

Farewell, Angela and Andrew

An affectionate send-off

On Sunday 3 July, Angela Berners-Wilson presided at our 10am Eucharist, for the last time before she and Andrew move away from Bath and she takes up her new appointment as Rector of the Quantock Towers Benefice.

At the end of the service, ABW and Andrew were presented with some parting gifts from the congregation. These included a pair of bookends made by a local craftsman from oak that used to be part of the bell-frame in our tower, so they will literally be taking a small part of Christ Church with them.

Andrew received some appropriately railway-related keepsakes too: a GWR Western steam train boiler plate cover,

and a plate with a picture of a King George class steam locomotive.

Afterwards many of the congregation shared a farewell lunch with them in the Lower Mews, and they were presented with one more gift, a large potted rose bush, which had been too heavy to bring into the church.

We wish Angela and Andrew every happiness and blessing, and they go with our love and warmest thanks.

■ ABW's licensing as Rector of the Quantock Towers Benefice takes place on Monday 25 July in Stogumber. If you wish to come along on the coach from Christ Church but haven't yet put your name down, there are still a few places left – please speak to Malcolm Wall.



Left: Angela B-W and Andrew cut the celebratory cake (close-up above), magnificently decorated by Jo Palmer. Both were greatly amused by the title of the book at the top of the stack: "Spot that Train with A. Sillett Esq.: A Guide to Steam Trains".

A Pilgrimage of Discovery into God

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881–1955) was a pioneering palaeontologist who made major contributions to the modern understanding of human evolution and was accordingly admitted to the French Academy of Sciences. He was also a Jesuit priest and sought to reconcile this scientific understanding with the religious outlook, developing a mystical view of the universe as evolving according to God's plan. His views did not find favour with church authorities in his lifetime but he is now held in high regard by many leading religious thinkers including Pope Benedict XVI.

Last month a study day was held in Bath on "A Pilgrimage of Discovery into God with Pierre Teilhard de Chardin". Margaret Heath attended and was asked to report on her day:

The local branch of the World Community for Christian Meditation in the UK arranged for Professor Ursula King to speak about Teilhard here in Bath. This study day was open to all. Ursula is an authority on Teilhard – no mean feat as his writings are not published neatly in chronological order. The French is no problem for her; she says the translations into English do not reflect the beautiful flow of the original work. The Jesuits refused to allow publication of Teilhard's religious writings during his lifetime because his

views, especially on original sin, were thought unorthodox.

Ursula stressed the close connection between Teilhard's remarkable life and his thought. She largely followed her account in her award-winning *Spirit Of Fire*, which I had read in preparation for the day. This book is not an easy read but the many illustrations and quotations help. Ursula also recommended Canon Raven's 1962 *Scientist and Seer*. (Canon Raven was a scientist and an Anglican. He bought our Cambridge house when my parents moved to London, a fact I did not think relevant to a spirituality day! For once I was not in networking mode.)

Teilhard (who died 1955) was ahead of his time. He was an exceptional scientist, who felt the power of the evolution of consciousness and the presence of God in all things. His thinking was not dualist. He wrote for everyone, not just Catholics. A prophet, he regarded us as co-creators with God. A celibate Jesuit priest, he was aware of the importance of the feminine and corresponded with, and was close to, for example, the widowed sculptress Lucile Swan. He was sure that all experience, including suffering, could be of use. His spirituality has had a profound effect on our speaker, an enthusiast sharing with us her enthusiasm for another enthusiast.

The bookstall featured many of her books, and she is prolific, as well as spiritual authors such as de Mello, R. Rohr; John Main, Thomas Merton, Laurence Freeman, Rowan Williams. A feast indeed. The many tea and (instant) coffee breaks and long lunch break after meditation gave ample opportunity to talk with other participants, one of whom was Daphne from Christ Church. All were helpful, welcoming and willing to share. As often, others taught me a lot.

I cannot begin to do justice to this enriching day. It is around 40 years since I was in a group tackling what was then "The Phenomenon of Man" (now "The Human Phenomenon"). I needed an update and was not disappointed. We are indeed lucky to have these opportunities in Bath.



A portrait of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin late in life. Inset: Ursula King is Professor Emerita of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Bristol.

