



Christ is risen!

Opening yourself to the promise of the resurrection

After the long days of Lent it was wonderful to see the flowers, the glorious Resurrection Garden in the Lady Chapel and join in with the singing as we celebrated at Christ Church on Easter day. The spring flowers and the warm weather remind us of God's promise of resurrection life.

In our own lives there are times of darkness and illness and loss – and even as we proclaim Christ's resurrection we are aware of suffering, our own and that of those around us. The Resurrection doesn't abolish suffering

nor, in the short term, death. But just as the hart's tongue ferns uncurl and the bluebells' stems are stained ink blue in the spring, so God's kingdom is on its way – just out of sight, just round the next corner. There are signs of it everywhere, in the kindness of a stranger, in the truth told by a child who doesn't know how to lie, in the courage of the very old.

But they are only signs and glimpses – yet. The full glory of resurrection life comes later. In the Eucharist, or at Evensong, or during personal prayer, or in the glory of creation as Spring unfurls, we may catch a glimpse of it. For a moment we know the truth and believe – and then it's gone.

That's where faith comes in. Peter and John saw the empty tomb and saw and spoke to the risen Christ. They did not say to each other, as time passed, "We must have imagined it." They allowed their experience of Christ's resurrection to grow in them. They talked about it to each other and to others. They allowed it to define their lives and their death.

If you have glimpsed something of the glory of the resurrection even if just for a moment, trust that experience. Ponder it. Allow it to grow in you as the spring grows into summer until, as it did for Peter and John, it comes to define who you are: a child of God who is both living now, committed to our beautiful world, but also aware of the promise of eternal life of God's kingdom.

Revd Lore



A South African sister church?

You might be aware that Christ Church is not a parish church; it stands within the parish of Walcot but is a “Peculiar,” outside the Church of England parish system. There are possibly half a dozen such non-royal Peculiar active in Britain today, but there’s also a Peculiar called Christ Church in Grahamstown, South Africa. In January we were contacted from there by Sharon Gess, who is writing a history of that Christ Church, which was founded by her great-great-grandmother, Rosa Wright.

Sharon knows that Rosa Wright (born Rosa Stratford) was living in Bath as a young widow, Rosa Ayliffe, in 1816 when she married William Wright. In 1820 the couple emigrated to the Cape with the first two of their children, Martha, aged 3, and William, aged 1 year.

When Rosa died in 1867, she left money in her will to build and endow a church in Grahamstown as a thank offering to Almighty God for all the blessings she had received in her adopted country.

The church was named Christ Church and to this day is a Peculiar, overseen by a board of trustees, independent in some respects yet in full communion with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Surely, Sharon asked, the name and the unusual legal status cannot be just a coincidence. Did Christ Church, Bath, have some significance for Rosa?

Unfortunately, we can’t be sure whether Rosa Wright was a member of the congrega-

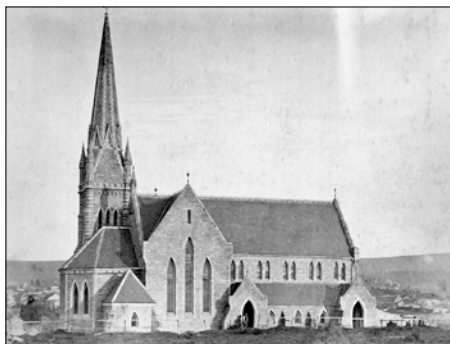
tion of Christ Church, Bath. Christ Church was licensed for weddings only in 1887, and for baptisms in 1876, so she could not have married in Christ Church or had her children baptised here in her lifetime. She would have had to go to the parish church, which is less than a quarter of a mile away. And indeed, the parish registers of St Swithin’s, Walcot, record that on 8 April 1816 William Wright married Rosa Ayliffe, a widow born in 1793 whose maiden name had been Stratford.

So the connection with Walcot parish is confirmed, but we can’t tell any more than that. It is certainly possible that Christ Church, Grahamstown, was partly inspired by Christ Church, Bath. Its founding principle, much like ours, was that “It was to be a church open to all Christians,” but in some ways it goes even further: the terms of Rosa Wright’s will “give preference to an Anglican but permit the appointment of a Methodist or Independent minister.” (As it happens, all 13 of its incumbents so far have been Anglicans, although the present one started his ministry as a Methodist.)

