Christ Church Weeklye News 9th February 2025

Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

From the Editor's Den

Vacancy News!

Our patron, CPAS, have accepted an application for our vacant post of vicar, who will be interviewed here on Tuesday, March 4th.

Patronage

Patrons of Anglican churches are those who find and present candidates for the ministry of a parish. Before our parish was combined, Christ Church's patron was the Bishop of Worcester and Stambermill St. Mark's patron was CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society). Since then, they have taken it in turn to find candidates to present for interview.

Church Pastoral Aid Society

Since 1836 the evangelical aims of CPAS have included:

"enabling those who are far from Christ to be reconciled to him" by "helping to resource churches to that end" . . . and being currently "motivated by and teach our faith in alignment with the Anglican Evangelical Assembly's basis of faith." (See the CPAS website)

Whichever patron is acting, the local church requests the type of ministry it wants exercised – in our case evangelical since the 70s.

The Interviewers

The panel will consist of (a) our two Parish Reps elected by the PCC (Stefan Inglin and Graham Dyer), (b) CPAS staff and (c) Diocesan reps plus sometimes the local Deanery Area Dean. We are provided with copies of the candidate's application and references beforehand and the Parish Reps have the power of 'veto' even if the others would accept.

Announcements

Only when the successful candidate's current congregation can be informed will simultaneous Sunday announcements of their name be made and the actual start date can take three months.



WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way of gaining an overview of a Bible book. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this New Testament letter.



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"TOP TWENTY" BIBLE TEXTS COUNTDOWN

Source: BibleStudyTools.com

13. Deuteronomy 31:8

"The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Top 20 most popular Bible verses according to online search rankings.

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PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Thursday morning please

Previews

Sunday Evening Fellowship Video, 6.30pm. This week's subject on "Knowing the Holy Spirit" is "*The Sustainer*" based on 1Corinthians 15:42–49 and 2Corinthians 3:18. Everyone welcome – or find the link on the Christ Church members' Facebook page.

Tuesday (11^{th)}) 12.20pm. **Trudi Jones' Funeral** at Stourbridge Crematorium. Anyone who would like to attend will be welcome.

Thursday (13th) 1.00pm-3.30pm **ALPHA** for ten weeks. (12noon to 2.30pm from the following week onwards)

Thursday (13th) 7pm to 9.30pm. **Women's Muslim–Christian Dialogue Group** in the Youth Room. Contact Sally Kent for details.

Ellen Zair's funeral will be held at 4.10pm on Friday 28th February, at Stourbridge Crematorium. She was one of our attenders at Open Door. Please let Chris Kent know if you'd like to attend.

Pointers

CPR & De-fib Training Session - Mon 17th Feb, 6.30pm—8pm at Kingswinford Royal British Legion. All welcome to learn about CPR and how to use an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator and a Bleed Kit. Free – no need to book!



Prayer

Vacancy Praise God that an applicant has chosen to apply for interview for our next vicar. Pray for him and his family. Also for our parish reps, Stefan and Graham, who will be interviewing with CPAS and Diocesan officials, and for the preparations for the day.

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Today February 9th	10.30am Service of the Word 11.00am Zimbabwean Church	
	6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm Youth Alpha	
	Pray for newcomers and visitors to church	
Monday	7.00pm Online Prayer Group Pray for members of the PCC	
Tuesday	12.20pm Trudi Jones' Funeral at Stourbridge Crematorium	
	Pray for our Administrator and volunteers	
Wednesday	10.00am Lion Club	
	Pray for leaders and our church groups	
Thursday	1.00pm–3.30pm Alpha Course (Wk.1) 7.00pm Women's Muslim–Christian Dialogue Group Pray for external Groups using the Church	١
Friday	11am–2pm Warm Place 12.00pm Midday Worship	
	Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese	
Saturday	Pray for our prospective vicar applicant	
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	10.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Zimbabwean Church	
	6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video 6.30pm (No Youth Group)	