



## Bear fruit for the future

*A harvest appeal from Christian Aid*

This harvest, as we celebrate God's bountiful creation, Christian Aid is standing alongside communities in Brazil whose most important harvest is under massive threat.

Did you know that every Brazil nut you've ever eaten was gathered from wild trees in the Amazon rainforest? They cannot be cultivated: they do not survive without the complex forest ecosystem and are dependent on particular types of bees, orchids and rodents that live there.

Every March, Bebé Albenize and her community work incredibly hard gathering Brazil nuts from the rainforest. These nuts play a central role in the life of the community, who live in poverty. They provide vital nutrients in a place where up to 10% of children are malnourished, and they are virtually the only source of income for buying essentials like medicine. Without the nuts, life would be almost impossible for the community, and yet the rainforest is under threat from

mining and logging companies. That's why Christian Aid partner the Pro-Indigenous Commission of São Paulo (CPI) is helping the community gain the legal rights to its land.

Christian Aid's regional coordinator for Somerset, Gillian Alexander, said: "This autumn as I speak in churches and to Christian Aid groups, we will be remembering CPI's work, Bebé's community and their struggle to protect this complex and fragile creation.

"There is much to be thankful for but a great deal to be done. As Bebé herself said: 'Pray for us to find a way to make a living from the Brazil nuts and continue living here on our lands'."

For information about Bebé Albenize and her community, visit Christian Aid's website [www.christian-aid.org.uk/harvest](http://www.christian-aid.org.uk/harvest). There you'll find a slideshow of photos illustrating the lives of the Quilombola community and hear some of their music. Donations to the harvest appeal will support Christian Aid's work in Brazil and around the world.



Brazil nuts are gathered from the rainforest.

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Bebé Albenize is well-known in her community for her knowledge of where the Brazil nut trees grow.

# Living with Dementia

By Angela Townshend

Many of you read the article about Ned and me in the Daily Mail in July. That article has produced several letters, e-mails and some contacts with old friends living in Australia! Three individuals have asked to come and see me because they are in a similar situation. I allowed the article to be published because I felt that many people did not begin to understand what it meant to have been a married couple, totally in love, who bit by bit lose the relationship, the intimacy and the joy of being together because of an illness.

Ned had been ill for about two years and had been given early retirement in 2005 but we had no firm diagnosis until the Spring of 2006, when we had moved to Guildford. Our new GP saw Ned almost straight away and within weeks Ned had seen the neurologist and been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. This was a blow to us both. The Parkinson's nurse came to see us and asked me, "Are you a patient person?"

I replied, "No."

"You will have to learn to be!" she said. Those of you who know me can probably tell that I haven't learned that lesson very well!

A few days after the diagnosis a clergy colleague asked how I was coping. I said, "I am okay, but I think it is more than Parkinson's."

Two years later Ned was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. It is a difficult illness to diagnose, as it is caused by minute "bodies" in the brain that can be seen only under a microscope at an autopsy. This causes the loss of brain cells which cannot be replaced. Symptoms of this sort of dementia include loss of memory, hallucinations, confusion and problems with speech and understanding.

We have been at Christ Church for almost two years now and we are very happy in our new spiritual home. You, like me, will have seen how Ned has deteriorated, and every day I grieve for the lovely man that I wish you had known. You had a glimpse of him when he presided at the Eucharist to celebrate his 70th birthday in April. We have received a lot of care from people at Christ Church who have seen beyond the illness to the gentle, wise and loving man Ned is.

"As a carer, it's really important to treat the person with dementia with kindness and respect and never forget that in spite of their illness, the person with dementia is still a unique and valuable human being." (Carers' Trust)

Because I am not a patient person, I often feel I fail, and then that leads to feelings of guilt that I cannot be totally the loving carer I would like to be. It is common to many carers that they are burdened with guilt. It is not the work that needs to be done (99% by the carer), it is the emotional stress



The screenshot shows the top portion of a Daily Mail Online article. The header includes the 'MailOnline' logo and navigation links for Home, News, U.S., Sport, TV&Showbiz, Femal, Health, Science, Money, and RightMinds. The article title is 'The lonely generation: Late-life divorce. Husbands lost to dementia. Or marriages that are just empty shells' by Jenni Murray. It includes publication and update dates (22:07, 19 July 2013), social media sharing icons, and a photo of the author, Angela Townshend. The text of the article is partially visible, discussing the author's experience with dementia and her husband Ned.