Much like our own historic church, Christ Church, Grahamstown, is also a church of firsts: it has the first church spire to be built in Grahamstown, the first stained glass window to be painted in South Africa, and the first bell to be cast in Africa as one of a complete set of bells, not as a single bell. A sister church indeed!



Christ Church, Grahamstown, as it is today...



...And as it was shortly after it opened in 1876.

Called to serve?

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

One of the things I love about Christ Church – and I shall take delight in telling you of the others from time to time – is the way so many of you are involved in ministry. At my licensing last month we read Philippians 3: “Christ Jesus was in the form of God but he did not cling to equality with God but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant”. In Latin “to serve” is *ministrare*, the root of our words “minister” and “administer”, and many of you do serve or “minister” – in the choir, making coffee, reading the lesson, leading prayers, cleaning church, teaching the young people, writing, publishing our notice sheets and magazines... and I haven’t even begun on the ministry of administration undertaken by our officials and trustees. I wonder if in fact Christ Church functions so well because of this servant ministry that so many of you quietly provide.

One of the ministries I haven’t mentioned is that of Server. You will have seen Clive, Brenda, Angela and John assisting at Communion – handing over the bread and wine and helping to tidy up after Communion. We need some more servers to take turns on the rota. If you love the worship at Christ Church but have a sense of unworthiness at the idea of being up near the high altar, then you are probably the person we need to volunteer as a Server. All of us up at the altar are sinners – we only serve by the grace of God.

We would show you exactly what to do, and you can be paired with an experienced server so there’s no chance of a mistake. Please think about whether this is something you could do both to help the life of Christ Church and to deepen your own experience of worship. Perhaps have a word with the existing servers to find out more about it and let me or one of the ministry team know if you would like to get involved.

Revd Lore

Last month in Christ Church



Saturday 12 March saw the licensing and installation of Revd Lore Chumbley as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church. The Archdeacon of Bath, the Venerable Andy Piggott, welcomed Lore (top), gave her the Bishop’s licence, and anointed her, supported by our own and Local Ministry Group clergy, Mark our Reader, the Rural Dean, and Fr. Jeremy from St. Mary’s Roman Catholic church.



On Thursday 17 March, Janet and Brian Charles visited Christ Church, where they were married 54 years ago (inset), and renewed their wedding vows informally. Congratulations to them!

Discover the faith of The Servant Queen



The country and Commonwealth are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday, from her actual birthday on 21 April through to the official birthday celebrations on 10-12 June. Her Majesty has written the foreword to a very special book being published to mark the occasion. *The Servant Queen and the King*

She Serves is an illustrated short book which uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of her trust in Jesus Christ.

In her 2014 Christmas broadcast, for example, the Queen said: "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

This is just one of many public references the Queen has made to her Christian faith.

The book is published by HOPE, Bible Society and the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. Sold in packs of 10, it is designed to be a conversation starter and a gift from you and your church to people in your workplace, network and community. It is available in packs of 10 for £10.80 (£1 a copy plus postage and packaging), or you can order a sample single copy for £5 from CPO (Christian Publishing and Outreach) at <http://bit.ly/servant-queen>

Science sheds new light on the spiritual

To mark the 25th anniversary of the Bath Interfaith Group, Dr Rupert Sheldrake will speak on "Science and Spiritual Practices" on Tuesday 12 April at 7:30pm.

Science is now transcending the materialist philosophy, and pointing towards a new sense of a living world. The cosmos is no longer like a machine running down; it is more like a developing organism with an inherent memory. The paradigm shifts in the sciences shed a new light on spiritual practices like pilgrimage, rituals, prayer and the survival of bodily death. In this talk Rupert Sheldrake will explore some of the many implications.

Dr Sheldrake is a biologist, author of *The Science Delusion*, Research Fellow of the Royal Society and Fellow of Schumacher College, Dartington.

The talk takes place at Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, 16 Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HN. Admission is £4, or £2 for students and BRLSI members. You'll find more information at www.brslsi.org



Bishop's Message for April

A God who is not just for emergencies



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

When we go through dark times or difficult times, depressing times or perhaps even dangerous times, where do we look for help? For many of us it is to God we turn at those times. But we have to admit that sometimes this is a last resort, when we have exhausted all the other options. Sometimes it is out of sheer desperation that we call out to God.

