



Looking towards our future

Help ensure that the East end serves what we want to be

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

In his first letter to the new Christians in Corinth, Paul wrote: “Take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak.” Paul is talking about meat offered to pagan gods and then sold in the market place as food. He and other sophisticated Christians are unconcerned by this – the pagan gods are just blocks of stone and the meat which has been offered is simply meat. But... “Take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak.” Some of the new Christians, who until recently made sacrifices of meat

up to idols themselves, are horrified at the idea of apparently going back to their old ways and eating meat which has been consecrated to false gods. Paul’s response? Although he considers the “consecration” of meat to idols to be nothing more than superstition, he chooses not to eat it for the sake of the recently converted Christians.

It’s a sophisticated argument and reveals a deep sensitivity to the vulnerabilities and needs of his new fellow Christians. Paul put their spiritual needs above his own.

At the end of this month we will be

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The chancel and apse before we began our experimental reordering in mid 2013. The photo shows the choir in traditional “antiphonal” arrangement (and includes some fondly-remembered former members).

Our future *(continued from p.1)*

▶ meeting together as a church (Saturday 29 October). In the long term we need to decide what to do about the East end of our church. We have a temporary licence to re-order it but we will need to make a decision about its permanent arrangement by March 2018.

Before we do that, in order to think about the architectural arrangement in a way that is constructive and ensures that all voices are heard, we need to be clear how we as a community want to be shaped – what is our theological witness not just to the world but also to one another. We need to listen to each other and to work out what Christ Church is, as a worshipping community. We need to find what is fundamental to our worship and our way of being church. We may know for ourselves as individuals, but do we know for our whole church community? What about those who have different spiritual needs and vulnerabilities?

Building on the work Christ Church did last year with Caroline Bruce, we will come together to listen to each other and to begin to think about what our needs are, for and in the building – how we as a church community can flourish and love one another. We will need to discover each other's needs and vulnerabilities and to listen to the Holy Spirit as we discern what is crucial to our sense of being church and how by taking account of the needs of all, we can shape our church to what we are called to be.

Caroline Bruce (Parish Consultancy Officer) and Professor Simon Keyes (Visiting Professor at the Winchester Centre of Religion, Reconciliation and Peace) will be facilitating the day, which will start at 10am and include lunch. We hope very much that you will join us, but whether or not you can come please pray for all of us as we look towards the future.

Coming events

Christ Church Harvest Lunch

What is it? Our annual Harvest Lunch, when we come together to share food and fellowship and give thanks for God's blessings
When is it? Sunday 16 October, about midday (after our 10am Harvest Festival service)
Where? Christ Church
Watch for more details soon!

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 wells cathedral.org.uk

Cedar Tree 10th anniversary "party"

What is it? An informal celebration of ten years of the Cedar Tree café, with its founder Nicky Gladstone as guest of honour
When is it? Friday 11 November, 11am–1:30pm (the normal Cedar Tree hours)
Where? Probably the Lower Mews – there might be too many for the back of church

Other LMG services

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

Sundays

9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's
10:45am Choral Communion,
St Stephen's Lansdown
6:30pm Evensong (BCP), Charlcombe
St Mary's – 3rd Sunday of the month

Morning Prayer

Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
Friday 9:15am Charlcombe St Mary's
Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Students welcome

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

In the past Christ Church has been a haven for university students in Bath drawn by the welcome, the choral tradition, the challenging sermons and our close relationship with the University of Bath's chaplain. Now that Angela Berners-Wilson has moved on, that link with the chaplaincy has gone, but Christ Church still welcomes students.

Our choir will be singing Evensong at Bath Spa University on Sunday 9 October with an invitation for students to join the choir, and a wider invitation to all students to come to our 10am service on Sunday 16 October and to join us for lunch afterwards. It will be our bring-and-share Harvest Lunch, so there should be plenty for everyone.

If you know any students, encourage them to come!

Refugee & Migration Day

On Monday 10 October, Wells Cathedral is hosting a Refugee and Migration Day. A variety of speakers will be presenting a series of short talks from 2pm to 4pm in the Nave of the Cathedral exploring the topic "Migration – The Next Move." The speakers include a representative from Somerset County Council who will be giving a brief summary of local projects. The event (which will be chaired by Bishop Ruth Worsley) is to be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral's Education Room, a "Question Time" informal discussion and opportunities to explore how we might make a difference.