You can read the Daily Mail article online at <http://dailym.ai/12Pfvxn>

which is the difficulty.

I sometimes feel angry that God has allowed this to happen, angry that my life, as well as Ned's, has been limited by this tragic illness. But of course God did not allow this to happen! Illness happens because we live in a fallen world. God weeps for us when we are weeping ourselves. If God changed all that we wanted changed, we would be mere puppets. God wants us to have choice, free will, freedom! And freedom means we have to live with the good and the hard. God wants us to turn in love towards him of our own free will.

On the telephone recently a friend told me about a weekend she had helped with at Scargill, a Christian conference centre in Yorkshire. It was for carers and called "Finding God in Dementia". I asked her what she had brought away from that weekend. She said: "One person pictured God, taking those parts of the person he loved that were lost, and holding them until their death when they were made whole again." She also said that several people said how important the intimacy of Communion and the Peace were to them, a physical reminder of Jesus' love for us.

Jesus said "Do this in remembrance of me." He did not say "think or reflect

on this," he said "DO this!" We need to be active in our commitment to our faith. Yes, we need to reflect on these things, read and think about our faith, but we also have to live it out. I need to remember that in many ways I am living out God's care in my care for Ned, and that I have found I can understand more of what others are dealing with, having been through, and continuing to go through, our own problems.

Sometimes I find it so very difficult to be patient and loving. Your prayers and your support are very important.

Some people have asked, "How can we help?" You do help, by looking after Ned on Sunday mornings and sitting with him over coffee. Some have helped practically, and I am always open to someone helping me with DIY or cutting the grass! You can invite us for a simple meal and not mind if Ned falls asleep or drops his food.

Most important to me is being your Priest in Charge, which feeds me and distracts me from the day-to-day difficulties of our situation. I – we both – enjoy being a part of the Christ Church community, and draw much energy from our worship and fellowship. God was at work in bringing me to Christ Church, and thank you for being there.

## Bath Civic Engagement Conference

Life in Britain is changing very fast, not least because of cuts to public services. This means the Church is needed more than ever in our communities. This is a great opportunity for Christians to work together to take real responsibility for our communities.

The new Bath Christian Action Network (BathCAN) is encouraging Christians in Bath to be in touch with each other and serve the city together, opening doors to partnerships with local government and other agencies.

As part of this, on Saturday 28 September BathCAN and Somerset Churches Together, in association with the Cinnamon Network, are hosting a conference on Civic Engagement

from 10am to 4pm in the Assembly Rooms, Bath. Together we will explore why and how Christians and Church institutions can be even more involved in meeting the individual and collective needs of our communities.

There will be presentations from local and national speakers, stories about the Church and civic engagement in villages, towns and cities, an exhibition of Christian projects in Bath and beyond, and a forum for networking and discussions on the way forward.

The cost is £10 per person including lunch. There are leaflets at the back of the church with registration forms; or for more details, visit [www.springboardbath.org.uk](http://www.springboardbath.org.uk)

## Talking point

### *“The heart of the matter”: some thoughts on organ donation*

In early July the Welsh Assembly passed a law making Wales the first part of the UK to adopt “presumed consent” to organ donation: adult residents of Wales who die in Wales will be presumed to have consented to donating their organs unless they have explicitly opted out.

Is this a good thing?

Some Muslim and Jewish scholars object to what they see as desecration of the body after death, and a tiny handful of religious groups (Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christian Scientists, some adherents of Shinto) completely reject organ transplantation or even blood transfusion, but the Church of England is strongly in favour. The view of the Church’s Mission and Public Affairs Division, first expressed as long ago as 2007, is that “Giving oneself and one’s possessions voluntarily for the well-being of others and without compulsion is a Christian duty, of which organ donation is a striking example”. Indeed, the Church of England is an official backer of [fleshandblood.org](http://fleshandblood.org), “a campaign to encourage the church to see blood and organ donation as part of its giving” with the aim of increasing the number of donors in the UK. Visit the site and among other things you’ll see a photo of the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, giving blood.

