



Moving forward together

An update on where we've reached and what's ahead

The process of recruiting a new Priest-in-Charge for Christ Church is on track. Following our Away-Day, congregation questionnaire and informal “listening” process, our church profile is taking shape. Barring any hiccups, a near-final draft should be ready for scrutiny by the Trustees and Church Council at their scheduled meetings this month. It should then be possible to finalise the profile pretty rapidly, advertise the post as planned in October and send a copy of the profile to anyone who expresses interest in the job, with a view to holding interviews in mid-November.

As mentioned in last month's *Christ Church Link*, a church profile is not so much a job spec as a description of “who we are, what we expect and what we offer.” The process of discerning all this has also meant there's been some fruitful thinking about what we want to be and where we want to be going as a church. This will no doubt lead to continuing discussion about our activities and our mission.

That said, the last thing this should mean is that we drift in a state of limbo until we have a new Priest-in-Charge. If there's general consensus, as there is in the case of our need to renovate the entrance to the church and toilets, then we should press ahead – recognising, of course, that it would be just as bad to rush into doing something simply for the sake of doing something.

Accordingly, our planned process of consultation will soon get under way to hammer out the details of how best to

improve accessibility for all at the west end and what we want in our renovated toilet facilities. Make sure you let your views be known!

We'll also be resuming discussion on our trial reordering at the east end. Yes, things have rather stalled over the last several months while other, more pressing matters have occupied everyone's attention, but the Archdeacon recently reminded us that our licence to carry out the trial reordering is time-limited. When it expires, we must either apply for a faculty (the Church of England counterpart of planning permission) to make the changes we want permanent or else put everything back as it was. To give us time to decide – and involve our new Priest-in-Charge, when appointed, who may well have views on the matter! – the Archdeacon's licence has been extended until 30 September 2016. Again, make sure you share *your* views!



Watch for a scale model of Christ Church, which we'll use to help visualise ideas for our reordering.

Assisted Dying Bill 2015

Church calls for opposition to “damaging” change in the law

On 11 September, MPs will vote on a Bill that would make it lawful for medical practitioners to assist certain terminally ill people to commit suicide. There are strict safeguards – the patient must be certified as terminal, and must request the aid – but the Church of England and other churches are opposed to the Bill and are urging churchgoers to voice concerns to their MPs.

A statement from the Church says: “We believe that the Assisted Dying Bill has the potential to damage both the wellbeing of individuals and the nature and shape of our society. If enacted, the Bill would put at risk many more vulnerable people than it seeks to help.

“Every person’s life,” the statement continues, “is of immeasurable value and ought to be affirmed, respected and cherished by society. This is true even when some people no longer view their own lives as being of any further value. ... The Assisted Dying Bill would allow individuals to participate actively in ending others’ lives, in effect agreeing that their lives are of no further value. This is not the way forward for a compassionate and caring society.

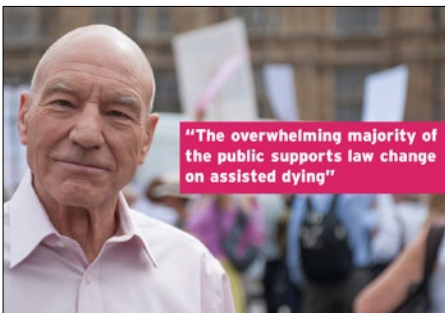
“Vulnerable individuals must be cared for and protected even if, at

times, this calls for sacrifice on the part of others,” the statement says. The elderly or vulnerable, it points out, can perceive themselves as a burden to others. “In such circumstances, the desire to end one’s life may be prompted by depression, external pressure or a sense of duty to others. The provisions of the Assisted Dying Bill would only add to the pressures that many vulnerable, terminally ill people feel, placing them at increased risk of distress and coercion at a time when they most require love and support.”

