



## Around the building...

*What's happening at Christ Church – planned or unplanned!*

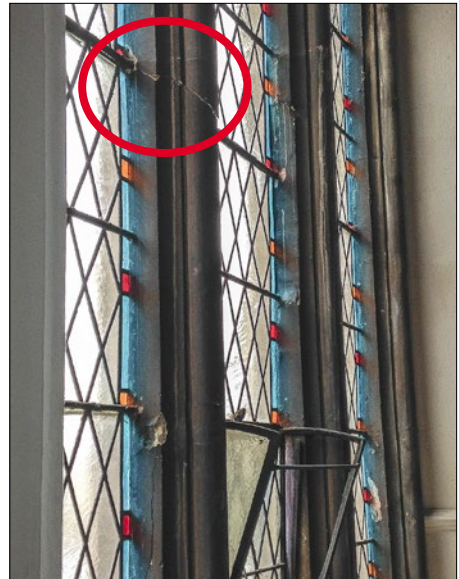
Work should be starting soon to renovate the choir vestry toilet – we've just been waiting on the contractor's availability. This work will take an estimated two weeks. When it's done and the toilet is usable, the plan is to press ahead without delay to refurbish the main toilets, assuming we have received the relevant permissions from the Church authorities – a "faculty" from the Chancellor of the diocese is required in place of listed buildings consent because Christ Church is a listed building in ecclesiastical use. We will shortly be petitioning for a faculty for the next proposed phase, refurbishment of the entrance and lobby, but work on this is subject to funds and might require some fundraising first.

Meanwhile, we've been reminded that there might also be other calls on our finances, given that the building is 220 years old. In August we had to repair the stonework in one of the windows in the gallery, and we are awaiting the stonemason's recommendations concerning some of the other windows, which are showing signs of similar problems – we do not yet know whether they can be left for the time being or will require work to prevent more serious damage developing.

Then, sometime between 4pm and 5pm on Sunday 28 August, it seems that the lead downpipe on the south-west corner of the church building, on the Julian Road frontage, came away from the wall and collapsed into the road in front of a Sainsbury's delivery

van (which fortunately managed to stop in time). Luckily, no one was injured by the falling pipe, but there must have been people in the area because someone was reported making off with some of the lead. It's not quite clear whether the pipe was "helped" down in the first

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*The western-most window in the south gallery needed urgent stonework repairs where one of the mullions (circled) had cracked right through – a common problem in older buildings, we're told, caused by the rusting and expansion of the metal horizontal members holding the glass in place. You can see an area of "blown" stone lower down on the same mullion caused by the same thing.*

## Building works (cont'd)

▶ place – quite possibly not; there are signs of water flow down the wall, so it's likely that the downpipe was not in good condition to begin with, and it seems that there was a torrential down-pour that afternoon, which could well have been a contributing factor.

To make the area safe, the remains of the downpipe dangling from the wall had to be removed; the on-call building control officer from Bath Council was called out to verify that the hopper at the top was secure and posed no risk to people passing below. Work to replace the downpipe and double-check that everything is safe should be under way by the time you read this.

The police attended (acting on the reported theft of lead, not the collapse of the downpipe itself) and called Mark Elliott, whose contact details they found on the notice board. Many thanks to Mark for responding swiftly and taking charge of the situation.

As if all this weren't enough, the organ is badly in need of repairs, mainly because some 100-year-old components are worn out. Christ Church Council and Trustees are evaluating what needs to be done urgently and considering a phased programme of work, but the costs will be hefty and more fundraising will certainly be needed. Anyone know any fundraising experts?

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## New appointments

Following Angela Berners-Wilson's appointment as Rector of Quantock Towers benefice, her replacement as University of Bath Chaplain will be Revd Nigel Rawlinson, currently Associate Minister at All Saints Weston, Bath, who will be licensed on Thursday 15 September. He will retain links with All Saints Weston.

The new Dean of Wells is the Very Revd Dr John Davies, currently the Dean of Derby. His installation will be on Sunday 20 November.



The Great Bath Bake Sale takes place in Bath Abbey on Saturday 1 October from 11am. The organisers have invited local charities to bring home-baked goodies to sell to raise vital funds for all the great work they do in Bath, and to raise awareness of their work. The event will also be raising funds for the Abbey's own Footprint project (find out about it at [www.bathabbey.org/footprint](http://www.bathabbey.org/footprint))

Local star bakers are invited to enter the first-ever Showstopper Competition – bring your creations to the Abbey before 11am for judging at 1pm. There are categories for adults and children, and “fantastic prizes” are promised. There will also be cupcake decorating, children's bread and butter making (11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm), and tea, coffee and soft drinks available.