And yet, Dr Morgan, with other bishops and religious leaders, strongly objected to the Welsh legislation.



*The Archbishop of Wales gives blood.*

One major reason for the objection was the specifics of the legislation giving rise to a concern that grieving relatives’ feelings won’t be taken into account. The critical issue, however, is that donation, Church leaders say, must be a free gift, an act of charity. The word *donation* is derived from the Latin for “giving”, and giving of yourself – literally, in this case – is fundamentally different from someone else taking.

Proponents of the new law have argued that something had to be done to help stop people on the transplant list dying while waiting for an organ, as 33 people in Wales did in 2012/13.

Even one needless death is regrettable, but the picture is much more complex. There are already 19 million people on the Organ Donor Register but, according to the NHS Blood and Transplant service, fewer than 5,000 people die every year in the UK in circumstances that would make donation feasible. On top of this, organ compatibility, location and time constraints hugely reduce the number of organs actually transplanted.

Against this, according to a report by the BBC, evidence from other countries with an opt-out system indicates that the rise in the number of donations resulting from such a system is small – in Wales it might mean perhaps just 45 extra organs a year, with no guarantee that they’ll be the organs needed or even that they’ll go to patients in Wales.

It is surely obvious that the greatest good would come from pouring effort into medical research into organ compatibility and viability, the logistics of the transplant system, or just persuading the right people in the right areas to donate. No good can come from governments laying claim to people’s bodies, or dismissing the feelings of relatives. Like other religions – arguably *all* religions – Christianity teaches that the person is more than the physical body, but equally that the body must not be treated as a commodity, even after death.

## Friends and families

The wider Christ Church family continues to grow...At the end of August, Peter and Jenny Gladstone brought their six-week-old son Nicholas Daniel to meet us (or at least those of us who weren't away on holiday!).

In other news, Peter's sister Ali will be marrying her partner Jamie in Yorkshire in a couple of weeks' time, and they plan to have their daughter Erin, who was born in December, baptised at the same ceremony.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to all the wider Christ Church family!



*Speaking of families, Sarah and Iain Cade's son Marcus Iain has become a regular at our 10am Sunday service. We look forward to his baptism in November. (Photo courtesy of Jane Nicholson.)*

## From the diocese

There's no message from the diocese this month. Instead, we're asked to join in praying for the Vacancy in See and all those involved in appointing a new Bishop of Bath & Wells:

*Faithful God, in your providence you lead your pilgrim Church into new adventures of faith: Pour out your Holy Spirit, that all who are involved in the selection of our new bishop may be blessed with discernment, vision and wisdom; And that the one who is your choice will be anointed with all the gifts of that same Spirit to be a blessing to us in this diocese. Trusting in your power to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine, we ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Coming events

*Taking place very soon...*

### **"Seeds of Praise" with Pam Rhodes**

*What is it?* Celebrate with the Mothers' Union, with Pam Rhodes from Songs of Praise  
*When is it?* Thursday 5 September, 2:15pm  
*Where?* St Stephen's, Lansdown, BA1 5SX  
*What can I do?* Tickets are £5 in advance – details from Margaret Burrows.

### **Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis**

*What is it?* Pick apples and enjoy the day in Janet Mahto's garden in aid of Genesis Trust  
*When is it?* Saturday 7 September  
*Where?* Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU  
*What can I do?* Come along at any time from 12 noon onwards, pick some apples, and make a donation for Genesis.

