available on our website for you to watch later.  
Please check the website for details.

Our YouTube channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/chchalsager>

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