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## St Mary's reopening

St Mary's RC Church, Julian Road, is officially reopening following the fire in July 2015. Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton, will celebrate Mass at St Mary's to mark the official reopening on Sunday 2 October at 10:30am, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

# Coming events

## **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

## **Early Music: cello by candlelight**

*What is it?* Some of the most beautiful music ever written for the cello, in the candlelit surroundings of Wells Cathedral, with one of Europe's leading baroque cellists, Luise Buchberger (Co-Principal Cello of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment)

*When is it?* Saturday 17 September, 7pm

*Where?* Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US

*Tickets* £12, from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) or at the door

*Details* wellscathedral.org.uk

## **Faith and the Environment**

*What is it?* A talk by Martin Palmer (no relation), Secretary General of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), a Bath-based secular body that helps major world religions to develop their own environmental programmes. Followed by an Indian vegetarian meal (starting at around 6pm)

*When is it?* Saturday 24 September, 4pm

*Where?* Friends' Meeting House, York Street, Bath BA1 1NG

*Entry* by ticket only (£5). For tickets, contact [janefohara@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:janefohara@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Meet the Master of the Queen's Music**

*What is it?* An evening with Judith Weir CBE (Master of the Queen's Music, and one of the UK's finest contemporary composers), in conversation with fellow composers Judith Bingham and Howard Skempton

*When is it?* Wednesday 19 October, 7:30pm

*Where?* Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US

*Admission* free; retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

*Details* wellscathedral.org.uk

# In memory of David Burt



*On Saturday 13 August, a quarter-peal was rung on our bells in honour of David Burt, who was a bell-ringer at Christ Church and was instrumental in repairing our bells in 1979, bringing them back into use after 50 years of deterioration. He was the son of Walter Burt, Verger of Christ Church for many years from about 1972. David's son William Burt recalls: "I believe the family may also have worshipped at Christ Church much earlier, as Dad remembered going there as a small boy, and both he and his sister were born in a house in the Walcot area of the city. Later the family moved to the Whiteway estate on the other side of town." The group photo above (photographer unknown) records a quarter-peal rung on the Christ Church bells on Sunday 3 August 1986 as a Golden Wedding Anniversary Compliment to Walter and Kathleen Burt, in which David Burt took part. The photo of David in later life at the top is courtesy of William Burt.*

# Celebrate Genesis

The Genesis Trust has invited everyone to a special evening of worship, testimony, prayer and thanksgiving to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the charity. It will mark "21 years of giving hope, stability and a future to the most vulnerable people in Bath." Joining this special event will be Graham Kendrick, who will lead worship, and guest speaker the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Genesis Trust Service of Celebration takes place at The Forum, Bath, at 7:30pm on Thursday 13 October. Tickets are free of charge and can be booked by calling 01225 463549 or visiting <http://bit.ly/295RWe6>.



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## Research subjects needed

Matthew Jones is supervising a summer pharmacy student carrying out a research project looking at how easily people with rheumatoid arthritis can use inhalers. She now needs to find people who do not have rheumatoid arthritis of the same age as the patients she's been working with. If you're a woman in one of the following age ranges, would you be able to help? (You don't need to be someone who uses an inhaler.)

- 62 to 66
- 65 to 69
- 72 to 76
- 73 to 77

Taking part will take about 10 minutes, which could be after church one Sunday. You'll need to answer a few questions about your health and how well your hands work, and then try using four different dummy inhaler devices. Finally, we'll measure how quickly you can breathe in.

The project has been approved by the University of Bath's research ethics procedures. If you'd like to find out more, please talk to Matthew, who can give you an information leaflet. Thank you!

# High Profiles interviews

Have you ever wondered what forms the opinions of the people we see as opinion-formers? What are their underlying values, beliefs and principles, and how did they come by them? This is the sort of territory explored by the Christian culture-and-politics magazine *Third Way* in its celebrated in-depth, unspun cover interviews. Sadly, *Third Way* folded earlier this year, but Rebekah Cunningham's brother, Huw, who has commissioned and edited these interviews since 1993, is continuing the series online at [www.highprofiles.info](http://www.highprofiles.info).