That is not, however, the sort of relationship that God intends us to have with him. He desires to be more than the fourth emergency service, only called upon when all else fails and when self-reliance has run its course.

God wants us to turn to him and rely

upon him for everything we do and for all that we are. He is our creator and redeemer. As the Psalmist said: "The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand... He will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore."

Do find a quiet moment – why not stop even now – to read and reflect on Psalm 121. It reminds us that God faithfully watches over us, by day and by night. He knows and sustains us, in good times and in dark times. He knows everything there is to know about us, and we can put our trust in him. We can take to him our fears and our hopes, our sorrows and our joys.

The Psalmist speaks of "lifting up his eyes to the hills". That is a confident and bold gesture of prayer. When we lift our hearts and minds to God in prayer, we can do so with a trusting heart. And like the Psalmist we can say "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth".

+Peter Bath and Wells

Week of Prayer in the week before Pentecost

Churches across the country have been invited by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to spend the week before Pentecost praying together.

The Archbishops, in partnership with a number of bodies – 24-7 Prayer, HOPE, the World Prayer Centre, the Neighbourhood Prayer Network, the National Day of Prayer & Worship and others – are inviting the churches of England to spend focused and dedicated time in prayer in the week running up to Pentecost Sunday, 8-15 May 2016.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Rt Revd Peter Hancock, says: "This call to prayer

specifically for our evangelism and our witness to the nation comes from both our Archbishops. It will be accompanied by a number of initiatives at local and national level. It is in itself a profound act of witness to the living God whom we serve, who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. The website to resource Thy Kingdom Come is easy to use and holds lots of different ideas to suit and excite everybody. I will be supporting this and encourage everyone to engage joyfully and imaginatively."

You'll find more information and resources at <http://thykingdom.co.uk>

Christ Church AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Christ Church congregation will be held on Sunday 24 April after the 10am service. Please come along if you can. In addition to electing representatives to the Church Council and getting reports on the activities of all the various groups around the church, among other business, we hope to discuss how we should proceed with the reordering of the East end. Come and have your say!

Anyone can attend, but you must be on the Electoral Roll of Christ Church to be eligible to vote. Make sure you're on it! Contact Judith Anderson, our Electoral Roll Officer, or the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.

Pilgrim Group

How should Christians behave and how should we live? There's still time to join our Pilgrim Group for the final two sessions in its exploration of the Christian faith using the Church of England *Pilgrim* course, this term focusing on the Commandments.

- Righteousness: Thursday 14 April. Looks at the commandments about adultery and theft and their implications for our daily lives.

- Reliability: Thursday 28 April. What are the dangers of dishonesty and covetousness? This session looks at the damage they may cause.

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30pm at the home of Beatrice Varma, 21 Richmond Place, Bath BA1 5PZ, phone 01225 420491.

Our charity for March-April: Send a Cow

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 10 April, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of April, will go to Send a Cow.

In Africa 70% rely on their land to make a living and feed their families. Yet sub-Saharan Africa is the only developing region in the world where the number of people living in extreme poverty has risen, from 290 million in 1990 to 414 million in 2010. Rains fail. Land is less productive. Disease and conflict further undermine the very fabric of African communities and a family's ability to grow enough food to survive.

Send a Cow is a charity based in Newton St Loe, Bath, that works to change this and help poor families in Africa. "From the arid hillsides of Lesotho to the green and lush forests of Rwanda, the drought-stricken plains of Ethiopia or the grasslands of Uganda, our extension workers deliver training that is suited to local conditions. In some areas we may focus on land management to prevent soil erosion and deforestation; in other places, social development is the main priority for

those unable to heal the scars of war. No two programmes are identical, but they are linked by our passion for helping rural people in need, whose poverty can be transformed through agricultural development.

"Send a Cow has not evolved like other development organisations. We've remained true to our roots: farmers working with farmers, speaking the same language, learning together how to make a living from the land. We work with communities across Africa to overcome challenges such as a lack of education, low self-confidence, isolation and prejudice. Little by little, they gain the courage and skills needed to achieve their goals. This change in mindset is a foundation that sustains farmers for generations.