### **The Bath Walk**

*What is it?* Visit up to 14 of the churches, chapels and meeting houses in central Bath in a day, raising money for the FSCC (Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels) fund for the repair and improvement of historic churches and chapels  
*When is it?* Saturday 14 September, starting 10:30am to 12:30pm, and finishing by 4pm  
*Where?* Begin at Eilim Pentecostal Church in Charlotte Street, then follow the route ending at St Michael's Chapel within St John's Hospital in Westgate Buildings, or decide your own route. Total distance is about two miles  
*What can I do?*

- Sponsor Virginia Knight, who is doing the walk in aid of Christ Church and FSCC: she'll have a form in church, or sponsor her at [www.justgiving.com/Virginia-Knight-Bath-Walk](http://www.justgiving.com/Virginia-Knight-Bath-Walk)
- Take part yourself – contact Angela Soboslay (Verger) for a sponsorship form, or
- Be here at Christ Church to greet visitors taking part. Volunteers are needed between 10am and 4pm – even if you can do just an hour. There's a form at the back of church.

### **Christ Church Harvest Supper**

*When is it?* Saturday 5 October. Details to follow, but put the date in your diary now!



## Mothers' Union news

**Sylvia M. Ayers reports:**

Our first successful Cake-Bake, where individuals bake and sell cakes for the MU Wheels Appeal, was held on Sunday 7 July and raised the splendid sum of £61.00. We thank everyone who baked, sold or bought, and we plan to hold another sale in September, on a date to be announced.

Our next celebration of our reinstated monthly Corporate Communion will be in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 4 September at 10am, and will be followed by coffee. We hope that all members of our congregation who are free in the daytime will join us for this short service. Our next Group meeting will be on Thursday 12 September, when we will have a speaker on Transgender Issues.

If members and friends would like to receive the MU Families First Magazine for 2014, you can now order it at an annual subscription of £9.00 for six copies. Although it still seems very early, I can also offer you our MU Christmas cards for 2013 and the

diaries and calendars for next year. The cards come in packs of 10, in a variety of designs, as illustrated on this page. I personally find the pack of 10 single cards the most useful: it costs £3.70 and includes one of each design. There are also two different colour-in cards at 10p each, which are suitable for family or Sunday School use.

The calendars come in two versions: a single A4 double-sided card calendar, costing £1.30, and a larger month-by-month daily planner at £2.80, with five columns to plan family activities. Both are decorated with pictures from nature. The MU Diary, in a dark blue cover, approximately 6x3 inches in size, costs £3.80 and features Christian Calendar dates as well as the usual personal and information pages. I am hoping that the members of our newly rejuvenated group will want to take advantage of at least some of these offers. If so, do let me know ASAP and, most importantly, let me have the payment with your order. I look forward to hearing from you all.

## Mission to Seafarers Christmas catalogue

Christmas might seem a long way off, but the world's seafarers are already transporting gifts and seasonal luxuries so that we have presents under our tree come Christmas morn. While we are celebrating Christmas with our families, thousands of seafarers will be away from home and will be hoping for a Yuletide safe from storms, rough seas and the threat of pirate attacks. With your support we will be able to help some of these seafarers celebrate Christmas in our centres. Our volunteers will welcome them with a friendly face, provide a Christmas meal and, most importantly, enable them to make that phone call home to send "Season's Greetings"

and "Christmas Wishes" to their loved ones.

Purchasing Christmas cards from our catalogue gives you the perfect opportunity to support our work with seafarers throughout the year. As all our cards carry our logo and details, you will be helping to raise awareness of The Mission to Seafarers and generate interest with your friends, family and local community.

The 2013 Mission to Seafarers Christmas Catalogue is now on the shelf at the back of the church for you to see. If you'd like to place an order or have any questions, please contact Sylvia Ayers.



Welcome to the latest edition of *In Focus*, a monthly newsletter from the Church of England. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *In Review*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

## VITAL ROLE OF CREDIT UNIONS SAYS ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN

Church backing for credit unions, including support from the Archbishop of Canterbury in a *Total Politics* magazine interview, has been welcomed by the Association of British Credit Unions Limited. Chief Executive, Mark Lyonette said that the wide community reach of the Church and the skills within its congregations “can help raise awareness of the benefits of credit unions and help them to grow”.

Archbishop Justin spoke about the importance of the local church raising awareness and making community partnerships to enable credit unions to flourish, adding it would be at least a decade long process.