Benedictine Bath

Following last year's successful initiative, the Benedictine Bath Festival returns to the City of Bath this summer, from Friday 8 July to Monday 18 July. The festival explores a little-known chapter of Bath's heritage. A partnership between Downside Abbey, Bath Abbey, and St John's Hospital, the series offers a range of free and paid-for events throughout the city.

You will be able to visit an exhibition of rare books, objects and manuscripts at Bath Abbey, get involved in hands-on activities at St John's Hospital, listen to Gregorian Chant as part of a traditional service, or explore former Benedictine sites as part of the free daily walking tour, departing from the west door of Bath Abbey at 11am each weekday from Monday 11th to Friday 15th.

On Tuesday 12 July at 1pm, you can enjoy "St Benedict and the Ladder of Humility" in words and music at Bath Abbey (admission free). Other events include a tour of Downside Abbey, with lunch, on Thursday 14 July from 9:30am to 3pm (£10 per person, booking required). There will be Choral Vespers sung by Downside monks and the Choir of St John the Evangelist, from 6pm to 7:30pm on Thursday 14 July at St John the Evangelist Church, Bath. There is a study day on Friday 15 July at the Old Theatre Royal (£10 per person, booking required).

The exhibition at Bath Abbey is open during usual Abbey opening hours, and admission is by donation.

For full programme details visit bit.ly/benedictinebath



Ordinations in Wells



On Saturday 2 July seven people were ordained priest in the Church of England in a special service at Wells Cathedral led by the Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley. Among them was Debbie Pow, curate at our Local Ministry Group sister church St Stephen's, Lansdown.

The new priests have all been working in churches throughout the diocese as ordained deacons, learning the work of a priest and assisting their parish priest in the running of the church. The ordination service is the final step for the new priests after their training. Congratulations to all of them!

Coming events

"English Genius" choir concert

What is it? The Somerset Chamber Choir, with Southern Sinfonia and choristers from Wells Cathedral Choir, perform Benjamin Britten's St Nicholas, Five Mystical Songs by Vaughan Williams, and works by Gibbons, Purcell and Holst

When is it? Saturday 23 July, 7:00–9:30pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US

Tickets From £10 unreserved / £20 reserved

Details www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk, wells cathedral.org.uk or call Wells Cathedral Box Office (01749 672773)

Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis

What is it? Janet Mahto is opening her garden again this year in aid of Genesis Trust

When is it? Sunday 4 September, from midday

Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

Discovering Dante at Ammerdown

Margaret Heath writes:

If Teilhard is called the greatest theologian since St Paul then Dante, writing around 1300 AD, has been called the fifth gospel writer. His *Divine Comedy* was originally just the “Comedia”, as it ended happily, unlike a Greek tragedy. “Divine” was added by others. As you may know, it is divided into three parts: Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. Dante has Vergil as his guide for the first two, then Beatrice for Paradise. The epic poem became well known in its own time, although way before the invention of printing. Some 80 years before our Chaucer it was remarkable for being written in the vernacular Italian rather than in Latin. It can be read in many ways, literally or allegorically for example.

Kim Nataraja chose to explore its spiritual dimension at Ammerdown last weekend. She is Dutch, married to a man from Ceylon when it was still Ceylon. She is a retired teacher of French and German literature at college level and a close collaborator for years with Laurence Freeman. Bede Griffiths’ work inspired her to practise meditation; escaping a strict Lutheran background, she is

now Anglican with an interest in Buddhism. She has devoted followers and has written or edited several books and is about to work on her fifth.

She finds Dante to be a mystic. He places in Hell those who blame others, have no insight, cannot take responsibility, cannot change or communicate. He must have inspired those warning doom scenes painted by, for example, Signorelli. His Hell is not all fire but rather the damned have appropriate torments for their crimes, torments they have brought on themselves. For example Paolo and Francesca di Rimini, caught in lustful relationship and killed by Paolo’s jealous brother, are forced to be forever together in a loveless relationship.

But in Purgatory people can move upward, relate to others and look forward to Paradise, for they have become self-aware and are keen to make amends. They accept responsibility for their sins. Kim thought that we could all learn from this, relating Dante’s descriptions to our own spiritual journeys. By chance a Richard Rohr meditation a few days before our weekend had stressed the need to go through the dark wood in order to come out and move on. Our discussions in small groups were fruitful; so many have had periods “in a dark place” and accepted that they could not, platonically, get out by their own efforts but needed to accept help.