"Before getting livestock and training in natural farming practices, people need hope, confidence and a vision. It's not enough for farming families to simply get by. They want a different future for the next generation. With increased income comes the opportunity to invest in children's education, farm improvements, new livestock and processing equipment. Helping farmers make the leap from subsistence farming to running small family businesses built to last."

For more about Send a Cow and its work, visit www.sendacow.org



Archbishops call for ‘great wave of prayer’ for evangelism during Pentecost

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before Pentecost Sunday.

The Archbishops have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May.

The week of prayer will culminate in ‘Beacon events’ around the country over Pentecost weekend, where people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith.

In their letter the Archbishops said: “At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

The Archbishops are suggesting various ways churches can engage with the week of prayer. These include holding a day or week of contin-

uous ‘24/7’ prayer as parishes, teams or deaneries; saying special prayers in Sunday worship; prayer walking; or handing out a novena prayer card to every congregation member.

The Beacon events will take place in the following places:

St Paul’s Cathedral (Saturday 14th May) – hosted by the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Richard Chartres, and Pete Greig, founder of 24/7 prayer, with sung worship led by Tim Hughes and Jake Isaac.

Durham Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Lou Fellingham.

Coventry Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Noel Richards.

Winchester Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Matt Redman.

St Michael le Belfrey, York (Sunday 15th May) - hosted by Matthew Porter & Miriam Swaffield with sung worship led by Tom Holmes

Canterbury Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – hosted by Archbishop Justin Welby and Pete Greig, with sung worship led by Tim Hughes.

Archbishop Justin will send a message via live video link to other Beacon events taking place at the same time as the Canterbury event.

Partners in the week of prayer initiative include 24-7 Prayer, HOPE, the World Prayer Centre, the Neighbourhood Prayer, Network, and the National Day of Prayer and Worship.

For more information about the initiative, visit: www.thykingdom.co.uk

International Women's Day celebrated with Bishops' voices

Seven women Bishops in the Church of England have nominated women who have inspired them in a series of short videos to mark International Women's Day 2016 (IWD2016).

From the first female judge in Pakistan who participated in the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda through to the serving Poet Laureate and from Gold medal winning Olympic rowers to nurses working with HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe, the Bishops nominate individual women from across the world whose lives, work and achievements continue to inspire. A short film combining the nominations can be seen here

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt. Revd. Christine Hardman, explains how she hopes her two granddaughters will be inspired by people like Olympic rowers, Heather Stanning and Helen Glover who made history as the first British women to win a rowing gold Olympic medal. Bishop Christine says, 'It was clear from their faces that this was the culmination of hours and hours of gut-wrenching training, and that they had to work together so closely as a team. They really supported one another in that race, worked closely together, and, at the end of the race, when Heather was nearing exhaustion, she heard Helen behind her saying, "Keep going, keep going! They're just behind us".'

Dame Sarah Mullally, the UK's former Chief Nurse and now Bishop of Crediton, highlights the dedication of an individual in serving mothers and children living with HIV who have been marginalised in Zimbabwe .

Her nominee, Sister Eugenie, is the source of inspiration: "It was her faith that motivated her to be compassionate but also to find solutions for people. To find solutions for those that are most marginalised with minimal amounts of resources. So I hope that my faith will not be dead, but be seen in action. And that I can use the resources I have in an imaginative way, to make a difference to people's lives, because it's often the simplest things that make the biggest difference to people."

The Rt. Revd. Alison White, the Bishop of Hull, is inspired by Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy: "She can write very movingly and deeply about some of the most personal things in life. She can challenge us to deal with some of the big issues that are facing us, so she's written poems about MP's expenses, she's written about climate change, she's written about the war in Afghanistan. And somehow, she holds those two aspects together, the deeply personal and how that plays out in the public issues that face us all. And that's the kind of place that I think I am called to inhabit as a Bishop, to live with the profound things of our human life. Not to be afraid of the difficult things, but to be able to laugh at the really joyful things, and to treat tenderly the things that are important about the way we are human beings. How inspiring is that?"