The Church recognises that the Bill is motivated by compassion but sees it as badly misguided, and naive in thinking that its safeguards would be any more effective than the numerous legal safeguards that already exist in other areas but have manifestly failed to stop abuse of children, the elderly and victims of domestic violence.

“We must choose what sort of society we wish to become,” the Church says: “one in which people are valued primarily for their utility or one in which every person is supported, protected and cherished even if, at times, they fail to cherish themselves.”

Other objections to the Bill include that it will destroy the relationship of trust between doctor and patient. Since ancient Greek times, physicians have sworn the Hippocratic Oath (or a version of it), promising among other things not to give a patient any deadly poison even if requested. Proponents of euthanasia have argued that this cannot mean a doctor must prolong suffering; but modern advances in pain relief and palliative care have steadily made physical suffering less of an issue. For more, including information on how to contact your MP, see the Church of England website at <http://bit.ly/CofE-assisted-suicide>



Campaign groups such as Dignity in Dying have enlisted celebrity supporters like Patrick Stewart.

Coming events

Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis

What is it? Pick apples and enjoy an afternoon in Janet Mahto's garden in aid of Genesis Trust
When is it? Sunday 13 September, 12 noon onwards. Food and drink available all day
Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

An evening with Terry Waite

What is it? St Andrew's Church, Burnham on Sea, celebrates its 700th anniversary this year and as part of the activities is hosting a book signing with Terry Waite, who will speak about his own experiences in the Middle East and then give a perspective on the current state of affairs there, followed by a Q&A. Musical interlude by The Coastline Singers
When is it? Wednesday 9 September, 7:30pm
Where? St Andrew's, Victoria Street, Burnham-on-Sea, TA8 1AW

Evensong to mark the Queen's reign

What is it? A special Evensong, open to all, to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen becoming (on Wednesday 9 September) the longest-reigning monarch in British history
When is it? Saturday 12 September, 5:15pm
Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US
wellscathedral.org.uk

St Mark's Gospel: a dramatic retelling

What is it? See page 4
When is it? Saturday 26 September, 7pm
Where? Bath Abbey

Early music Wells: Unaccompanied Bach by candlelight

What is it? Following a stellar performance in the Early Music Wells 2013 Season, prize-winning baroque violinist Colin Scobie returns to play more music by JS Bach for unaccompanied solo violin, in the beautiful candlelit Quire of the Cathedral, on the anniversary of the composer's birth
When is it? Saturday 26 September, 7pm
Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US
Tickets £12 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and at the door
wellscathedral.org.uk

Baptised in Christ Church



On Sunday 2 August, Isabella and Bertie Eydes were baptised (by Revd Michael Walters, pictured here at the font) during our 10am service. Warm congratulations to both, their families and friends and especially to their parents Becky and David.

Pilgrim Group to study “subversive” texts

Our Pilgrim Group resumes this month with six meetings looking at the Beatitudes. These are a short but profoundly beautiful and influential collection of sayings of Jesus, found in Matthew's Gospel, forming part of what we know as the Sermon on the Mount.

Christians of previous generations would probably have known the Beatitudes by heart, they were such a key text for learning the Christian faith, and some believe they should be restored to the centre of the Church's teachings. They begin with a blessing, expand our vocation and give a great promise. They were seen by the first Christians as revolutionary and by non-believers as subversive.

Are we on dangerous ground? Come and decide for yourself! The Group will hold six meetings and a party on these Thursdays:
10 September, 24 September,
8 October, 22 October,
12 November, 26 November,
10 December.

We're meeting at the home of Beatrice Varma, 21 Richmond Place, Bath BA1 5PZ, phone 01225 420491.

Churches Together in Bath (and beyond)

Margaret Heath writes:

On a lovely summer evening it was a delight to go to the Churches Together in Bath annual evening service at Woolley, taken by the Rev Joyce Williams. We were about 40 and Joyce spoke of our being the leaven, or the tip of the iceberg, representing a far larger group and having influence disproportionate to our numbers. She emphasised the importance of trust, accepting our differences with respect, and she wished us well.