Some of the highlights of recent years are now free to read there, from Paulo Coelho to Gloria Steinem, Annie Lennox to Nigel Farage. A small annual subscription of £5 (concessions £3) will give you access also to 12 fresh new interviews a year, and will help to make them happen – High Profiles is, essentially, crowdfunded.

From the website: "The High Profile interviews engage with people who help to shape our world or the way we perceive it. We want to learn more about their values and beliefs and the experience of life that has formed them. Over the years, we have talked in depth to everyone from Gerry Adams to Benjamin Zephaniah and beyond. We have interviewed artists and scientists, philosophers and activists, newspaper editors and Cabinet ministers. We've done soldiers, film directors, sheikhs, archbishops.

"These are much more interesting questions than I'm usually asked," Andrew Motion told us. 'It is difficult to catch someone's real voice, but this really does catch mine. I loved it,' said Camille Paglia. Jeremy Paxman emailed us: 'That is the best interview with me that I have ever read!'

"High Profile was the centrepiece of the radical Christian magazine *Third Way* from 1993 until it folded this year. Rowan Williams called it 'imaginative and unafraid...An irreplaceable contribution to the debate.'"

Do take a look at the website if you're interested in what makes such people tick, and consider subscribing.

# Bishop's Message for September

*Making room in our busy lives for prayer*



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

“The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind.” Words with which we begin morning prayer.

September can often be one of the busiest months of our church calendar. I suppose it's partly because holidays have come to an end, children have returned to school, and we feel the need to get back into the swing of all those meetings! Somehow we feel we must have a PCC due to the summer break (never mind that the legal requirement is just four meetings a year); or we want to fit in a confirmation course before Advent; or there's all those appointment interviews to be had if we want someone to start in the new year.

Busy, busy, busy! Last month Bishop Peter spoke about our first diocesan strategic priority as putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we

do, “living and telling the story of Jesus’ love for us”. And if we are going to be able to fulfil that charge then we must underpin our “living and telling” with prayer. Otherwise it will just be about giving busy people more things to do. As we enter into that conversation with Jesus, so we will be able to discern what is important, where we should focus our efforts and what we may need to stop in order to do so.

Earlier in the summer we heard the Sunday gospel of the story of Mary and Martha, welcoming Jesus into their family home. He evidently found their home to be a place of welcome and hospitality, somewhere where he could relax and be himself.

We were once invited to dinner with a couple who we had got to know through church. It was an amazing evening, a seven-course dinner, in effect Christmas with all the trimmings although it was summer. There were even silver candelabra! I found out later that Rose had never had folk round for supper before. She'd purchased the candlesticks specially. Over the next few years we got to know them well, to the point where we all could relax over a coffee rather than be worrying about dropping peas on the carpet.

Prayer needs to become part of our daily bread and butter where we don't find ourselves self-conscious but enter into the welcome of family. Where sitting and listening with Mary or sharing our worries and concerns as Martha did becomes a natural way of living. And where we can hear the voice of Jesus encouraging and challenging us in our living and telling of his story of love.

**+Ruth Taunton**

## Zambian choir visit



The Mary Sumner Zambia Choir are visiting Bath and Wells during their trip to the UK for the 140th anniversary of Mary Sumner's founding of the Mothers' Union. They are making several appearances, at which all are welcome.

■ Saturday 24 September, 7:30pm: "An evening of joyous song and testimony" at St Philip & St James Church, Norton St Philip BA2 7LT

■ Sunday 25 September, 10:30am: Services at both St Philip & St James, Norton St Philip, and St Lawrence Church, Rode BA11 6PW, then Afternoon Tea and Evening Praise Service, 3pm at St Thomas Church, St Thomas Street, Wells BA5 2UZ

■ Thursday 29 September, 10:30am: Performance at The Bishop's Palace, Wells BA5 2PD

## Christ Church Open Day

Christ Church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 10 September to welcome participants in this year's Ride and Stride, who raise money through sponsorship as they either cycle or walk around a local group of churches on the day. Half the money raised goes to participants' own chosen church, and half to Somerset Churches Trust, which aids churches by giving grants towards essential repairs and improving facilities to enable wider community use.

Our choir will be singing at 11:30am, and visitors will have the opportunity to visit the ringing chamber and see bell ringing taking place. Refreshments will be available all day.



## Evensong moves

For a trial period, Evensong at Christ Church will be moving from the first Sunday to the *third* Sunday of each month, at 4:30pm. This is in order to reduce the number of clashes with holidays, Bank Holidays, etc.

