

Christchurch



February and March 2012

NEWSLETTER

We welcome all to our church. We seek to be an inclusive, non-judgmental Christian community. We promise to commit ourselves through worship and service to our part in God's mission, sharing in the movement of God's love throughout the whole inhabited earth.

10am Morning services at Christchurch.

Date	Time	Notes	Leader
Feb 5th	10:00	Worship centre	Webb
	10:00	Space	Richards
	18:30 And 18:00	(see next page) Circuit Service	Webb Cosby
Feb 12th	10:00	Worship centre	Thornton
	10:00	Space	Fowler + team
Feb 19th	10:00	Communion	Marsh
Feb 26th	10:00	Worship centre	Warrener
	10:00	Space	Richards

Space worship team.

Paul Richards and the team who organise Space are looking to recruit some willing helpers. We are offering lucrative positions in the following areas: Putting chairs out/set-up, Welcome team, Putting chairs away/clear-up, help organize and lead Space. **Any** offers welcome.

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Please talk to Paul Richards in the first instance.

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness
6.30 Evening Services at Christchurch
Incorporating a variety of Christian Arts



From January – March we will be examining a number of different Biblical characters

Date	speaker	character
5 th Feb	Rev Gordon Webb	Zacchaeus
12 th Feb (communion)	Rev Paul Richards	Nathan
19 th Feb	Rev Dave Appleby	David
26 th Feb	Rev Jill Marsh	TBC
4 th March	Dr John Fowler	Book of James
11 th March	Mrs Sue Sharman	Lydia
18 th March	Mr Luke Caruthers	The Centurion
25 th March	Dr Gill Hobbs	Ruth

The services last for one hour; followed by refreshments and for those with energy to spare, table tennis and pool



Sunday Evening Services

In August 2011 the Ministry team and subsequently the Church meeting supported and approved the development of our evening services. The aim was to maintain the atmosphere that existed in the evening services, but develop it and attract other people from within Christchurch, people from other churches in Clarendon Park that don't have evening services and other people from the local community.

The services commenced at the end of September services and are progressing well. They contain contributions from a number of different people and include; drama, dance, music, film, talks and prayer and even cooking. Themes are explored over a number of weeks and so far we have spent four weeks looking at 'faith', four weeks on 'prayer', two weeks on 'forgiveness' and we have just started a 12 week series when different speakers will be exploring different biblical characters. There is a wonderful atmosphere of worship in these services and a real sense of God speaking through the various forms of worship. Definitely a service to invite your friends to. After the service there is usually a tasty snack being served from the hatch and table tennis / pool for those with energy to spare. At a time when many churches are cancelling their evening services we have one that is growing.

John Fowler



TRINITY METHODIST CIRCUIT

Is looking to appoint a part time (7 hours per week)

CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

The role will include minute taking at Circuit and Circuit Leadership Team meetings.

Supporting the Ministerial staff,
Establishing and maintaining statutory records and the website.

We are seeking applicants who are:

Effective communicators with good interpersonal skills;

Computer literate, including Microsoft Excel;

Numerate; Understand accounts and balance sheets;

Good record keeper;

Are able to work alone and on own initiative.

Have an understanding and interest in the Methodist Church.

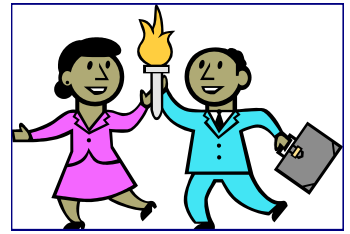
For further information, please write enclosing CV to:

Mrs A Dodge, 31 Woodside Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 4SE

Tel: 0116 2716638 or email terando@live.com

Closing date 1st March 2012

HOME GROUP LENT STUDIES
"HANDING ON THE TORCH"
Sacred Words for a Secular World



Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace - especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow- perhaps - even to survive. In this York Course we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer.

There are five sessions (though some of our groups need two weeks to cover each session):

Session 1 - A Christian Country?

Session 2 - A Secular Society?

Session 3 - A Beleaguered Church?

Session 4 - Competing Creeds?

Session 5 - Handing on the Torch

The speakers on the accompanying CD are:

Clifford Longley - RC journalist and broadcaster

Rachel Lampard - responsible for the Methodist Church's engagement with political issues

Archbishop Sentamu - 97th Archbishop of York

Bishop Graham Stanley - Archbishops' Missioner and Leader of the Fresh Expressions team

Please see me if you wish to join an existing group or establish a new group.