Kim worked from Musa’s translations of Dante. This lost the richness of the Italian original, where guttural vowels are used for Hell and lighter language for the next stage, as one of the group pointed out. This led to a general discussion of translations, especially the original Aramaic of the Lord’s Prayer losing so much. Kim had got a copy of Neil Daniel Kotz and we used it for our meditation on Sunday morning.

If you have not tackled Dante, you have a treat in store. Poetry and spirituality seem deeply linked. There is much current interest in Dante and there are many translations available now.



Dante, poised between the mountain of Purgatory and the city of Florence, in a detail of a painting by Domenico di Michelino, Florence, 1465.

Bishop's Message for July

Give thanks to God for the here and now



**From the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton**

The end is in sight! No, I'm not talking about the EU referendum result, I'm talking about the end of term and the long summer holiday period beckoning our children and young people to put the cares of exams aside.

I remember those school holidays as seemingly endless days of sun and

relaxation. Building tents in the garden around the swing and sleeping out. Packing up picnics and fishing for tiddlers in the local stream. Halcyon days! But of course, it wasn't really like that. Well, not all the time...

We often look back with rose-tinted specs, remembering the golden days nostalgically when life was good and there were happy endings. Those of us who have been vicars know that it was always our predecessor who got it right and rarely ourselves! But why not make the most of those opportunities today, when the sun is shining and all is well in the world, to celebrate and give thanks to God for his goodness in the here and now?

We all need to take time to stop and view, to catch our breath and acknowledge the graces of God in our lives. To mark a "holy day". A little more fun, relaxation and play would do us all good and help us regain strength, energy and vigour for the tasks ahead. So let's encourage our children or grandchildren to enjoy their "hol(y)days" – and let's join in ourselves!

+Ruth Taunton

Reordering discussion day postponed

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

After much thought and consultation we have concluded that the reorganisation of the East end needs a long, careful look at our vision of Christ Church as a worshipping community. Only when we have a clear view of what our priorities are and what we need the building to enable us to do will we be able to make the right decision on its layout. This is a huge undertaking which will need prayer and

thought. It is a question that needs more time, prayer and space than a simple decision about the renewal of our temporary licence to try different layouts. We will therefore postpone the discussion scheduled for Saturday 9 July and plan instead for a more encompassing session in the early Autumn to discern our wider vision for our Church community and our worship space in the early Autumn, building on the Away Day held last year.

Meadows Conservation Day at Kelston Roundhill

Enjoy a day of activities for the whole family in the wildflower meadow from 10:30am on Thursday 14 July. Help with some meadow management by trying your hand at ragwort pulling or scything. Learn about the amazing plants that grow on the hill on a wildflower ID walk. Discover what butterflies and insects you can find living in the grassland. Enjoy a delicious selection of locally produced cheeses from Bath Soft Cheese Ltd.

Kelston Roundhill is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Special Scientific Interest. If it is pouring with rain on the day there is a

large old Grade II listed barn with facilities and a kitchen where you can shelter.

The event is free but please secure a place by booking: phone 07842 663603 or e-mail keeley.spate@cotswoldsaoib.org.uk



Building plans at Christ Church: an update

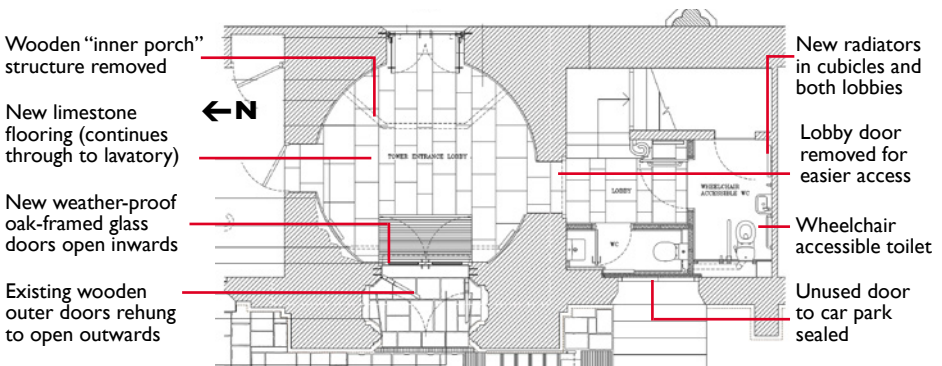
In April the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) approved our proposals for the refurbishment of the main toilets in the south-west corner of the church building, and we have made a formal application for a faculty (the Church of England counterpart of planning permission for works on listed churches).