The Church of England website has published a new section on Credit Unions, which [churchofengland.org/our-views/home-and-community-affairs/home-affairs-policy/work-and-the-economy/credit-unions.aspx](http://churchofengland.org/our-views/home-and-community-affairs/home-affairs-policy/work-and-the-economy/credit-unions.aspx)

includes a case study, facts and stats and details of what local churches can do.

Credit Unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives. They offer similar services to banks, including savings accounts, loans, and a range of other services to help their members to save and manage their money responsibly.

Lack of awareness of Credit Unions is one the main factors holding back their growth. Only 13% of people know about the services provided by Credit Unions, yet 60% of people say they would benefit from their services. Churches can help by publicising the Credit Unions among congregations and the wider community.

## PENSION BOARD ANNUAL RESULTS FOR 2012

The Pensions Board has published its full Annual Report and Accounts for 2012 with investment returns either outperforming or equalling their benchmarks.

The Board manages assets in excess of £1.3bn and operates two investment pools for its Pension Funds. The *Return Seeking* pool generated a 10.6 % return on its investments and has outperformed its benchmarks for the past one, three and five years. The *Liability Matching* pool matched its benchmark for 2012, but beat it over the past three, five and 10 years.

The Pensions Board applies all the ethical investment policies recommended by the Church's Ethical Investment Advisory Group, EIAG. It provides retirement services for those who have served or worked for the Church; including retired clergy, Church Workers (staff at cathedrals, diocesan and parish offices and mission agencies) and staff of the National Church Institutions. It also assists in providing retirement housing and nursing home support for clergy and their spouses.

[churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/07/pensions-board-publishes-2012-annual-results.aspx](http://churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/07/pensions-board-publishes-2012-annual-results.aspx)

# ARCHBISHOP OF YORK LAUNCHES LIVING WAGE MISSION

The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, is to chair a new independent Commission on the future of the Living Wage. Bringing together leading figures from business, trade unions and civil society, Commissioners will investigate what potential the increasingly popular concept of a Living Wage holds for Britain's

five million low paid workers. The findings of the 12 month long Commission are poised to shape party manifestos for the 2015 General Election.

[archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/2946/archbishop-of-york-launches-living-wage-mission](http://archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/2946/archbishop-of-york-launches-living-wage-mission)

# COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR WOMEN BISHOPS LEGISLATION

The Appointments Committee of General Synod has announced the membership of the Steering Committee to take charge of the preparation of draft legislation to enable women to become bishops. The Committee will meet a number of times in September and October to prepare the draft legislation for consideration at the November meeting of the Synod. The size and membership of the Committee will be reviewed by the Appointments Committee after this initial phase of work.

As outlined at July's Synod in York, the size of the newly formed committee reflects the suggestion from the Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, urging 'facilitated discussions' to continue. Canon David Porter, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Director of Reconciliation, who guided the facilitated dis-

cussions at Synod, helped advise the Appointments Committee.

## **Steering Committee members**

- The Revd Paul Benfield
- The Revd Canon Jane Charman
- The Revd Canon Robert Cotton
- Dr Philip Giddings
- Dr Paula Gooder
- The Ven Christine Hardman
- Dr Jamie Harrison
- The Rt Revd James Langstaff (Chair)
- Mrs Susannah Leafé
- The Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett
- Canon Margaret Swinson
- The Revd Preb Roderick Thomas
- The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner
- The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott
- The Revd Canon Dr Dagmar Winter
- The Very Revd Vivienne Faull (Consultant)

# LAMBETH AND MAIDSTONE BIBLES RE-UNITED

Earlier this summer two of the finest illustrated Bibles in the country were brought together for only the second time since the Reformation by Lambeth Palace Library.

Dating from the middle of the 12th century, the Lambeth Bible, is one of the finest examples of Romanesque book illustration

in the country. It has been one of the greatest treasures of Lambeth Palace Library since its arrival in 1610.

A second volume which was separated from the original Lambeth Bible during the sixteenth century can now be seen at the Maidstone museum.