To find out more about International Women's Day visit: www.internationalwomensday.com

To watch the Church of England films, visit: www.churchofengland.org/IWD2016

Get your church involved with ChurchLive

ChurchLive is a year long project run by the Church of England and Twitter UK to live broadcast services across the world using the app Periscope. We're looking for churches to get involved; it's easier than you might think!

We'd love to hear from you and talk about what your church might be able to do.

If you want the chance to broadcast your church service visit our website for more information: bit.ly/cofecchurchlive

Celebrating a special relationship on Godparents' Sunday

Resources including liturgy and ideas for parish activities are now available from www.churchsupporthub.org to help celebrate Godparents' Sunday on 1st May. This dedicated day is a response to research commissioned by the Archbishops' Council which shows the importance of godparents to families bringing their children for baptism.

In Review asked Revd Kate Bottley, who has five godchildren, why the relationship is important: 'My Godchildren are all so wonderfully different and I get to journey with them in faith for the rest of their lives. My husband's Godmother did the reading at our wedding and my own Godmother never forgets my kids' birthdays, she calls them her 'Great Godchildren'. My kids' Godparents pray regularly for them and when something big is happening in their lives, like exams, I always make sure to let them know so they can pray extra hard.'

Bishops have also shared their Godparent stories with In Review. The Bishop of Huntingdon, David Thomson said of his Godparents: "I was blessed with three very holy godparents – a monk, a missionary and a godmother who eventually entered a religious community

too. Their prayers must have been powerful to enable a crumbly cookie like me to become a bishop! They continue to be an inspiration: my godmother in her 80s rebuilt a hospital in Africa.'

The Bishop of Dudley, Graham Usher said: "My Godmother has always seemed delightfully unconventional and refreshingly different. She's been in the background throughout my life and has been really committed to coming to every major life event. She says it was a bit more than she agreed to, having a Godson who has become a priest and a bishop!"

The Godparents' Sunday service liturgy can be used for a Eucharist, but could also be adapted for a Service of the Word and includes the recommended lectionary readings and authorized Collect.

The Church Support Hub website has lots of ideas from candle lighting, creating a memory box, highlighting special godparent relationships for parish magazines and social media or hosting a tea party.

Full details of resources available can be found at: www.churchsupporthub.org/godparentsunday

Archbishop speaks to Mary Berry about meaning of Easter

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, was featured on Mary Berry's Easter Feast on BBC 2.

Mrs Berry, who is one of the judge's on the BBC's The Great British Bake Off, presented him with a traditional Easter Simnel cake she had prepared. The Archbishop described the cake as "absolutely wonderful"

Over tea and cake in his study, the Archbishop told Mrs Berry that Easter was an opportunity to "celebrate life and celebrate hope" as well as to remember loved ones who had passed away.

Archbisop Justin said: "There's a wonderful moment at the end of Evensong on Easter

Sunday afternoon, and I go home and we sit down and we have some cake and some tea with the family; and it's relishing the human contact, the love for one another, the security in one another that is the gift of family. And I think that's one of my rejoicing moments.

"It is a great moment of being together, and, of course, it's the oldest celebration - the first thing that the earliest church did was to celebrate the conquest of death."

You can find out more about the programme, as well as links to watch online at bit.ly/WelbyCake

Just Pray film showcases the Saturday Gathering community in Halifax

The Yorkshire church where homeless, ex addicts and those living on the margins have come to faith is the latest star of the justpray campaign for the Church of England.

Men and women who came to faith through the Saturday Gathering have featured in a series of short dramatic films for Lent and Easter that bring their own struggles into the retelling of Psalm 22 with the message that faith and prayer isn't easy.

And now the church in Halifax town centre – and the Church of England minister, Linda Maslen, who is part of the ecumenical team that run it – is the star of the latest film offering from the Church of England for its justpray website – a one stop digital hub to encourage people that prayer is for everyone.

The Saturday Gathering is a fresh expressions of church in Halifax, West Yorkshire. Growing out of a Food Bank and Drop In Centre run by Christians Together in Calderdale, it has become one of the fastest growing churches in Yorkshire and has baptized over 90 people in the last three years.

The volunteer ecumenical group started to offer prayers to those using the food bank, and they found people began to come back wanting to know more about the God who was answering their prayers. They realized a traditional church was not an option for these people – many of whom have low literacy and very different backgrounds – so the Saturday Gathering was born.