There is no shortage of hymns and readings on the theme of living together in harmony and I think we did them justice, belting out old favourites and new, in the beautifully-kept church at the bottom of the steep street in Woolley village.

As always, the group was most welcoming and helpful. Many enquired about the plight of our Roman Catholic neighbours after their fire. Once again, Margaret Foster had made mouthwatering refreshments, which were served with coffee or tea after the service.

At our away-day it was spelled out we should not hog/be landed with voluntary

positions in our church for more than two or three years. I shall step down reluctantly when a replacement is found but I realise I should not do what I so enjoy for ever.

New County Ecumenical Officer

The new County Ecumenical Officer for Somerset Churches Together is Major Alan Dixon. A member of the Salvation Army since 1964, he was commissioned (ordained) a Salvation Army officer in 1969. He and his wife Jackie (also a Salvation Army officer) have two grown-up children.

He has long been involved in a wide range of ecumenical groups, and represented The Salvation Army on a number of national Church and inter-faith organisations. He was appointed Assistant to the Scotland Secretary in 2003, with responsibility for oversight of ecumenical involvement and Parliamentary matters in Scotland, representing The Salvation Army on various ACTS and CTBI groups. He has taken on the role with Somerset Churches Together in retirement, and has a MA in Religious Studies.

St Mark's Gospel: a dramatic retelling

You can hear and engage with a whole gospel in a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel at Bath Abbey on Saturday 26 September.

Canon Gerald Osborne, Rural Dean of Pewsey and a canon of Salisbury Cathedral, appears as St Mark dictating the Gospel to his scribe. In an impressive feat of memory, he has learned the entire 11,000 word Gospel and created a dramatic interpretation for others to enjoy and be inspired by.

Centred on the identity and authority of Jesus and what it means to follow him, St Mark's Gospel is a thrilling and powerful story of encounters, observations, questioning and testing. Canon Osborne said: "Long ago I was inspired by this gospel. I am convinced that Mark's main source was the Apostle Peter himself, while Mark is always careful to name or indicate eyewitnesses to each event. It was

written within 30 years of the resurrection and certainly within the lifetimes of many of those eyewitnesses, so we are very close to a first-hand account of Jesus' life."

The performance, which lasts about two hours, is in support of the international development charity Send a Cow, which works with some of Africa's poorest rural communities to give them the hope and the means to build sustainable futures for themselves. Canon Osborne has been trustee of the charity since 2008 and is chair of its UK board. He has also been farming in Wiltshire since 1987 and was ordained in 1999.

The performance commences at Bath Abbey at 7pm. Tickets are £5 in advance and include refreshments at the intermission. Tickets are available from Bath Box Office, www.bathboxoffice.org.uk or 01225 463362.

Diocesan Message for September

Devoted followers



**From The Venerable
Andy Piggott,
Archdeacon of Bath**

A devoted follower of a not very successful football team once observed that “no matter how many losing seasons you might have had in the past... the good thing is that all teams get a fresh start once September begins.”

Of course, the football season now seems to begin in the middle of summer, hardly a whistle or a cheer away from the climax and hype of the previous one, but I confess that I’ve always found there to be something of “a new start” once September comes. Yes, we have a new football or rugby season, and this year there’s the World Cup just around the corner too, but there’s also a return to school or university and in many churches a new autumn sermon series, home group study or initiative in the community on which to embark.

For all of us here in the diocese, there will soon be a new “episcopal season” as we welcome Archdeacon Ruth Worsley to be our new Bishop of Taunton. She is sure to bring us new gifts, insights, experiences and encouragement born of her rich ministry in various places. She will challenge us too and help us to see and experience the things of God in new, fresh ways.

May I suggest we begin this month remembering her and her family in our prayers as they settle in and she begins

her new ministry here? Pray too that as we travel together, all our lives, not least hers, will be blessed and become a blessing to those we serve in the name of Christ.

