



Responding to the refugee crisis

From the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells



We have all been shocked and upset by the recent pictures from Calais, Hungary and – most distressingly – the beach in Turkey where the body of little

Aylan Kurdi was washed ashore.

It feels as if there has been a breakdown in the human race's ability to care for its weakest members. While the big picture of politics and civil war perplexes us, the individual tragedies go straight our hearts. We all want to do something.

The plans announced by the Prime Minister relate only to bringing to Britain refugees from the camps established in the countries surrounding Syria. With the vast numbers of refugees looking for support in Europe, I echo Archbishop Justin's comment that this is a slim response. There is human need on our doorstep as well. The United Kingdom could and should do more as a nation to help our European partners as they struggle to deal with all this. You may want to write to your MP about this.

Our churches have already been asking what they can do to help, and collections of money and goods have already been taking place on a more or less ad hoc basis. We see practical needs, and it is natural to want to help. However, rather than start up lots of

small-scale collections, I would encourage churches to work through established agencies who are already working in the field. These agencies have the skills and experience to do this work – whether that be at Calais or in Jordan, the Lebanon, or Syria itself. As regards the people at Calais, the UK and France are well-resourced countries. The agencies on site can buy what they need if they have the money: collecting and delivering supplies may not be the most helpful thing unless it is known there are resources to deliver and distribute them fairly.

Some people have already expressed their desire to open their home to a refugee family, offering rooms or meals. This is a generous and hospitable gesture. The time is not yet right for this to happen – we will have to wait for the Government's relocation scheme to be worked out. When refugees arrive, ▶



The scale of the refugee crisis has now become evident to us in Europe, but this picture from Syria – shockingly – dates from 2013. Image courtesy of anglicansablaze.blogspot.com

Refugee crisis

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churches will be in the forefront of those offering assistance, and we will need to do this well. It will not be an easy task. There will be issues of language, dealing with vulnerable and traumatised people, finding suitable schools, and so on. Again, we will do best to work with agencies who know what they are doing.

This is a fast-moving situation. The diocese will be posting information about practical things that we can do on the website at **www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-ministry/mission/social-justice/**

Something we can all do is pray. I urge you to pray for the suffering people wherever they are, and for the hard-pressed agencies who are trying to help them. I also ask you to pray for governments and those with the power to change things for good. There are some prayers you can use on the Church of England website (see below).

We are living in a time of uncertainty and instability in world affairs. I encourage you never to be discouraged, but to be strong in faith and hope – and to do all you can for the victims of these awful events.

+ Peter Bath and Wells

A prayer for refugees. You may like to use this in private prayer or in church *Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.*

We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,

who fled persecution at His birth and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen

Coming events

Wells Cathedral School Symphonic Sounds

What is it? Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra's inaugural concert of the year

When is it? Friday 16 October, 7:30pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US

Tickets £8 to £15 from Wells Cathedral School Box Office (01749 834483)
wells cathedral.org.uk

Bach Lutheran Mass

What is it? Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society presents selected works by Bach including the "Lutheran" Mass in F major and

Brandenburg Concertos 3 and 6

When is it? Saturday 7 November, 7pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US

Tickets £10 to £25 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and at the door
wells cathedral.org.uk

Could you welcome international students?

Room at the inn? HOST is a small charity which promotes international friendship and cultural exchange by arranging for adult international students at UK universities to spend a short time in a British home. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier!

Visits can be for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter their age or how far they live from a university. To find

out more or to be put in

touch with your

local organiser,

please visit

[www.](http://www.hostuk.org)

[hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org)

or call 020

7739 6292.



Families for children

In December 2014 there were 2,960 children waiting to be placed with adoptive families where they could feel secure and a sense of belonging. These children are not able to remain with their birth families for complicated reasons and will have experienced considerable trauma in their short lives. While they have a birth family, they are currently in limbo waiting to be belong to a new and forever family in a new community.

Most of these children have complex needs, so adopters need a great deal of support and understanding. Parenting an adopted child is very different from parenting a birth child and requires a much more flexible approach.