# STAFF CHANGES AT LAMBETH PALACE

Changes in the staffing at Lambeth Palace have been announced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

From October, Chris Smith, Chief of Staff to the Archbishop since 2003, will move on to pursue other interests after 10 years of service at Lambeth. “I would like to thank Chris on behalf of my predecessor and the many others who have benefited from his years of loyal service to the Church,” said Archbishop Justin. “I am particularly grateful to Chris for remaining at Lambeth during the changeover of Archbishops, ensuring a smooth handover during this period of transition.”

Kay Brock, currently Secretary for Public Affairs and Deputy Chief of Staff, will become

Chief of Staff, implementing the Archbishop’s strategy, managing Lambeth Palace and having responsibility for the Archbishop’s engagement with public life.

Also in October, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, currently Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, will join the Archbishop’s staff as Bishop at Lambeth, with responsibility for supporting the Archbishop’s work in the House of Bishops, the Synod and the Archbishops’ Council, and being a key point of contact at Lambeth Palace for Bishops. The Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Revd David Thomson will cover the vacancy in the Suffolk diocese until a new bishop is appointed.

# NEW SECRETARY FOR ECUMENICAL RELATIONS AND THEOLOGY

The Revd Canon Jeremy Worthen is to be the new Secretary for Ecumenical Relations and Theology at the Council for Christian Unity.

Based in Church House, Westminster, this is a newly-configured role which combines the functions of the Secretary of the Council for Christian Unity and theological adviser to the House of Bishops and the Faith and Order Commission. Dr Worthen will work closely with the Chairs of the Council for Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission and will report to Jacqui Philips, the Director of Central Secretariat and Clerk to the Synod.

“Jeremy is a well-read and clear-thinking theologian, with a passion for and understanding of ecumenical issues,” said Bishop Donald Allister, the Bishop of Peterborough who

chairs the Council for Christian Unity. “He has proved himself a good manager and team leader in his present role, and will bring just the combination of skills that we need.”

Dr Worthen said: “I am really pleased to be appointed to this pivotal role to help shape the Church’s ecumenical work and theological reflection. My experience in theological education in an ecumenical context has helped me to delight in the Church’s diversity but also to feel pain at its enduring divisions. The call to unity is inseparable from the call to mission, and the Church of England has very significant opportunities to work with other Churches in responding to that.”

Dr Worthen will take up the position in January 2014.

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## ENERGY AUDIT UPDATE

Regular meter reading saves money and energy and underlines the Church's commitment to be good stewards of the Earth's resources for future generations.

*Shrinking the Footprint*, the Church of England's national environmental campaign, launched its national energy audit last year. The aim was to understand energy use in the broad range of church buildings and enable us to benchmark our current carbon footprint of energy use.

## PIONEERING WORSHIP4TODAY

*Worship4Today* - a course for worship leaders and musicians, successfully trialled in 100 church in Sheffield Diocese is being rolled out nationally.

Compiled by Helen Bent and Liz Tipple, *Worship4Today: Part 1: Laying a Firm Foundation* tackles a need for theological training for songwriters and worship leaders and for musical training and effective worship leading for ordinands. It has already been the catalyst for new church services and two contemporary children's choirs as well as giving a boost to existing choirs and music groups.

"The ordering and leading of worship is absolutely vital for the health and vitality of the

More than 400 buildings are the *sMeasure* tool, to collectively monitor energy use. The tool is free and easy to use. Simply sign up and submit regular meter readings at [shrinkingthefootprint.smeasure.com](http://shrinkingthefootprint.smeasure.com).

"Energy use represents a significant proportion of the Church's carbon emissions," says David Shreeve, the Church's national environment adviser. "Our energy auditing programme is increasing the numbers of case studies we have. They demonstrate what positive results are possible."

church," the Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield. "The *Worship4Today* course is a vital resource to train and equip leaders of worship in a mission-shaped church. I have been particularly encouraged by the way in which the course encourages people to use their different gifts and builds up the confidence of those who are initially very hesitant in this ministry."

Co-author Helen Bent says, "Worship feeds us. It brings us healing and restoration. In worship, we encounter God and we are slowly transformed into his likeness. The deeper we go, the greater the transformation."