I know that the devoted football supporter to whom I referred earlier would begin each season full of optimism for the season that lay ahead... but hope would soon disappear. By contrast, devoted followers of Jesus are people whose hope is placed in the one whose love, grace and mercy never fail; they come as gifts for each new day. Jesus will not ultimately disappoint his people. *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope (Romans 15:13)*

Archdeacon Andy

The service of welcome to the diocese will take place on Saturday 3rd October at 2pm in Wells Cathedral, and will be combined with the Reader Licensing service. Everybody is most welcome!

Pray for dairy farmers

The diocese is urging local communities to remember dairy farmers in their prayers this summer. The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Peter Hancock, said “It takes a desperate situation to force farmers into taking the action that has been making the headlines recently. Many dairy farmers are receiving only two-thirds of the price that they were being paid a year ago – and less than they were receiving 20 years ago. Dairy farming is the backbone of many rural communities in the diocese, supporting many allied industries. It is saddening to hear that a lot of established and efficient farms are considering whether they can survive.” For more, visit <http://bit.ly/farmers-prayers>

Pray for our new bishop



Prayers are invited for Ven. Ruth Worsley as she prepares to become the new Bishop of Taunton. She will be consecrated in a service at St Paul's Cathedral at 11 am on Tuesday 29 September.

Publicity co-ordinator needed

Could you help publicise Christ Church and its activities? Matthew and Sarah Jones have decided that it is time to hand over the role of publicity co-ordinators to someone new.

The role involves making sure that our services and events are advertised using the most appropriate methods – posters, postcards, stories in the newspaper, etc. You'll get plenty of help from volunteers to distribute postcards publicising services, and so on.

If you're interested in taking on this vital role, please talk to Matthew or Sarah. (See page 15 for contact details.) Matthew is happy to carry on updating the church website.

This month's charity: Children's Hospice

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 13 September, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Children's Hospice South West.



Children's Hospice South West provides hospice care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families across the South West. The care it offers includes respite and short breaks, emergency care, bereavement support, palliative care and end of life care.

Children's Hospice SW was founded in 1991 by Eddie and Jill Farwell after they experienced for themselves the urgent need



The charity's patron, HRH Duchess of Cornwall, commented: "Before I visited I always thought they might be sad places but it's completely the opposite. They are uplifting and very, very special and I think this one is one of the most exceptional places I have ever seen."

for hospice care for children in the South West. Their two eldest children, Katie and Tom, had life-limiting illnesses and they had to travel over four hours, from their home in North Devon to Helen House in Oxford, then the country's only children's hospice.

In 1995 the charity opened Little Bridge House in Devon, the South West's first children's hospice. Its second, at Charlton Farm in Wraxall, just outside Bristol, opened in 2007, and the third, Little Harbour in mid Cornwall, in December 2011.

Some families may use the hospice for many years, from the time the child is first diagnosed with an incurable condition. The whole family can stay at the hospices, and support extends into bereavement and beyond for as long as each family needs it.

The care offered at each hospice is not simply about medical and nursing care for sick children, but about enriching the lives of children and their families. Families talk about building a "treasure chest" of precious memories to carry into the future.

For more about Children's Hospice South West, visit its website at www.chsw.org.uk

Church encouraged to support pilgrimage to Paris

Schools, churches and individuals are being encouraged to show their support for a 250-mile pilgrimage from London to Paris aimed at encouraging world leaders to agree a fair, ambitious and binding deal at the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

The Church of England is launching the Pilgrimage2Paris with an invitation to participate by walking some or all of the route, cheer on pilgrims as they pass by schools or other local centres, or by holding 'mini-pilgrimages' in local communities and prayer vigils for the success of the talks.

The pilgrimage will begin at St Martin-in-the-Fields in central London on November 13 and finish in the French capital on November 27, as negotiators from more than 190 nations gather for the start of the talks.