While we wait for this to come through, we intend to commence renovation of the choir vestry toilet in the north-west corner of the building. We have received permission from the Archdeacon for this work, and the idea is to have the renovated choir vestry toilet operational before the main toilets are put out of service once a faculty is received.

Meanwhile, the previously-planned refurbishment of the lavatory facilities in the

Lower Mews is being deferred. When tenders were received from five different potential contractors, the cost of this project proved to be significantly higher than anticipated, and the Trustees felt it would be better to direct spending towards works that are more pressing, considering that there is a working toilet in the Lower Mews and it is compliant with accessibility regulations. An additional loo would be nice but is not as urgent a priority.

The next phase of the refurbishment of the West end of the church is renovation of the main entrance and lobby. As reported last month, our architects have drawn up detailed plans, and these have now been submitted to the DAC for "formal advice", beginning the process leading to a faculty for this in turn.



New Christianity resource for schools to boost religious literacy

Teaching of Christianity in schools is set to be transformed by a new resource from the Church of England,

Understanding Christianity is a set of comprehensive materials and training which will enable pupils from age 4 to 14 to develop their understanding of Christianity, as a contribution to making sense of the world and their own experience within it.

Available to all schools across the country the resource was written by a team of RE advisers from RE Today Services, in collaboration with more than 30 expert teachers and academics, and has been trialled in over 50 schools.

Understanding Christianity was commissioned by the Church of England Education Office with the generous support of Culham St Gabriels, The Sir Halley Stewart Trust, the Jerusalem Trust and an anonymous donor.

The Rev Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer for The Church of England, said: "RE is primarily about teaching religious literacy. The ability for young people to have informed conversation and dialogue about belief and faith is key to building a peaceful society and helps combat ignorance and extremism. We recognise that within the rich Christian heritage of Britain, a particular responsibility of the Church of England is to ensure Christianity is well taught in our schools. This large-scale resource promotes theological literacy and a

deep understanding of the whole Christian narrative for children and young people."

Understanding Christianity will not be available in the shops. Accredited trainers will train teachers to use the resource in their own setting. The project also comes with up to 15 hours of professional development support.

Over 800 teachers and staff have signed up for training in Understanding Christianity in one diocese alone. Jane Chipperton, Adviser for RE and Worship at the Diocese of St Albans which covers Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and part of north London said: "Our teachers are hugely excited about this resource. Over 100 schools have signed up for training, mostly on inset days. Some schools have sent their whole staff to be trained. I have never had such a positive response to one initiative."

David Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at Cambridge University and consultant on the project said: "This resource manages to interconnect the text of the Bible, the beliefs and practices of Christians, and the world of the pupils - a remarkable achievement."

Visit www.understandingchristianity.org.uk for more information on the new resource.

A hopeful future - Renewal and Reform

One of the foundational texts for Renewal & Reform is Luke 10:2:

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

As a church we live in a time of challenge but also hope. At the centre of the challenge is how we fulfil God's calling to us as a Church to play our role in God's ecology of growth and harvest. At the centre of our hope is God's promise to equip us.

Hope has a biblical foundation. It comes out of the promises of God - his abundant, continuing generosity and his faithfulness throughout what has been and what is to come. Biblical hope underpins the work of Renewal & Reform in seeking a confident and hopeful future. This isn't about institutional survival but rather responding to God's call for His Church in this generation and for the generations to come. Renewal and Reform is not simply a response to some negative graphs and challenging demographics, although the graphs may be daunting and the demographics concerning. Rather it has to be about an understanding of God's call and God's promise into the future.

I hope that as its work progresses Renewal & Reform will build upon and support the future work already taking place in parishes and dioceses across the country. In some cases it will involve new initiatives, in others supporting ongoing good work in others still nurturing planted seeds of hope to fruition and harvest. Some of this is about planning, some about releasing, some about surprise. In all the aim is to equip and invest in a confident, hopeful church by identifying the challenges and working to provide solutions to those things that would hinder growth..