## Charity of the month: Zambia link dioceses

*The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 11 September, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of September, will go to support the Bath and Wells Diocesan Zambia Link.*

The link between the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the five Anglican dioceses of Zambia was established in 1978. Through this link, exchange visits, parish links and personal contact have strengthened the chain of prayer and fellowship.

Zambia is a landlocked country in southern Central Africa, three times the size of the UK. It became independent in 1964 and is now a Democratic Republic with a population of 13 million. The mortality rate is high, largely because of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other

diseases. Life expectancy in Zambia is currently 55. The country is predominantly Christian, the main denominations being the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Zambia (non-conformists). Anglicans make up 2% of the population, served by around 60 priests spread over the whole country. The five Anglican dioceses each cover an area at least the size of England.

The diocesan link provides spiritual and social support as well as financial help. Funds given and projects supported must be aligned with the overall priority for the Zambian Anglican Church, which is on the journey towards self-sustainability.

For more information, visit the Bath and Wells website, <http://bit.ly/Zambia-link>

## Safeguarding in every part of the church

Ensuring the church is a safe place for all

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has contributed the foreword to a special safeguarding edition of *Crucible*, the journal of Christian social ethics, saying the Church must be “compassionate and attentive to those who have been abused and sinned against”.

His foreword begins: “When I became Archbishop I knew that the whole issue of the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults would be an important area to be addressed, but had mistakenly believed that the major changes needed in outlook had already been achieved.

“However, it very quickly became apparent that this would have to be an area of major concern. Not only were some of the measures already taken only a beginning, the proper response to survivors and the embedding of a proper culture of safeguarding in every part of the Church still had a very long way to go.”

**The full article can be read at <http://bit.ly/2bmvo8cl>**

### Parish role in safeguarding is vital

In a CofE blog <http://bit.ly/29z4lBx> the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, has reflected on the past six years as he hands over the role of lead safeguarding bishop.

“The core base of all church safeguarding is the work done in our parishes: this is where

safeguarding is worked out every day of the week, and all church policies and practices have to be designed for this.”

Along with the importance of safeguarding in the local church, he stressed how we must continue to invest in the future. “Where people have been abused we must respond well and not try to brush things under the carpet. How we respond can give confidence about present practice.

“I genuinely have some concern that so much time, energy and expenditure is being put into ‘the past’ that the present might be at risk of being compromised and the future inadequately invested in. We must respond well to the past but we must also ensure the present is the best that it can be.”

Bishop Paul also spoke about the importance of engaging with survivors: “One of the deepest learnings personally has been through engaging with survivors. I am deeply grateful to all those who have openly shared with me.”

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Peter Hancock, who is taking on the role said: “It is an enormous privilege and challenge to be taking this on - safeguarding must be everyone’s responsibility as it is about the wellbeing of everyone. I am indebted to the leadership and commitment shown by Bishop Paul and recognise the immense changes that have already taken place. But we must never be complacent and must work with and walk alongside survivors for whom the effects of abuse can be lifelong. We must be aware that it is an ongoing journey to make the Church a safer place for all.

## Safeguarding in every part of the church - contined

### Welcome for new chair of IICSA

Bishop Peter has also welcomed the appointment of the new Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), Professor Alexis Jay, following the

resignation of Justice Goddard. In particular, he commended her public commitment to continuing the important work the Inquiry has done so far in hearing the voices of survivors and looking at institutional failings.

## Faith, realism and the Church of England

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

Part of Renewal & Reform is the call for us to make a realistic assessment of our current realities, that it shouldn't be an exercise in self-delusion. That's fine, except that this is about church, about God. God is a God of surprises and abundance. If we have faith as small as a mustard seed we can move mountains. God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to God's power at work within us.

Also, we've been here before. The church has faced times of decline and a sense that society is moving away from us, yet decline has always been followed by revival. Some of the most powerful movements within the church have been and continue to be in the face of decline, opposition and persecution. We just need to wait for things to turn around. And they will, because God is God.

So why does Renewal & Reform call for a realistic assessment? Is it because we don't have a big enough view of God or are ignorant of our church history? And is Renewal & Reform primarily a response to that assessment, a response to some negative graphs?

Essentially Renewal & Reform seeks to take a rounded view of the abundant harvest that God offers to us, of the hopeful future that there is in Christ and in his church. However, we also need to be mindful of where God has placed us both in time and place. As the Spirit says to the church in Pergamum, 'I know where you live'. God knows where he has placed us and the chal-

lenges that ensue. There is nothing wrong with us taking stock of that.