The pilgrims will hand in campaign petitions to Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on November 28 before joining an interfaith gathering and a mass mobilisation in Paris.

The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and the Church of England's lead bishop on the environment, said:

"It is really important we join the journey - and we can do it in all sorts of ways, either by taking part in all or part of the pilgrimage, or by gathering people to pray within our own communities.

"Through our prayers and our pilgrimage we are strengthening and encouraging those taking part

in the Paris talks to reach fair, accountable and firm commitments which will change the way we act and move us towards a low carbon economy."

The group will be joining Christians around the world taking part in pilgrimages to raise awareness of the talks.

James Buchanan, project coordinator for the Paris pilgrimage, said:

"Embarking on a pilgrimage is an important event both in Christian and other faith traditions, with both the journey and the destination having a spiritual significance. The Pilgrimage2Paris follows in this tradition, as the Church seeks to have a strong voice in the climate change talks in Paris this December, with people from across the UK making the journey in faith that a lasting agreement can be made for a low carbon future."

The pilgrimage has the backing of the Church of England and major aid agencies, Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD.

It comes after the General Synod, the Church of England's national assembly, last month overwhelmingly backed calls for urgent action to tackle climate change, acknowledging that global warming is already hitting the poorest of the world hardest.

For more information and to sign up for the Pilgrimage2Paris, visit: www.pilgrimage2paris.org.uk

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Archbishop of York brings bishops together for mission in Sheffield diocese

The Archbishop of York is bringing a team of 21 bishops to engage in four days of mission across Sheffield Diocese 10-13 September 2015.

After an initial service in Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday 10 September, the bishops will be assigned to different parts of the diocese for the Crossroads Mission. They will stay with clergy and churchgoers in the community. Key events are:

- Youth event at Flash Lane Rec, Rotherham (10 Sep)
- Working with Street Pastors around Page Hall (11 Sep)
- Messy Church at the Penistone and Rotherham Shows (11 Sep)
- A heritage day at Sheffield Cathedral (12 Sep)
- A visit to The Moor Market by the Archbishop of York (12 Sep)

- Bishop Libby Lane will be the first female bishop to preach in the Cathedral (13 Sep)

- Finale event in Rotherham's, All Saints Square led by the Archbishop of York (13 Sep)

In a call to the diocese, the Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft said: "We want to sow the good seed of the gospel outside the churches in the lives of the people that we love and serve who are our neighbours, we want to encourage people to learn more about the Christian faith. The bishops are coming to help us in what we're doing not coming to do the task of mission for us so it's going to be a real joy to welcome them and work with them."

To read Bishop Steven's blog about the upcoming events, visit bit.ly/bishopstevan

New leadership training already showing "first fruits"

"We are making real progress in the journey to equip our senior leaders for the role and responsibilities to which they are called and to prepare those who might take on wider responsibility in the future," said the Bishop of Ely.

Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, chairs the Development and Appointments Group (DAG)

of the House of Bishops, serving the continuing training and development of senior clergy and the future senior leaders.

Read the full blog from Bishop Stephen at bit.ly/LeadershipFruits on the CofE Comms Blog

Reports from Independent Reviewer now available

As part of the settlement by which the Church of England agreed to the ordination of women as bishops in 2014, it agreed to an ombudsman-style procedure by which those with concerns about the operation of the new arrangements could appeal to an Independent Reviewer.

In October last year the Archbishops of Canterbury and York appointed Sir Philip Mawer as the Independent Reviewer in relation to resolving

disputes arising from the operation of the House of Bishops' Declaration.

Sir Philip's first two reports are now available to read online at the links below.

Report on Chrism Masses - bit.ly/chrimsmasses

Report on All Saints, Cheltenham - bit.ly/AllSaintsCheltenham

Two new female bishops consecrated

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, consecrated two new female Church of England bishops today in a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

Bishop-designate Rachel Treweek, who was Archdeacon of Hackney and previously a speech and language therapist, was consecrated as the new Bishop of Gloucester.