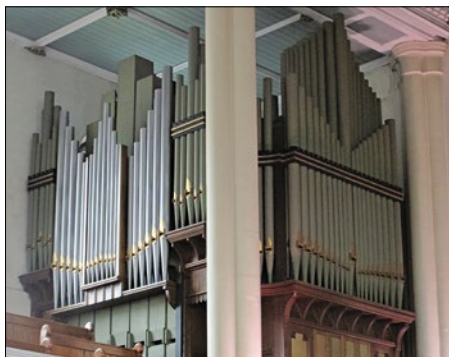
The church can play an important role in helping to give these children a sense of belonging and identity. Adoptive parents can feel very alone and each church community is well placed to open its eyes and ears to the needs of others. The great thing about adopting not just into a nuclear family but into the church community is the support the church can give. This support needs to be wide ranging from the very practical to the emotional – for example it might be leaving a meal on the doorstep for the first week, it might be listening to the pain of the family as a child learns to trust. It might be through prayer.

19th–25th October is National Adoption Week and gives us all the chance to think about adoption in our communities and how we can support those that adopt. So how about supporting our families to think about adoption and offering a child a sense of belonging to a community giving them security and commitment.

Families for Children trust is a voluntary adoption agency based in the South West with offices in Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall. Families for Children existed for many years as a joint venture operated by the Exeter Diocesan Board for Christian Care and the Plymouth Diocesan Catholic Children's Society. In 2003 the agency became a separate charity in its own right.

Want to know more? Visit our website at www.FamiliesforChildren.org.uk, where you'll find details of regular information sessions.

Organ under repair



Our organ is undergoing long-needed repairs this month, particularly to the swell box, which has been leaking for some time (producing the noise you can sometimes hear when the organ is not being played). Assuming all goes well, the work should be completed by the end of October.

Pilgrim Group studying “subversive” texts

Our Pilgrim Group continues looking at the Beatitudes, the 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 continues with meetings on these Thursdays:

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

Margaret Heath writes:

We met at St Stephen's. There were no less than four with dog-collars and also David Pendle and only the Swainswick representative was missing from the churches.

Curiously, apart from me, our group had not heard from Major Alan Dixon and so our hard-working secretary had made copies of his newsletter. It was agreed he should be asked to some major CTB event, perhaps as speaker, not just our little committee, and we should write welcoming him and asking to be put on his mailing list.

We agreed that Picnic and Praise in Alice Park, Love Bath and the Woolley service had been well organised. The two latter could be left as they were but it was thought there could be more to attract children at the next Alice Park picnic.

Our exciting speaker for One World Week is to be David's daughter, who has worked in South Sudan for six years and specialises in conflict resolution. This was thought to be very relevant to our concerns over migrants. The time and venue are yet to be finalised.

David reported that our CTB constitution had been suspended for a year at the AGM. He was working closely with our CTB Chair, Father Ryan from St John's RC. Bath CAN deals with social action whereas CTB with good relationships between the churches. David is convenor of steering groups for both.

We gave news of our various churches. Much is going on, with a lot of outreach to the community.

New members are needed for the Women's World Day of Prayer committee. I'll get dates and details out as soon as I know them.

The Travelling Light, symbol of Churches Together in Bath, is regularly passed between churches.



Save your stamps

Sylvia Ayers writes:

As we get ever nearer to Christmas, you cannot fail to notice all the extra cards and potential presents in the shops. You probably buy quite a few yourselves to send to family and friends. Then, of course, you will expect to receive a much increased post through your door, all suitably adorned with attractive Christmas stamps. Of course, the cards will find a ready home on your mantelpiece, but what about the envelopes? Before throwing them away, please take a moment or two to carefully cut off the stamps, leaving at least a half inch border all round, and bundle these up for the Mission to Seafarers.

You can then leave your stamps in the "A" pigeonhole at the back of the church, where they will be gratefully received by yours truly. I will send them off to the Mission in London, where they are sold to raise much-needed funds. All sorts of picture stamps are welcome, including any foreign issues which may come your way, but unfortunately I cannot accept the ordinary UK first and second class red and blue stamps, as the Mission is not able to sell them. I look forward to receiving your parcels, and I do most sincerely thank those regular, if often anonymous, contributors to this cause who are continuing to give me their bundles throughout the year.

Mission to Seafarers

Sylvia Ayers writes:

As the registered Christ Church contact for the Mission to Seafarers, I have recently received a brochure offering a selection of their Christmas cards and other related Christmas-type gifts. Each attractive card comes in packs of ten, costing £3.75, and there is also a bargain pack of 30 assorted cards, at £5.50 per pack. These last may be preferable for those who like to send a different picture to each friend, rather than the same one to ten different addresses. If anyone would like to take advantage of these offers, please ask me to show you the brochure. I can also complete one order form for you for all your purchases. Thank you.