For example, we need to think and plan for what ministries and leadership our churches, chaplaincies and fresh expressions need (including how to give effect to the decision to increase the number of ordinands by 50% by 2022). We need to take deliberate steps to ensure that dioceses have senior leadership which is more representative and better equipped for God's mission. We need to work out how whole church can confidently communicate our faith in word and action in a digital age. We need to think intentionally about how we reach those groups missing from our churches, whilst affirming those whose lives and service are a faithful presence.

And we need to expect God to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. We hope that every diocese will seek to articulate their own narrative of hope, informed by their context, enriched by all that God has been doing and continues to do, and confident of God's promises for the future. We hope that every parish will similarly look honestly and prayerfully at how and where God has been leading and where he may be taking us next. As the writer of Lamentations says:

*Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not
consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness*

Renewal & Reform is built on hope. And hope is a very, very good thing.

Mike Eastwood, Director of Renewal and Reform

New ministry statistics released

The Church of England has released new Ministry Statistics giving trends in ministry over the period between 2012 and 2015.

The statistics show that total ordained ministry over the last 4 years has remained stable, with over 20,000 ordained people serving the church in various roles.

The number of stipendiary clergy has fallen from 8,300 to 8,000 between 2012 and 2015.

The proportion of stipendiary clergy who are women increased from 24% in 2012 to 27% in 2015. And 19% of senior staff in 2015 were women, up from 12% in 2012.

Nationally, 13% of parish clergy are aged under 40, while a quarter are 60 and over.

There was an increase in stipendiary clergy from Black and Minority Ethnic communities from 3% in 2012 to 3.4% in 2015.

In his commentary, the Church of England Director of Ministry, Julian Hubbard, writes: "While the number of stipendiary ordinations showed a welcome increase between 2012 and 2015, this is not sufficient to redress the gathering effect of clergy retirements predicted over the next ten years. "The statistics on the age and ethnicity of clergy show that we still have some way to go to ensure that the whole

cohort fully reflects the demographics of the wider community.

"The good news is that there is a growing readiness to meet these challenges."

Mike Eastwood, Director of Renewal and Reform, the Church of England's major response to falling church attendance, said: "These figures support what we have been saying about the need for renewal and reform in the Church of England.

"Renewal and Reform is about a message of hope, through changed lives and transformed communities, as people discover their vocation to love God and serve others.

"Renewal and Reform is not a top-down project to fix the church, but a narrative of local hope in God shared throughout the church.

"As part of Renewal and Reform, we are currently consulting on how we better release the gifts of all Christian leaders in church and wider society, whether ordained or not."

Visit <http://bit.ly/ministrystats> for more on the statistics

The Year Book is now part of Crockford online

The Official Church of England Year Book - first published in print 133 years ago - is now online for the first time. Its publication marks a major development of the Crockford Online site which was relaunched a year ago.

The Year Book is the ideal complement to Crockford, providing a wealth of up-to-date information and contact details on the work of the Church at diocesan and national level.

Year Book content can now be found throughout the site, allowing you to explore the structures and personnel in all 42 Church of England Dioceses.

A Year Book subscription is required to view Year Book content in full, with a range of individual and institution rates available.

Visit www.crockford.org.uk/yearbook for more information

New plans to expand network of support on money and debt

The Church of England is embarking on an ambitious programme to grow a nationwide network of support for people to help them take action on money and debt.

A pilot scheme based in churches in London, Southwark and Liverpool dioceses will be expanded to dioceses in the rest of the country under plans put forward by the Just Finance Network, formerly known as the Church Credit Champions Network.

More than 260 'credit champions', or volunteers in local churches, have been trained so far within the pilot scheme to help people tackle issues from promoting budgeting skills to work on increasing the size of credit unions.

Over 300 churches are already involved in the scheme carrying out mass sign-ups to credit unions, setting up credit union branches in church buildings and encouraging local employers to set up pay roll saving for their staff.

The programme is on target to bring in more than 3,000 new credit union members by the end of this year and has saved more than £2 million by helping people access affordable credit rather than high cost pay day lenders.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, told credit champions' at a service in London last year: "You have seen the need, and you have met it with love, grace and hope."

The proposals for an expansion to the network are the latest stage in work first started by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on responsible credit and savings. The network, now managed by Church Urban Fund, will build on initiatives already under way in churches across the country.