Bishop Rachel is the first female diocesan bishop in the Church of England and its most senior female bishop. She will also be the first

female bishop to take a seat in the House of Lords. The Revd Canon Dame Sarah Mullally, who before ordination had a distinguished service as a nurse in the NHS, becoming its youngest Chief Nursing Officer for England in 1999, was consecrated as the new suffragan Bishop of Crediton.

Bishop Rachel and Bishop Sarah are the third and fourth female bishops to be appointed in the Church of England respectively.

Archbishop Justin led the service, whose music was led by Canterbury Cathedral Girls' Choir.

Advent Sleepout Challenge 2015

This Advent the Church Urban Fund (CUF) is asking churches to give up a night of comfort and organise their own sponsored sleepouts with friends, families, churches and community groups.

The Advent Sleepout Challenge is a new annual fundraising event organised by CUF and the money raised will help the charity with its work, empowering some of the poorest and most marginalised people in England to transform their lives.

Paul Hackwood Executive Chair of CUF said: More than 2000 years ago, Mary and Joseph were forced to sleep in a stable and we want as many people as possible to take this as inspiration to

create their own Advent 'stable'. This could be in churches, community halls, scout huts, local schools or even garden sheds. How they transform the space is up to them, but most importantly, we want them to come together, have fun sharing the experience and of course, raise as much sponsorship money as possible."

A dedicated website www.sleepoutchallenge.org with resources and online sponsorship details will go live during September.

Find out more about the work of CUF at www.cuf.org.uk

Financial Exclusion Conference

The chair of the Archbishop of Canterbury's task group on responsible credit and savings is to give a key note speech at a Church Urban Fund (CUF) conference on financial exclusion later this year.

Sir Hector Sants, former Chief Executive of the Financial Services Authority, will address the CUF Money Matters conference to be held in Manchester on November 5.

He will be joined by Birmingham University social policy professor Karen Rowlingson and

Canon Dr Angus Ritchie, Executive Director of the Centre for Theology and Community in London, who will also speak at the conference.

Conference goers will be able to choose seminars from a range of different subjects including debt advice, supporting credit unions, campaigning and creating a range of integrated services.

For more information and to register, visit www.cuf.org.uk/moneymatters

Psalms on the go – CofE launches new mobile app

The latest publication from the Church of England brings an ancient tradition of following the Psalms to mobile devices and e-readers.

Adding to the popular 'Reflections' series, Reflections on the Psalms is a standalone book, ebook and mobile app written for anyone wishing to follow the ancient practice of the Psalter, reading the Psalms of the Bible each morning and evening. The mobile app is available to buy on the iOS App Store, with an Android version coming soon. Users are asked to tweet their favourite #mysalm @chpublishingUK.

Produced by Church House Publishing, the new publication provides short meditations on each of the Psalms written by Bishops, well-known writers, experienced ministers, biblical scholars and theologians. The book also contains an introduction to the Psalms by theologian Paula Gooder, and a guide to the Psalms in the life of the church by the Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft. With the mobile app, users can save their favourite Psalms and share them via social media.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu who contributed to the book said:

"Reading and listening to the Psalms is a great way to start a conversation with God. I love reading and reflecting on them daily. In Reflections on the Psalms, we learn from others about what has spoken to them from particular Psalms. This not only enriches our own understanding but also creates a treasure house of encouragement, support and direction. One of my favourite Psalms is 'Bless the Lord My Soul, and bless God's Holy Name' (103) for in this we join in with the unending and unlimited praise of Heaven and also recognise that all of us are individually loved by God, who knows us better than we know ourselves."

The book (available as a physical or electronic version) are available now to buy at:
www.chpublishing.co.uk

The iOS app is available to purchase at
bit.ly/PsalmsApp

Topical prayers issued for recent and upcoming events

Prayers have been issued by the Church of England to commemorate a number of events.