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia Ayers writes:

As previously reported, our next MU project is our annual request for items for the Bath Women's Refuge. Here is a list of their requirements, so if you think you can donate something, please would you let us have it during the next two weeks? There is still an ongoing need for practical items such as light-bulbs, toilet cleaners, scourers, disinfectant, washing machine and dishwasher powders, washing-up liquid, household cleaners, soap, toilet rolls, cloths, dusters, polish, etc. If you use it at home, they need it too! Also needed are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. Our congregation has always supported the Bath Women's Refuge, and we know we can rely on your support. We look forward to receiving your offerings, and send very many thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

Although it still seems very early for this, we are also offering our usual Christmas goodies, so please feel free to see me if you would like to purchase any items. We have 2016 MU Diaries at £3.85, single sheet calendars at £1.35, and Year Planners at £2.85, which are suitable for families who all have different activities which must be fitted in on the same day! Of course there will be the usual selection of Christmas cards, which are offered in packs of ten. A catalogue will be available shortly on the shelf at the back of the church, so do feel free to consult this and then place your orders with payment.

Macmillan coffee morning

On Wednesday 14 October, pop into the Lower Mews at any time from 11am to 1pm for coffee and cake and make a donation in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. For details about the charity, visit www.macmillan.org.uk



Our new, responsive website



These days, people are increasingly likely to view websites using phones and other mobile devices. Our website, www.christchurchbath.org, has been revamped with a new, responsive design for an improved experience on all sizes of screen. Special thanks to Mark Elliott for all his work!

Drivers needed

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer driver? Somerset County Council is appealing for more volunteer drivers to help provide a vital lifeline for vulnerable adults and children.

The County Council currently provides transport for eligible non-emergency NHS patients and social care users, ranging from the elderly to young children. This includes trips to hospital for medical appointments or transport to day centres.

A dedicated army of nearly 200 fantastic drivers across the county currently act as volunteers, but the ageing population in Somerset means demand for transport is growing and more volunteers are needed.

Volunteer driving is a rewarding opportunity to get out and about, helping others and meeting new people, while providing a vital lifeline in your local community.

Anyone can be a volunteer – the only criteria are that drivers must be over 18, have use of their own four-door vehicle, and hold a full UK driving licence with no more than six points. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile.

To find out more about volunteer driving, please contact Somerset You Can Do by phoning 01278 664180 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/volunteering

School governors wanted

Have you ever thought of becoming a Church School Foundation Governor? The Diocesan Board of Education (the DBE) appoints over 400 foundation governors to be part of the governing body of its family of 180 Church of England schools across the Diocese.

Governing bodies are crucial in the successful running and management of schools, and the people who give up their time to volunteer as school governors do so in the knowledge that they are serving their community and making a real difference to the lives of children.

As a new initiative, the DBE is looking to develop a "pool" of volunteers who would be willing to serve as foundation governors to fill existing and future vacancies. In order to do this, we are working with SGOSS (School Governor One Stop Shop), a government funded, not-for-profit organisation who help recruit governors to schools across the country. Look out for the advertising cam-

paign that will be coming to your parish soon!

For more about governance in Church of England schools, visit the Bath and Wells website at www.bathandwells.org.uk and click the "Supporting Children and Young People" tab, then on "School Governance".

If you think that school governance isn't for you, or that you can't commit the time, then how about volunteering as an Admissions Appeals Panel Member?

Sometimes, parents are unsuccessful in securing their preferred school place for their child, and if this happens, they have a right to appeal the decision. Independent panels are set up to hear the appeal, and if it is a church school, then the panel needs to have a church representative on it. Full training is provided by the Diocese's Admissions Consultant.

For further information, please contact the education department at education@bathwells.anglican.org

This month's charity: Bath Stroke Support

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 11 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Bath Stroke Support Group.

The Bath Stroke Support Group was set up in 1986 to provide a follow-on service in the community for those discharged from hospital after a stroke. Subsequently in September 1990 it became a registered charity supporting stroke survivors and their families across Bath, Paulton and the surrounding areas.

The group offers information, advice and support, re-ablement and the opportunity to learn new skills as well as practise old ones.