Alan Stead

QUARTER CENTURY

The Parent and Toddler Group was started in January 1987 and in the 25 years we have seen many families coming through the doors to meet with other families. It was started by Janet Webb, Ann Mason, Edna Harris and Jackie Hill. It would not be right to try to name all who have come in to help over the years in case I miss someone out but we say a big thank you to all of them for the work they have done.

The group still meets on Tuesday mornings in term time and we have had families from the local area as well as families from all over the world. It is always interesting to chat with them, though the morning passes so quickly that is not always possible to sit and chat.

Please remember the leaders of this group in your prayer time, for the time and effort that they put into the group and the friendly welcome which they give to them all. I am no longer involved with the group but I wish them well for the future. Helpers are always welcome whether it is to serve the drinks or to be there early in the morning to prepare the room or to help to put the equipment away at lunchtime. The present leaders are Jill Parker and Rosemary Barker with help from Alan Stead and John Parker in setting up the equipment and Barbara Cruse, Cathy Corner and Dorothy Green in serving drinks from time to time.

Mary Parkin

CHRISTCHURCH TRAIDCRAFT

Sales through Christchurch Traidcraft for 2011 reached £9951. This is slightly down on 2010 (£10662) but in the current economic climate all of our customers deserve a big THANK YOU. In fact sales have declined for the last four years from the heady heights of £12131 in 2008. Turnover in £s through the various organisations that used Christchurch Traidcraft are below (2010 figures in brackets for comparison).

Christchurch	5797	(5168)
Wyggeston & QE 1 College	2355	(3765)
Blaby Methodist	640	(501)
Church of the Nativity	420	(449)
Leic. Univ. Computer Centre	90	(319)
Stoneygate Baptist	346	(167)
Great Glen Methodist	303	(294)

Notes:

We withdrew the 'trust' shop in the main staff room at the College due to significant losses hence the reduction in turnover

Our link person with the Computer Centre ceased to be responsible for ordering tea etc. so orders dried up earlier in the year.

Many thanks to Christchurch's members and friends for a significant increase in sales. We value your custom each week and the orders we receive.



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Dear

The growth of the fair trade movement in the UK is a success story for which the church can claim much of the credit. Thank you for the part your church has played in helping to make the UK the world's largest fair trade market.

It's a great achievement and one for which we give thanks to God. But the job's not done, which is why we need our church supporters more than ever.

The spread of fair trade into the mainstream – which we helped pioneer – is giving hope and opportunity to millions of small-scale growers and their families.

However, supermarkets deal in large volumes so they can only work with producer organisations that have already achieved Fairtrade certification and with the capacity to supply them in the quantities they need.

That offers no opportunity to those commodity producers who are not yet at the Fairtrade Mark level – but would like to be – or to the millions struggling to support themselves and their families making crafts, textiles, jewellery, ceramics, or paper and card products, for which no Fairtrade Mark yet exists.

As a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft directs much of its efforts towards these poor and marginalised producers, working with them to help improve their products, refine their techniques and develop their small businesses in ways which will allow them to gain their share of the global fair trade market.

People selling Traidcraft products in churches around the UK are a vital part of that picture. As well as providing a significant proportion of the income that pays for the work we do with producers, they are a “shop window” for our Christian values and our response to the scriptural call to seek justice for the poor. As such, they play a powerful role in our advocacy and outreach towards the church community – and to the world beyond the church doors.

We are earnestly asking you and your congregation to continue your support for our work by supporting your local Traidcraft Fair Trader or outlet – and through your excellent example, encourage other churches to do the same.

If you would like to know more about our work and how your church can engage with it further, please contact our Church Relations Manager Peter Collins on 0191 4976465 or email him at peterc@traidcraft.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

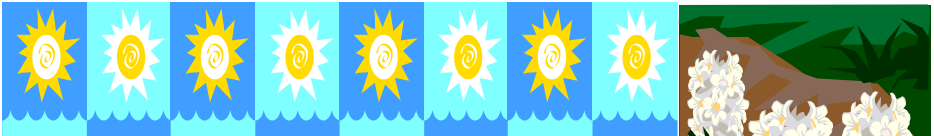
Paul Chandler
Chief Executive

Music Concert - Saturday May 12th -

A date for your diary

A musical concert that you and your friends will enjoy. Featuring musicians from the medical consultants of the paediatric unit at the LRI, some Irish folk by 'Kupon Tay', the young voices of Bethany and friends, the beautiful classical voice of Marie O'Connell and other special guests. The tickets will be £10 which includes light refreshments. All the money raised will be split between two charities. One is a group I am currently working with, which is supporting the development of medical and nursing education in Gondar, Ethiopia and the second is to support a school in South Africa. The evening will include two short talks and DVD clipage on the work in Ethiopia and South Africa. This will be a wonderful musical evening, give the date to your friends and please support it.