Two separate prayers have been written for use when Her Majesty the Queen becomes the longest reigning monarch in British history on 9 September 2015. The first is described as "a Collect for use after the Collect of the Day at BCP services" with the second being "a modern-language prayer drawing on Philipians 2".

Another prayer commemorating the dropping of the first atomic bomb on the 6 August, 1945 was released. The bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, followed by a second bomb dropped on Nagasaki 3 days later, on 9 August.

A final prayer, commemorating the end of hostilities of World War II with Japan on 15 August 1945, known as VJ Day, has also been released.

All these prayers are available to read and use on the Church of England website, with links provided below:

Her Majesty the Queen Prayers - bit.ly/QueenPrayers

Atomic Bomb Commemoration Prayers - bit.ly/HiroshimaPrayers

VJ Day Prayers - <http://bit.ly/VJDayPrayers>

Christ Church calendar Sep 2015

Sep	4	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	6	Sun	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	10	Thu	Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:30pm Pilgrim Group meeting 7:30pm
	11	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	13	Sun	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Apple picking party for Genesis, 12 noon onwards
	14	Mon	<i>Holy Cross Day</i>
	17	Thu	<i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen</i>
	18	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	20	Sun	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	21	Mon	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
	22	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm
	24	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	25	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	27	Sun	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	29	Tue	<i>Michael and All Angels</i>
	30	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
Oct	4	Sun	<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest Festival</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong

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. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for September 2015

Tuesday	1	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Wednesday	2	For those who teach
Thursday	3	For Canon Angela and Ned
Friday	4	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
Saturday	5	For all who face tragedy
Sunday	6	For Mark, Keith and the choir
Monday	7	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	8	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
Wednesday	9	For the lonely and depressed
Thursday	10	For our Pilgrim group, meeting tonight
Friday	11	For the unemployed
Saturday	12	That we may show mercy and compassion
Sunday	13	For good relations between different faiths
Monday	14	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday	15	For our bell-ringing team
Wednesday	16	We give thanks for the beauty of creation
Thursday	17	For those who produce publicity for Christ Church
Friday	18	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	19	That we may be open to encounters with God
Sunday	20	For our search for a new priest-in-charge
Monday	21	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	22	For the Church Council, meeting tonight
Wednesday	23	For the ministry of local hospices

Thursday	24	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives
Friday	25	For those who lack food or water
Saturday	26	For prisoners and prison workers
Sunday	27	For Angela our Verger
Monday	28	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	29	For the mentally ill
Wednesday	30	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth

Long-term Prayer List

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

Rachel Sillett
 Cyril Selmes
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Ned Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Val Curtis
 Katharine

Nadja Druke
 Denise Erlandsen
 Martin Palmer
 Jo Ann Briton
 David Slater
 Rosemary Bethel
 Derek Wrigley

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 2015

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
6 Sept Trinity 14	Alex Soboslay Isaiah 35:4-7a	Janet Mahto James 2:1-10,14-17	Virginia Knight Mark 7:24-37
13 Sept Trinity 15	Georgina Bowman Isaiah 50:4-9a	Andrew Sillett James 3:1-12	Daphne Radenhurst Mark 8:27-38
20 Sept Trinity 16	Brenda Wall Jeremiah 11:18-20	Lewis Boyd James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a	Jane Fletcher Mark 9:30-37
27 Sept Trinity 17	Margaret Burrows Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Morny Davison James 5:13-20	Rosanne Gabe Mark 9:38-50
4 October Trinity 18	Sarah Cade Genesis 2:18-24	Margaret Heath Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Sylvia Ayers Mark 10:2-16

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
6 Sept	Clive Tilling, Jane Fletcher	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Revd Cliff Burrows
13 Sept	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Penny Edwards
20 Sept	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
27 Sept	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
4 October	Jane Fletcher, Andrew Sillett	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Sarah Jones

Who's who at Christ Church

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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 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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