Structurally the group is a members organisation managed through a committee of trustees drawn from the stroke survivors

and volunteers. It has a part-time organiser charged with developing an interesting and varied programme of activities. The organiser's salary is the major part of the total expenditure of the group.

The organiser arranges domiciliary visits to give support and advice to stroke survivors referred to the service. There are weekly group meetings in Bath and in Paulton where members can socialise and participate in activities such as quizzes, memory teasers and games. During the year members participate in lunch trips and excursions to places of interest. These activities are designed to help members regain their confidence following a stroke. Transport is available at both locations and is particularly useful for those who are in wheelchairs or use a walking frame. This is the group's second biggest expense.

The organisation says it is "heavily dependent on donations" for its funding.

For more about the group, visit its website at <http://bathstrokegroup.btck.co.uk>



Archbishop of York leads outdoor service to mark end of 2015 Crossroads Mission

An 800-strong crowd gathered outside Rotherham Minster yesterday afternoon for an outdoor service led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

The Archbishop was speaking at the finale event of a four day mission in the Diocese of Sheffield which saw 21 bishops from the Church of England lead teams in hundreds of events across the region.

The Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft opened the service by addressing the expectant crowd:

“Over the past four days we have spoken with tens of thousands of people at events across our region. We planned some time ago for our final gathering to be in the centre of Rotherham, as we thought and prayed, there was nowhere else we wanted to be more than here at this particular time, to say to the town the love of the church, of Christian people and of God is with you.”

The Archbishop of York added:

“What a few days we have had in this wonderful diocese. It is quite right to say that a final meeting should take place here. I am sure Rotherham will be seen yet again as a wonderful place where the love of God can be made known to all. We are very glad to be here and I am delighted that we are ending our four days of mission in this particular place”

The Crossroads Mission took place from 10-13 September and is the first time so many bishops have worked together in mission in this way in a single diocese in the long history of the Church of England.

The Bishops came from every diocese in the Province of York and from every tradition. They included the most recent Bishops to be consecrated for the north: Bishop of Stockport, Libby Lane, Bishop of Burnley, Philip North and Bishop of Hull, Alison White.

Bishops and their teams visited schools, pubs, universities, colleges, hospitals, youth clubs, shopping centres, community centres, cafes and churches; the Penistone and Rotherham Shows also saw hundreds of people pass through their ‘Messy Church’ tents.

The ‘Crossroads’ mission is a personal initiative of Archbishop Sentamu, and will now become an annual event.

Next year the Archbishop and the bishops will be hosted by the Church of England in Lancashire (Blackburn Diocese) when the second Crossroads mission takes place at venues across the region from September 8 – 11, 2016.

A selection of photographs are available from the Diocese of Sheffield’s website sheffield.anglican.org/crossroads-mission

Archbishops encourage the Church to welcome those seeking sanctuary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have spoken out on the refugee crisis affecting tens of thousands of people.

In a statement on his website, Archbishop Justin urged a compassionate response and called for joint action across Europe to help those in need.

“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.”

In response to the Prime Minister’s statement on Syrian refugees in the House of Lords, Archbishop Justin highlighted work done through the overseas aid budget and the work of the Royal Navy. But he said that the Government’s commitment to receive 20,000 refugees over the next five years was “still a very slim response in comparison to the figures given by the UNHCR and the European Commission, and to the other needs we see.”

He also encouraged the Government to consider the implications of not dealing with the conditions in the camps.

The Archbishop of York also wrote personally reflecting on his circumstances of seeking sanctuary within the United Kingdom.

“Having spent 41 years of my life in this country – more than in the country of my birth, I have become more than what I once was – a sanctuary seeker from a country torn apart by a brutal dictator... The current situation has rightly been described as a refugee crisis. But it is also a time of opportunity for us as a country and for our wider continent. The opportunity before us is to rise above narrow self-interest, however defined, and to embrace the highest parts of our humanity. We have a golden opportunity to demonstrate to the world that at a time of crisis it is not only possible but it is achievable to respond in way that shows generosity, compassion and most of all self-sacrificing love are virtues upon which policy response can be built.”

“As individuals, as a nation and as a continent we have an opportunity to do great things in response to this crisis. Now is the time. Let our leaders show they have heard us. May they respond with a compassionate heart and a cool head. May they not only pull people out of the water and save them from drowning but also go to the source and stop those who are pushing them in. Those countries people are fleeing from and the people smugglers and human traffickers must be held to account. The International community must be engaged!”

