

From the Editor's Den

Rotas and Roles

It's rota preparation time at church! Chris and I have been planning the next quarter's service leaders and preachers – we are blessed to be able to use our own in-house and several willing local visiting speakers. Rachel, our Administrator, is also working on the one for Fridays and the churchwardens on our 'support team' rotas.

There can be much to consider and co-ordinate when putting even the simplest rota together – what kind of service, who is available and when (and not), what they are suited to and how evenly they are shared out. It can take a lot of time, thinking, re-thinking, drafting and redrafting. And of course, nothing is ever perfect!

But this is nothing compared to God's infinitely masterful design. He imagined, planned, created and sustains absolutely everything that exists – nothing happened or happens without His total and perfect knowledge and understanding. Consider these scriptures:

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond finding out! Who has known the mind of the Lord?” (Romans 11:33,34a)

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

“God works out everything to its proper end.” (Proverbs 16:4)

“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”
(Colossians 1:17)

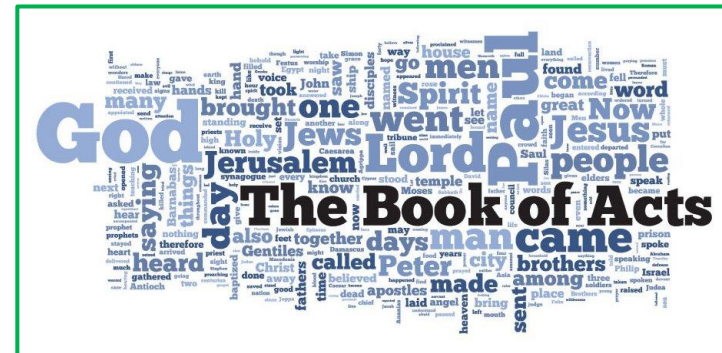
Have you offered God your full availability for the roles He has for you in His perfect plan?



WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way of spotting the main themes of a Bible book. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read The Acts of the Apostles

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LYRICS FOR LYFE A – Z

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

V: from 'Vast as the ocean (Here is love)'

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Reminder
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“**NO ENTRY**” unless you're a helper

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PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Wednesday morning please

Previews

6.30pm EVENING FELLOWSHIP Video ‘The Lord’s Prayer’

ADVENT: Services & Activities

Sunday 8th December, 10.30am: Christingle all-age service.

Saturday 14th, 11am–1pm: Christmas Craft, Coffee, Chat & Cake.

(aimed at adults but children welcome). Bring your friends!

Friday 20th, 12.00pm: Carols at Middy.

12.30pm: Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Carols.

Sunday 22nd, 6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight.



Pointers

Free to Good Homes

Graham Dyer has a large surplus of foreign stamps in his world



collection which he wants to give away (or for donations in aid of Christ Church). Choose from old or modern individual and pictorial sets – in other words, “all sorts”.

Suitable for ages 7 to 77. Why not try introducing a youngster to philately this Christmas? I also have easy-to-use, modern style albums, great for sorting and arranging a collection (no hinges!).

Prayer

Saltmine’s “Jack and the Beanstalk”

Please pray for the cast as they present the Gospel, and for the audience they will be reaching here during Wednesday evening.

FazBuzz

The latest newsletter from our mission partners Helen and Megumi Fazackerley of their life and work in Malawi is now available in the Foyer.



Today 24 th November	10.30am Service of the Word + Baptism 12.30pm Zimbabwean Church 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video:: “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6:9-15) 6.30pm Youth Group Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	10.00am–5.00pm Library ‘Click & Collect’ 7.00pm Online Prayer Group Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	09.30am–4.00pm Library ‘Click & Collect’ Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	10.00am Lion Club 1.30pm–3pm Community Carnival meeting 6.30pm Saltmine’s ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	10.00am–5.00pm Library ‘Click & Collect’ Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am–2.00pm Warm Place 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday 1 st December	10.30am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 21: 25-36 12.30pm Zimbabwean Church 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm Youth Group

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