John Fowler



Thanks!

Paul and Hilary would like to say a big thank you for the lovely Hyacinths we received for Christmas and to also thank the willing helpers who must have spent many hours in preparing so many bowls. It is so much appreciated.

Drop-in for a light lunch. Treat yourself. Let US cook your lunch!

Our Saturday drop in cafés will be in operation again on March 3rd. from 12.30

We will hold the following cafe on the last Saturday of the month, 31st March.

Due to Easter being so early, we will not hold a café in April and to avoid bank holiday weekends will thereafter hold the cafes on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of each month as follows: [3rd March and 31st March as mentioned above] then

12th May

9th June

JULY holidays

NO CAFÉ

11th August

8th September

13th October

10th November

and lastly 1ST DECEMBER to avoid the

Christmas rush

We prepare a selection of homemade and Heinz soups, rolls, jacket potatoes with traditional fillings, quiches with salad and fruit pies, crumbles, trifles and homemade cakes with tea coffee and squash.

All proceeds go to the Children's charities Action for Children and Spurgeon's Childcare. Please come and join us and bring your friends.

Sue Eyre

Banner Group—date for your diary...

The Banner Group invite you to a COFFEE MORNING (£1) with Crafts and Cakes.



**10am to 12noon on Wednesday 15th February at
3 Shanklin Gardens.**

Proceeds to AIGBURTH Amenity Fund.

Message from Peter Crowdell

We have received the following message from Peter Crowdell (son of Shirley and Ivan). We thought that the best way to bring it to the attention of Shirley's friends was to publish it in the newsletter and Peter agreed.

Norman and Margaret Curry.

The 2012 London Marathon marks two years since my mother passed away with a brain tumour. Her bravery and dignity in the difficult final months will stay with me forever. She never stopped giving and she was truly an inspiration.

Macmillan nurses were incredibly supportive to my mother at the most challenging of times and they made a big contribution to her quality of life. Now I want to show my gratitude by raising at least £2000 for them and I'm hoping you can help me.



This will be my first marathon: In the last two years, I've rediscovered my love of running after 20 years of thinking I was past it. Now, as the lucky recipient of a highly coveted golden bond place I'm indebted to Macmillan Cancer Support for placing their trust in me and for allowing me to raise money doing something I love.

My son Tom won't remember his Granny (he was only 5 months old when she died) but by taking-on this challenge I'm also hoping to show him the value of her generosity and concern for others.

I hope you'll consider helping me to achieve my fundraising target by sponsoring me at <http://www.justgiving.com/petecrowdell> - even just £5 will spur me on through my winter training programme and take me another step closer to my goal. Alternatively, if you'd prefer not to donate online then you're welcome to send me a cheque at 62 Grange St, St Albans, Herts, AL3 5LY.

Finally, I'd be really grateful if you could forward this message to any other friends of my Mum I may have missed

Many thanks and Best Wishes,

Peter Crowdell 07852 719254



FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT
FEBRUARY 27TH -MARCH 11TH

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT is coming around again. Last year we did Christchurch proud with our bunting. The last heard about the bunting it had gone to Brussels. I haven't heard anything since.

This year the theme is taking steps however small to changing over to Fair Trade. The idea will be to decorate templates of footsteps indicating how we have taken steps to moving over to Fair Trade.

Once I have the pack of information I will be letting people know with details on the notice board and in the weekly notices of what we are doing at Christchurch. I am hoping we can do something similar to the bunting by producing examples of steps that we can display and photograph for our records.

KNIGHTON TRADE JUSTICE GROUP

This group is made up of a number of local churches of different denominations including Christchurch who meet on a regular basis to discuss issues particularly around Fair Trade.

We are holding an event on Saturday 25th February outside the Deli on the corner of Francis Street and Allandale Road From 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon where we will be giving out Fair Trade teabags and small samples of Divine Chocolate. We are being supported by the Deli and by Bradys Fish and Seafood Market on Allandale Road who will help us give flyers out.

We really hope you can support us with this event by coming down to Francis Street/Allandale Rd on Saturday the 25th February about 10.00 a.m -12.Noon

Saturday 25th February 7p.m.
AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIC FAMILY FUN

Action for Children Leicester South Support Group are organising an early evening family fun activities session at Christchurch Clarendon Park including a beetle drive, community sing song, quiz and other nostalgic family games.