Read more by following the links below:

Archbishop of Canterbury - bit.ly/CanterburyRefugee

Archbishop of York - bit.ly/YorkRefugee

CofE vicar wins Funeral Celebrant of the Year

CofE vicar wins Funeral Celebrant of the Year
A Church of England vicar was named Funeral Celebrant of the Year at the Good Funeral Awards.

The Revd Juliet Stephenson was awarded Funeral Celebrant of the Year - the only Church of England vicar among 11 nominees in the category.

Juliet, vicar of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, said:

“Being a vicar, a huge amount of my time is spent with families coming to terms with the loss of a loved one. I do just what every other Church of England vicar does; I get alongside, I listen, I help them celebrate and I help them cry. All of this is done whilst holding their story within the greater story of God and the hope of salvation.

“The fact that a regular vicar won Funeral Celebrant of the Year, highlights the deep respect the funeral industry holds for the Church of England. They are conscious of the importance of good relationships with local funeral directors, and also hugely aware of the great pastoral network that the Church of England offers.”

During the evening, the Church of England presented the award for new Funeral Director of the Year to Anne Wardle of Bewley and Merrett from Corsham.

The Church of England hosted a pop-up GraveTalk event at the show - a national resource to help churches get people talking about death and dying - in a yurt. Author the Revd Belinda Davies led the session where people were able to start a conversation about death, dying and funerals using the GraveTalk questions.

Canon Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects and Development for the Archbishops' Council said:

“The Church of England was a small presence at the weekend, where many funeral professionals met to see some of the new things happening in the funeral world, and also to celebrate all that is good. The Church of England has been alongside countless families for generations through dying, funerals and bereavement and continues to serve people throughout the country, wherever they are.”

churchofenglandfunerals.org

Next Bishop of Newcastle announced

The next Bishop of Newcastle has been announced as the Venerable Christine Hardman.

The announcement made on the 10 Downing Street website read:

“The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Christine Hardman BSc (Econ), M.Th, formerly Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich and now Honorary Assistant Priest in the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie, Southwark, for election as Bishop of Newcastle in succession to the Right Reverend Martin Wharton, BA, on his resignation on 30th November 2014.”

Christine Hardman said, “I don't really have the words to express my excitement at coming to this vibrant, warm and proud part of the world.

“From my own faith journey I know the key significance of warm, lively, welcoming church

communities with worship that transforms us and sends us out into the world - bringing the depth of Christian hope to places where hope is thin on the ground.

“God cares about the world - not just about the Church. The rule of Christ is over the whole of our lives. That's why it's so important for Christians to engage and work with key partners for all that leads to the flourishing of communities. As Bishop of Newcastle, I will take every opportunity to engage in the public square and especially to speak on behalf of those whose voices are not heard.”

Read more about the new Bishop online at bit.ly/BishopNewcastle

Assisted Dying Bill overwhelmingly rejected by MPs

The Church of England has welcomed a vote by MPs to overwhelmingly reject a move to legalise assisted suicide.

The Assisted Dying Bill was defeated in the House of Commons with MPs voting nearly three to one -330 to 118 - not to give the proposed legislation a second reading.

The Bill would have permitted assisted suicide for terminally ill patients with six months or less to live.

James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle and lead bishop for the Church of England on health care and medical ethics, said the vote sent a strong signal that the right approach to supporting terminally ill people is to offer compassion and support through better palliative care.

“We are heartened that MPs have decided not to change the law on assisted suicide,” he said.

“We believe that the proposals contained in the Assisted Dying Bill would have exposed already vulnerable people to increased risk.

“The vote in the House of Commons sends a strong signal that the right approach towards supporting the terminally ill is to offer compassion and support through better palliative care. We believe that all of us need to redouble our efforts on that front.” The defeat of the Bill comes after the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby warned that a change in the law to permit assisted suicide would cross a ‘legal and ethical Rubicon’ and would place thousands of vulnerable people at risk.

Writing in *The Observer* newspaper, Archbishop Justin said a change in the law on assisted suicide would have serious detrimental effects both on individuals and on our society.

Archbishop Justin, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis joined more than 20 other faith leaders in signing an open letter to MPs opposing the Bill.