When it began to grow out of its premises in the old Ebenezer Methodist Church in the centre of town, the local authority, Calderdale Council, gave the group the empty building next door for a peppercorn rent to continue to provide the much needed services – which include daily hot food, a winter shelter for the homeless and a homework club for children.

The campaign to promote justpray.uk will conclude with the launch of a short form film on Palm Sunday which casts the main characters from the Saturday Gathering in their own interpretation of a scene from the Passion of Christ.

All the short teaser films have been released with an accompanying podcast on the justpray.uk website which launched the Lords' Prayer advert just before Christmas that was banned from the cinemas. The teasers are loosely based on Psalm 22 – the words Jesus was reported to have said on the cross.

The film stars have all recently come to faith through the Saturday Gathering and most have experienced crime, alcohol, drug addiction, homelessness or violence in their lives.

The first teaser: Emma's Story: My God, My God: Why Have You Forsaken Me was released on Ash Wednesday and the final film will be released on Palm Sunday.

To watch all the films, hear the stories and join in with a global community of prayer, visit: www.justpray.uk

Christ Church calendar April 2016

April 3 Sun *The Second Sunday of Easter*
(No Choral Evensong)
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

4 Mon *The Annunciation*

5 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm

8 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

10 Sun *The Third Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

15 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

17 Sun *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

21 Thu Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm

22 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

23 Sat *George, Patron of England*

24 Sun *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Christ Church Annual General Meeting (after 10am service)

25 Mon *Mark the Evangelist*

28 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

29 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

May 1 Sun *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

2 Mon *Philip and James, Apostles*

5 Thu *Ascension Day*
Holy Communion (time to be confirmed)

6 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

8 Sun *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

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 April 2016

Friday	1	For the lonely and depressed
Saturday	2	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
Sunday	3	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	4	For Bible scholars and theologians
Tuesday	5	For Us and Christian charities
Wednesday	6	For our plans for the Church building
Thursday	7	For peace
Friday	8	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Saturday	9	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	10	For Lore and Colin
Monday	11	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	12	For the work of local hospices
Wednesday	13	That we may be open to encounters with God
Thursday	14	For the local Deanery Synod
Friday	15	For the unemployed
Saturday	16	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Sunday	17	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Monday	18	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	19	For the elderly
Wednesday	20	For those on the Christ Church rotas
Thursday	21	That we may have the gift of patience
Friday	22	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	23	For those preparing for marriage or recently married

Sunday	24	For the ministry of our Junior Church
Monday	25	For farmers
Tuesday	26	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Wednesday	27	For those at sea
Thursday	28	For countries in conflict
Friday	29	For the homeless
Saturday	30	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives

Long-term Prayer List

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

Rachel Sillett
 Cyril Selmes
 Ned Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Val Curtis
 Martin Palmer

Rosemary Bethel
 Katharine
 David Slater
 David Lavis
 Jason Batup
 Don Sparks

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 April 2016

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 April Easter 2	Judith Bishop Acts 5:27-32	Malcolm Wall Revelation 1:4-8	Penny Edwards John 20:19-31
10 April Easter 3	Andrew Sillett Acts 9:1-20	Lewis Boyd Revelation 5:11-14	Daphne Radenurst John 21:1-19
17 April Easter 4	Alex Soboslay Acts 9:36-43	Janet Mahto Revelation 7:9-17	David Bishop John 10:22-30
24 April Easter 5	Virginia Knight Acts 11:1-18	Brenda Wall Revelation 21:1-6	Margaret Heath John 13:31-35
1 May Easter 6	Jane Fletcher Ezekiel 37:1-14	Peter Woodward Acts 16:9-15	Rowena Hall John 14:23-29

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
3 April	David Rawlings, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Preb. Angela Berners-Wilson
10 April	Janet Mahto, Malcolm Wall	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
17 April	Jane Fletcher, David Rawlings	Andrew Sillett, Rowena Hall	Penny Edwards
24 April	Clive Tilling, Andrew Sillett	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
1 May	Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers	Jane Nicholson, Margaret Silver	Margaret Heath

Who's who at Christ Church

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THE 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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