[chpublishing.co.uk](http://chpublishing.co.uk)

## NEW CHURCH HOUSE PUBLISHING WEBSITE

Church House Publishing's website is sporting a brand new look. It's not only an aesthetic change - the site's designers have been working hard behind the scenes to create new features:

- Look inside books before you buy with Google Preview.
- Find what you want more easily and discover new books with improved browsing and search facilities.

- Use one checkout to purchase products from across the Hymns A&M group.

More features coming soon:

- Buy ebooks for epub-compatible devices such as Kobo, Nook, Sony Readers, and Adobe Digital Editions.
- Enjoy better special offers, including 3 for 2 on selected titles.

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# Christ Church calendar Sept. 2013

<b>Sep</b>	<b>1</b>	Sun	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	<b>2</b>	Mon	Safeguarding training, 7pm
	<b>4</b>	Wed	10am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	<b>6</b>	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>7</b>	Sat	Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis
	<b>8</b>	Sun	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>9</b>	Mon	Christ Church Trustees meeting
	<b>13</b>	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>14</b>	Sat	<i>Holy Cross Day</i> Bath Walk in aid of Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels
	<b>15</b>	Sun	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	<b>17</b>	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting
	<b>20</b>	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>21</b>	Sat	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
	<b>22</b>	Sun	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	<b>27</b>	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>29</b>	Sun	<i>Michael and All Angels</i>
Oct	<b>4</b>	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>5</b>	Sat	Harvest Supper

**Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the “Magazine Editor” pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to [magazine@christchurchbath.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org). For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for September 2013

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	That we may be peacemakers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	For Sylvia and the Mothers' Union
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	For the unemployed
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	For the appointment of a new bishop for our Diocese
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	For those who work in education
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	For the lonely and depressed
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	For Churches Together in Bath Central Zone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	For those who mourn
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	For those who have suffered from terrorism
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	For Angela and Ned
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who work in financial services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	For the Church Council, meeting tonight
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	That we may have the gift of hope
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	For farmers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those who use and run food banks
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	For adoptive and foster families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	For vocations to the ministry
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	For workers in social services

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For the appointment of a new organist at Christ Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	For those on the Christ Church rotas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	For the Home Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	For the work of Julian House
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	For our Junior Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

## Long-term Prayer List

*Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...*

Kay Clark  
 Rachel Sillett  
 June Metcalfe  
 May Palmer  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Margaret Warren

Marjorie Nicholson  
 Andy Quarren-Evans  
 Louise Taylor  
 Rowena Hall  
 John Piper

***Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.***

### *Christ Church Link*

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# Rotas for September 2013

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>1 Sept</b> Trinity 14	<b>Judith Anderson</b> Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18	<b>Bev Pont</b> Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	<b>Dylan Blackshear</b> Luke 14:1,7-14
<b>8 Sept</b> Trinity 15	<b>Morny Davison</b> Deuteronomy 30:15-20	<b>Richard Gabe</b> Philemon 1-21	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Luke 14:25-33
<b>15 Sept</b> Trinity 16	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Exodus 32:7-14	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> 1 Timothy 1:12-17	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Luke 15:1-10
<b>22 Sept</b> Trinity 17	<b>Martin Palmer</b> Amos 8:4-7	<b>Anthony Ridge- Newman</b> 1 Timothy 2:1-7	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Luke 16:1-13
<b>29 Sept</b> Michael & All Angels	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Genesis 28:10-17	<b>Bob Siderfin</b> Revelation 12:7-12	<b>Margaret Heath</b> John 1:47-51

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
<b>1 Sept</b>	Jane Fletcher, David Rawlings	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Martin Palmer
<b>8 Sept</b>	Janet Mahto, Bev Pont	Margaret Heath, Margaret Silver	Rebekah Cunningham
<b>15 Sept</b>	Bob Sidefin, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
<b>22 Sept</b>	Andrew Sillett	Jane Nicholson, Janet Mahto	Canon Angela Townshend
<b>29 Sept</b>	Keri Chivers, David Rawlings	Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver	Penny Edwards

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# About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,  
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty  
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on a Sunday morning, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir. New singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Home Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

## Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
*On the second and fourth Sunday of every month*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people  
*Every Sunday*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong  
*Usually the first Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details*

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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