Light Refreshments will be provided. Make a note in your diary
Sue Eyre

DUSTING

There is another rota which many people do not realise is around which is for dusting the church and generally tidying up any old papers etc. At the moment Jill Parker has taken over the making of the rota and there are not many people who are listed. If you feel you could give an hour or two every three to four months (yes I said months not weeks!) to be on this rota Jill will be pleased to hear from you. This work is done once every two weeks and involves a dust of the chairs and furniture not forgetting the baptis-tery and making sure there are no out of date notices etc around.



Mary Parkin

Draft Job Description re Christchurch Junior Church Leader. (December 2011)

Chair Junior Church Team Meetings and offer Opening Devotions (This can be shared with other members of the team).

The Junior Church Team meetings take place three to four times a year; January, May, September and one near to Christmas – re planning for the Junior Church's involvement in a 'Nativity' service.

The Junior Church Team Leader represents the Team at the Ministry Team meetings – though the structure of the Church Leadership is currently going through a process of change, hence the exact expectation is not clear at present.

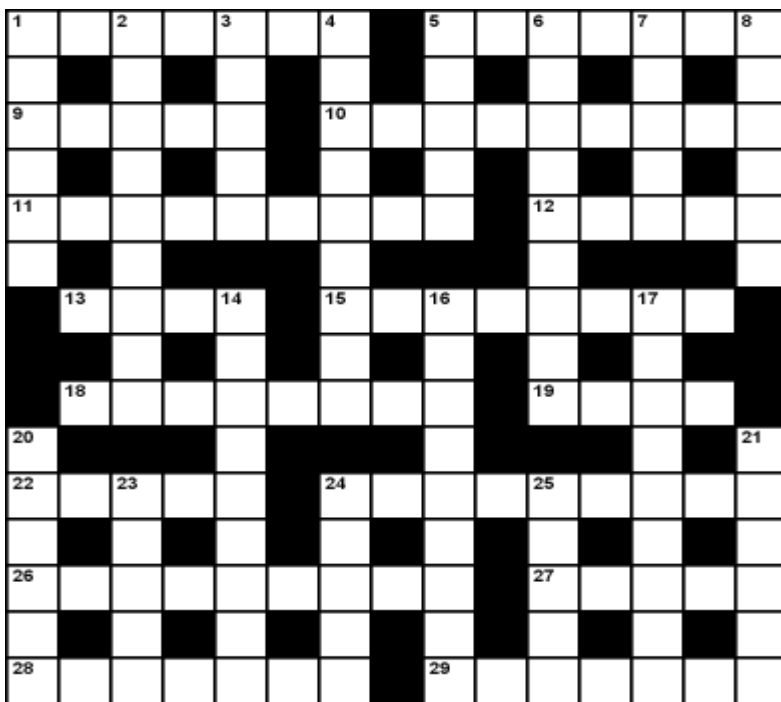
The Leader is the contact person for anyone wishing to find out the details of Junior Church, i.e. what teaching materials are used for the sessions and Safeguarding issues.

To be aware of any new families/children coming to the Church: that they are welcomed and offered Junior Church opportunities during the morning service.

Ensure that there are sufficient Junior Church Staff to accommodate the needs of the Church sessions.

Additional tasks are; writing a report for the Annual General Meeting document, involvement in planning a Christmas outing/party and summer outing/s and either creating or delegating the job of preparing an Advent Ring for the Advent season.

New and creative ideas of being Junior Church are very welcome. We seek to share the knowledge of the Bible's wisdom in the most positive and joyous way possible with the children – preserving the teaching of the Bible as soundly as is possible.



Entries to the Ashers, Prize for first submission!!

ACROSS

- 1 Desperation; Praised (anag) (7)
- 5 God, doing this on day 7 (7)
- 9 More refined (5)
- 10 One of Paul's letters (9)
- 11 Uncared for (9)
- 12 Encamp against city (5)
- 13 Charitable giving (4)
- 15 Consecrated (8)
- 18 Abraham received these (8)
- 19 Jesus raised in 3 (4)
- 22 Colour found only in Ezekiel (5)
- 24 Someone who shields (9)
- 26 Continuance of life (9)
- 27 Grind together (5)
- 28 Unusual (7)
- 29 Athalia's cry (7)