The Church of England faces some stiff challenges. Our giving base is elderly, as the time, talents and treasure generation are dying out and not being replaced in equal number or commitment. Our numerical base is also in decline. Our stipendiary clergy base is in decline. Some of our patterns of ministry are unsustainable. And many of us struggle to relate the faith we have to the lives we live.

Equally, the Church of England has huge blessings. The thousands of faithful, committed Christians living out their faith day by day; the thousands of opportunities we have to be salt and light to those around us; our financial inheritance and the many opportunities it opens up (not least because the latest figures in the 2014 Parish Finances Report, due to be released early September) show parish finances once again strengthening).

So part of Renewal & Reform at national, diocesan and parish level is a call to look at what we have in our hand, at what God has blessed us with. Alongside this there is a call to look at how we might need to use the reality of where we are to do things differently into the future. Some of our impulses will arise out of a desire to tackle some of the negatives head on, without blame or undue self-criticism. Equally, some of this will be about looking at what is going well and building on that. And obviously this involves prayerful choice. We can't do everything so we need to be



discerning about what we can do – and do it.

Realism does not mean fatalism. Nor does it mean that we abandon our past and present for some idealised future. Realism means cherishing what we have, what and who we have been, while listening to the prophetic voice as to what and who we might need to become.

As Jesus says (Luke 15) if we want to build a tower we first need to sit down and estimate the cost to see if we have the money to complete it. It's a call for some taking stock, for a degree of realism as we think and plan for a different future. We still need to hold onto St Paul's encouragement that God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, that God's strength is

made perfect in our weaknesses. We need to look with confidence to God's faithfulness in our lives as individuals and as a church. And we need to be missionally ambitious as we look to a hopeful future. Not everything can, will or should stay the same; not everything can, will or should be thrown over. We are where we are, and that is where God has put us. There is no contradiction between being expectant of a plentiful harvest, hopeful of a bigger and better future, and having a realistic assessment of where we start from.

Mike Eastwood, Director of Renewal & Reform

## Baptism preparation course builds on national research

Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, joined authors Jacqui Hyde and Sandra Millar at Bishops Court, Gloucester for a garden party celebration of *We Welcome You*, a new book on baptism preparation with families.

*We Welcome You* is a new three-part course from Church House Publishing, divided into *Getting Ready*, *The Big Day* and *The Journey Continues*.

The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar, a contributor to the book, and head of the national work around the baptism of children said, "The course is based on listening to families, welcoming and involving them. The research we have done showed that parents are open to explore the way in which faith can be a part of family life in the years ahead.

"The course, whether done in three sessions or one, helps families explore the full meaning of their child's christening, make the day itself special, and suggest simple ways they can continue the amazing journey of Christian faith.

"*We Welcome You* gives clergy and baptism

visitors confidence and practical tools to make baptism preparation relevant and engaging. It is full of tried and tested ideas developed by the author, Revd Jacqui Hyde, over many years of parish experience preparing families for the baptism of a child."

The Rt Revd Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham and a contributor to the book, says: "Christenings are fantastic opportunities for the local church to connect with the family and friends of the child being brought for baptism. Helping parents think about what they want for their child and how the christening is part of this is vital.

"*We Welcome You* is brilliantly designed to help everyone concerned make the very most of the opportunity and ensure that each child is truly welcomed."

*We Welcome You: Baptism Preparation with Families* (ISBN 978 0 7151 4722 1, price £14.99) is available direct from Church House Publishing (online via [www.chpublishing.co.uk](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk) or by calling 01603 785915) or via Christian booksellers.

# New National Youth Evangelism Officer

Jimmy Dale has been appointed as the Church of England's first national Youth Evangelism Officer in response to the Archbishop of Canterbury's focus on evangelism. Jimmy will take up the role in October. He will hold a national remit to develop and disseminate models of evangelism among 11 - 18 year olds.

This new role aims to promote the mission of the church to and by 11-18 year olds. In collaboration with Dioceses, Jimmy will develop, pilot and evaluate effective models of youth evangelism that enable young people to reach their peers with the Gospel. Working alongside bishops, clergy, youth advisers and youth workers, he will then ensure that parish leaders have ready access to those models.