Churches and individuals are being encouraged to take part in fundraising to support the

expansion of the network through the Archbishop of Canterbury's Mustard Seed Appeal.

Paul Hackwood, Executive Director of Church Urban Fund, said: "More than eight million people in the UK are struggling with debt, with many resorting to high cost loans to cover the cost of basic necessities.

"Church of England parishes have shown amazing initiative in tackling this real need through work such as promoting budgeting skills, championing credit unions and supporting community-led finance schemes.

"The leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the work of the Church of England parishes have been crucial to the success so far of the pilot scheme. We hope that people will be generous in responding to this appeal to allow us to build further on this vital work."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Churches across the country have responded enthusiastically and with great generosity to the work of supporting credit unions and other forms of responsible credit and savings.

"I hope that by contributing to the Mustard Seed Appeal, we will be able to carry this work forward to dioceses across the country."

Visit www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-appeal for more information and how to get involved.

Christ Church calendar July 2016

July	1	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	3	Sun	<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity / Thomas the Apostle</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	7	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	8	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	10	Sun	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	12	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm
	14	Thu	<i>John Keble, priest and poet</i> Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	15	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	17	Sun	<i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Gensis Sunday Centre
	21	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	22	Fri	<i>Mary Magdalene</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	24	Sun	<i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	25	Mon	<i>James the Apostle</i>
	29	Fri	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	30	Sat	<i>William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)</i>
	31	Sun	<i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
Aug	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	6	Sat	<i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>
	7	Sun	<i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</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 July 2016

Friday **1** For those who have suffered as a result of terrorism

Saturday **2** For Dorothy House and other hospices

Sunday **3** For Mark our Lay Reader

Monday **4** For those who work in financial services

Tuesday **5** For the future of our nation

Wednesday **6** For new members to be added to Christ Church

Thursday **7** For those preparing for marriage or recently married

Friday **8** For the mentally ill

Saturday **9** For our vision for Christ Church

Sunday **10** For Lore and Colin

Monday **11** For our own personal witness

Tuesday **12** For the Church Council, meeting tonight

Wednesday **13** For a good harvest

Thursday **14** For the elderly

Friday **15** For the homeless

Saturday **16** We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy

Sunday **17** For our Junior Church

Monday **18** For those who work in local government

Tuesday **19** For Canon Angela and Ned

Wednesday **20** For peace

Thursday **21** For the Fairtrade movement

Friday **22** For victims of violence

Saturday **23** We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians

Sunday	24	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Monday	25	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	26	That we may have the gift of hope
Wednesday	27	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Thursday	28	For those who care for the sick
Friday	29	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Saturday	30	For those who travel
Sunday	31	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

Long-term Prayer List

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

John Burrows
 Cyril Selmes
 Ned Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Val Curtis
 Martin Palmer
 Katharine
 David Slater

David Lavis
 Jason Batup
 Don Sparks
 Marge and Mervyn Gull
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Donald Morris
 Tabitha and Fonella Coles
 Vicki Szoatko

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 July 2016

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 July Thomas	Rebekah Cunningham Habakkuk 2:1-4	David Bishop Ephesians 2:19-end	Penny Edwards John 20:24-29
10 July Trinity 7	Janet Mahto Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Jane Fletcher Colossians 1:1-14	Virginia Knight Luke 10:25-37
17 July Trinity 8	Georgina Bowman Genesis 18:1-10a	Malcolm Wall Colossians 1:15-28	Rowena Hall Luke 10:38-end
24 July Trinity 9	Sylvia Ayers Genesis 18:20-32	Peter Woodward Colossians 2:6-15	Brenda Wall Luke 11:1-13
31 July Trinity 10	Morny Davison Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Alex Soboslay Colossians 3:1-11	Judith Anderson Luke 12:13-21
7 August Trinity 11	Emma Elliott Genesis 15:1-6	Charles Rice Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Margaret Heath Luke 12:32-40

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
3 July	Andrew Sillett, Clive Tilling	Margaret Heath, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
10 July	David Rawlings, Jane Fletcher	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Sarah Jones
17 July	Keri Chivers, Brenda Wall	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards
24 July	Malcolm Wall, David Rawlings	Janet Mahto, Rowena Hall	Revd Cliff Burrows
31 July	Jane Fletcher, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Georgina Bowman
7 August	Malcolm Wall, Keri Chivers	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Rebekah Cunningham

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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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