DOWN

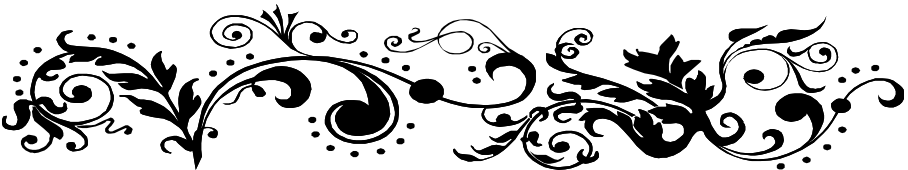
- 1 Rely on (6)
- 2 Tail-ender (9)
- 3 Be in harmony (5)
- 4 Not wicked (9)
- 5 Reigned (5)
- 6 Contented (9)
- 7 Picture (5)
- 8 Good news (6)
- 14 The first, first-aider? (9)
- 16 Fradulent (9)
- 17 Slain by Moses (9)
- 20 They get the hump (6)
- 21 Parentless (6)
- 23 Prickly shrub (5)
- 24 300 bought ointment to anoint Jesus (5)
- 25 Keen-sighted bird of prey (5)

Flowers



Feb 5th	Joan Willder	Andrew Curry
Feb 12th	Janet Asher	
Feb 19th	Chris Whitford	
Feb 26th	Sylvia and Terry Cooke	
Mar 4th	Phillida Harrison	Ken Banyard
Mar 11th	Phyll Sims	
Mar 18th	Gill Hobbs and Joyce Wells	
Mar 25th	Katie Stead	
Apr 1st	Annette Fowler	Geoff Warrener

Help with arranging flowers is available from Rosemary Barker in February and Sue Williams in March.



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Coffee Rota 2012.



Feb 5th	Brenda Bell, Jean Jeffrey, Joyce Thornton
Feb 12th	Ken Banyard, Betty Dyrda, Joyce Wells
Feb 19th	Leila and David Hides, Maureen Wood
Feb 26th	Joy Mellors, Diana Musgrave, Kath Parsons
Mar 4th	Andrea Morris, Jackie Littler
Mar 11th	Janet Asher, Annette Fowler, Shirley Baxendale
Mar 18th	Chris Whitford, Sue Williams, Gill Hobbs
Mar 25th	Amanda Youngman, Jenny Whillis, Paul Hull
Apr 1st	Olwen and Roger Simons, Brenda Lane

Please remember a cuppa for the preacher as well as a tray for the vestry and communion stewards (if any) and please take the nett coffee money afterwards to the vestry.



April/May Newsletter

This will hopefully be distributed on Sunday 1st April 2012.

Any copy must be sent to Mark & Kathryn Asher by 12 noon on **Friday 23rd March 2012** latest but preferably before.

We will endeavour to acknowledge the arrival of copy received via e-mail (markath1@mkasher.wanadoo.co.uk).

Rev. Paul Richards (2706263)

Rev. Jill Marsh (2705342)

Rev. Gordon Webb (2593005)

CHRISTCHURCH ACTIVITIES ~ you are warmly invited to these.

Please phone the contact person for details.

- SUNDAY 10.00 MORNING WORSHIP with crèche
10.00 SPACE Alternate weeks in the Hall
Junior Church Team Leader: Sue Williams (270 4702)
6.30 EVENING WORSHIP
- MONDAY 9.30 Playgroup (school terms): Janet Tibbey (07890907394)
6.00 Rainbows: Ruth Smith (2214905)
7.30 Guides: Fiona Weir (2703540/07914 671492)
7.00-9.30pm Pik'n'Mix at 70 Gartree Rd for anyone who likes
to do anything crafts/arty/cooking/reading etc
8.00 Home Group*
- TUESDAY 7.45 Half-hour Prayer meeting: Alan Stead (270 2244)
9.30 Parents & Toddlers (school terms): Jill Parker (2882109)
12.30 Luncheon Club for the Elderly: Olwen Simons (2711018)
2.30 Tuesday Fellowship (4th Tues. Sept-June):
Mary Parkin (270 6874)
7:30 Tuesdays at Sansome's (Discussion, Curry and quiz)
8.00 Home Groups*
- WEDNESDAY 9.30 Playgroup
2.00 Evergreens (March-Nov): Leila and David Hides (292 9747)
2.30 Ladies Miscellany (2nd Wed. Sept-May): Brenda Bell
(2882509)
7.30 Wesley Guild (Oct-March): Trevor Forster (270 4014)
- THURSDAY 9.30 Playgroup
10.30 Home Group
8.00 Home Group
- FRIDAY 9.30 Playgroup

* Home Groups Contact: Alan Stead (270 2244)

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