Speaking after his appointment, Mr Dale said: "I'm so excited to be starting in this new role and the potential that it brings. It's brilliant to see young people as they evangelise to their friends and support them in that, and helping churches reach young people with the good news of Jesus. I am really looking forward to working alongside people across the country as we seek to support and promote where youth evangelism is working well, as well as dreaming together of new ways to reach young people with the gospel."

Mr Dale will work with both the Mission and Public Affairs Division (MPA) and the National Education Office of the Archbishops' Council, as part of a small team focussed on youth evangelism.

Jimmy Dale comes to the post having worked as Centre Director and founder of Newham Youth for Christ and with previous experience in youth work. He holds a BA (Hons) in Youth Work and Applied Theology from the University of Gloucestershire.

Welcoming the appointment, the Director of MPA, the Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, said: "I am very pleased that we have appointed Jimmy Dale to this important new post. It represents a creative response to the priority of youth evangelism which combines the resources of the Education Office and the Mission and Public Affairs Division and will start to address the challenges of reaching out to a generation which can confound our assumptions about how they see the world, the church and the gospel."

Chief Education Officer, the Revd Nigel Genders, added: "The priorities set out in Going for Growth include every young person having a life enhancing encounter with Jesus Christ and the Christian faith and recognises the vital need to enable the capacity of young people as agents of change and transformation. We are delighted to welcome Jimmy to bring a specific focus on youth evangelism to this work and look forward to working with others across the church as we seek to enable young people to reach their peers with the good news about Jesus."

# Christ Church calendar Sept. 2016

<b>Sep</b>	1	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	4	Sun	<i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis, 12 midday onwards
	8	Thu	Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	9	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	10	Sat	Christ Church Open Day for Ride & Stride (and others!)
	11	Sun	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	14	Wed	<i>Holy Cross Day</i>
	15	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	16	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	17	Sat	<i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen</i>
	18	Sun	<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	21	Wed	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
	23	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	25	Sun	<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	29	Thu	<i>Michael and All Angels</i> Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	30	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
<b>Oct</b>	2	Sun	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>

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# Prayer Cycle for September 2016

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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1</b>	For good relationships between the nations
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2</b>	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3</b>	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5</b>	For those who work in social services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6</b>	We give thanks for those who inspire us
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7</b>	For our compassion fund
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8</b>	For a good harvest
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9</b>	For those who lack food or water
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10</b>	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	For Mark, Keith and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13</b>	For vocations to the ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14</b>	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who mourn
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17</b>	We give thanks for our blessings
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18</b>	For our bell-ringing team
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19</b>	For those who work in the transport industry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20</b>	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>22</b>	For those on our rotas
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b>	For those in slavery or bonded labour

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>24</b>	That we may have the gift of joy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25</b>	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26</b>	For prisoners and prison workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27</b>	For victims of natural disasters
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b>	For Christian unity
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29</b>	For carers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>30</b>	For the sick and suffering

## 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  
 Tabitha and Fonella Coles  
 Hilary Hunter

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

### *Christ Church Link*

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# Rotas for September 2016

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>4 Sept</b> Trinity 15	<b>Junior Church</b> Genesis 1:1-5	(No reading)	<b>Junior Church</b> Matthew 4:18-22
<b>11 Sept</b> Trinity 16	<b>Lewis Boyd</b> Exodus 32:7-14	<b>Morny Davison</b> 1 Timothy 1:12-17	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Luke 15:1-10
<b>18 Sept</b> Trinity 17	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> Amos 8:4-7	<b>Judith Bishop</b> 1 Timothy 2:1-7	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Luke 16:1-13
<b>25 Sept</b> Trinity 18	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> Amos 6:1a,4-7	<b>Mark Elliott</b> 1 Timothy 6:6-19	<b>Penny Edwards</b> Luke 16:19-end
<b>2 October</b> Trinity 19	<b>Judith Anderson</b> Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-14	<b>Margaret Heath</b> Luke 17:5-10

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
<b>4 Sept</b>	Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto	(Junior Church)	Junior Church
<b>11 Sept</b>	David Rawlings, Jane Fletcher	Margaret Silver, Janet Mahto	Revd Cliff Burrows
<b>18 Sept</b>	Clive Tilling, Malcolm Wall	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Mark Elliott
<b>25 Sept</b>	Janet Mahto, Keri Chivers	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Rebekah Cunningham
<b>2 October</b>	David Rawlings, Brenda Wall	Rowena Hall, Janet Mahto	Sarah Jones

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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  
*Now on the **third** 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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