Major Parish Churches project undertaken

The Church of England’s Church Buildings Council is working with Historic England and other partners to understand what special challenges may face people in managing and caring for this particular type of place of worship in our changing 21st century society.

There are more than 200 historic parish churches in England with a floor space of more than 1000m². However no research has ever been done to try to understand whether there are particular challenges or opportunities that make them harder or easier for their congregations to maintain and sustain than the 14,500 smaller listed places of worship.

Historic England, Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Greater Churches Network, the Church Buildings Council and Doncaster Minster have launched a partnership project to fill this gap in understanding. The project partners will publish the findings from this research in Autumn 2016.

This research will explore the current physical condition and the resources available to maintain, repair, manage and sustain larger historic churches.

It will focus on highly significant buildings used by the community and nation that are expected to provide functions and services beyond those of a typical parish church (civic, cultural, ecclesiastical, tourism, etc.) but only have the resources of a parish church.

Not all large buildings will be involved in the research but a carefully selected sample, representing sites across the country, dating from different periods and serving a range of communities will be invited to take part. A number of other parish churches will also be included, to provide parallel data about buildings of a smaller size.

bit.ly/MajorParishChurches

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2015

Oct 4 Sun *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest Festival*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

8 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting 7:30pm

9 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

11 Sun *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Wed Macmillan coffee morning, 11am–1pm

16 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

18 Sun *Luke the Evangelist*
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

22 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting 7:30pm

23 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

25 Sun *Last Sunday after Trinity*

27 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm

28 Wed *Simon and Jude, Apostles*

30 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

31 Sat Wine tasting, 7:30pm

Nov 1 Sun *All Saints*
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 October 2015

Thursday	1	For the Chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Friday	2	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	3	That we may be pure in heart
Sunday	4	For our Junior Church
Monday	5	For the Queen and heads of state
Tuesday	6	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Wednesday	7	For carers
Thursday	8	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Friday	9	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	10	We give thanks for family and friends
Sunday	11	For our search for a new priest-in-charge
Monday	12	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	13	For the Fairtrade movement
Wednesday	14	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Thursday	15	For all at school
Friday	16	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	17	For our own personal witness
Sunday	18	For Canon Angela and Ned
Monday	19	For the emergency services
Tuesday	20	For Bible scholars and theologians
Wednesday	21	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Thursday	22	For good relationships between the nations
Friday	23	For those who are persecuted for their faith

Saturday 24 For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday 25 For Mark our Lay Reader

Monday 26 For farmers

Tuesday 27 We give thanks for our blessings

Wednesday 28 For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church

Thursday 29 For those who care for the sick

Friday 30 For those who mourn

Saturday 31 That we may have the gift of faith

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

Martin Palmer
David Slater
Rosemary Bethel
Derek Wrigley
Carl Williams

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

This magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month. Please send any contributions of news and articles by the 15th of the preceding month to the editor, Alex Soboslay, or by e-mail to magazine@christchurchbath.org

Rotas for October 2015

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 Oct Trinity 18 /Harvest	Sarah Cade Joel 2:21-27	Margaret Heath 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Sylvia Ayers Matthew 6:25-33
11 Oct Trinity 19	Penny Edwards Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Rosanne Gabe Hebrews 4:12-16	Rebekah Cunningham Mark 10:17-31
18 Oct Luke the Evangelist	Rowena Hall Acts 16:6-12a	Malcolm Wall 2 Timothy 4:5-17	Judith Bishop Luke 10:1-9
25 Oct Last after Trinity	Richard Gabe Jeremiah 31:7-9	Alex Soboslay Hebrews 7:23-28	Janet Mahto Mark 10:46-52
1 Nov All Saints	Andrew Sillett Wisdom 3:1-9	David Bishop Revelation 21:1-6	Daphne Radenhurst John 11:32-44

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
4 Oct	Jane Fletcher, Andrew Sillett	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Sarah Jones
11 Oct	Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Georgina Bowman
18 Oct	Jane Fletcher, David Rawlings	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Margaret Heath
25 Oct	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Revd Cliff Burrows
1 Nov	Keri Chivers, Andrew Sillett	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards

Who's who at Christ Church

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Ringing Master Steeple Keeper	Will Willans David Kelly	Deanery Synod Reps	Morny Davison Andrew Sillett Brenda Wall



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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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