The event is free of charge, although donations will be welcomed on the day to cover costs. The organisers say they hope to raise enough through voluntary contributions to be able to make donations to related charity projects.

You are welcome to turn up on the day but the organisers say they cannot guarantee availability. If you wish to secure a place, you are invited to book via the Cathedral's website at www.wellscathedral.org.uk

Last month in Christ Church



Our Open Day on Saturday 10 September saw more than 40 people in total through our doors. In addition to refreshments, visitors enjoyed a performance by the choir (top) and an organ recital by Keith of works by composers from five different nations, from J.S. Bach to David N. Johnson.

On the same day, we welcomed Isabelle and Tony Arnold for a renewal of their wedding vows (above), surrounded by family and friends.

Speaking of weddings, Sunday 25 September marked Malcolm and Brenda Wall's 45th anniversary. Warmest congratulations to them!

Janet Mahto's Apple Picking Party on Sunday 4 September raised a whopping £570 for Genesis.

Finally, work on our toilet refurbishment is proceeding apace! While the main loos are out of service, the renovated choir vestry loo should now be usable, and two portaloos have been sited behind the Lower Mews kitchen in addition to the disabled-accessible loo in the Lower Mews itself.

Women's Refuge Appeal

Sylvia Ayers writes:

On Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd October we will ask for your help with our annual Bath Women's Refuge Appeal. If you think you can donate something, please would you let us have it during the next two weeks?

There is an ongoing need for practical items, e.g. light bulbs, scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing machine and dishwasher powders, washing-up liquid, household cleaners, soap, toilet rolls, cloths, dusters, polish, etc. If *you* use it at home, *they* need it too! Also required are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. Our congregation has always supported the Bath Women's Refuge, so we look forward to receiving your offerings, and send very many thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

Food for the mind & soul

Our Local Ministry Group partners at St Stephen's and St Mary's are offering some courses in Autumn 2016...

- **Alpha Course:** Tuesdays 27 September to 6 December (not 25 October), 7pm–9:30pm at St Stephen's School (includes supper).

For those prepared to explore and question the Christian faith – and those wondering if there's more to life... (Course book £5; contributions invited towards supper.)

- **Pilgrim Course:** Tuesdays 4 October to 15 November (not 25 October), 7:30pm–9:30pm at The Rectory, Richmond Place.

If you want the Christian faith to play a fuller and deeper part of your life. A course to inspire, excite and enable. (Course book £5.99.)

- **Christian Meditation:** Wednesdays 5 October to 16 November (not 26 October), 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St Mary's, Charlcombe. Find confidence and freedom in silence and contemplation. Techniques, texts and practice using Scripture and the wisdom of mystics past and present.

Numbers unlimited, but if you want to take part please notify Gabriela Longhurst on 01225 420946, office@ststephensbath.org.uk

Faith at Wells Festival

The Wells Festival of Literature takes place from Friday 14 to Saturday 22 October 2016.

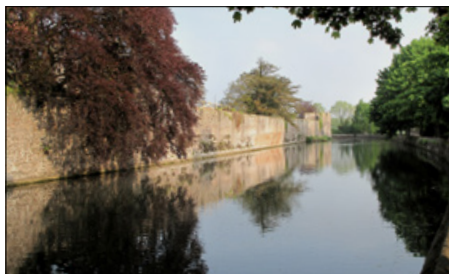
The setting of the Festival in the tranquil gardens of the Bishop's Palace lends itself to periods of contemplation, and this year there will be several events where belief, faith and spirituality are all explored in different ways.

- Church music is intrinsic to our culture, providing comfort and solace to many, church-goers or not. Andrew Gant – composer, choirmaster, Oxford academic, author and church musician – will explore this extraordinary phenomenon on Sunday 16 October.
- Local writer Simon Loveday introduces the Bible for Grown-Ups. Neither requiring nor rejecting belief, Loveday examines the Bible in a way that will appeal to thoughtful adults, whatever their faith. He will speak at a lunchtime event on Monday 17 October.

- There is no question about the faith of Revd Richard Coles. The former pop star and inspiration for several TV characters, Coles is now a successful BBC broadcaster as well as a dedicated parish priest. Coles will share his personal journey on Monday 17 October.

- Pope Francis has also undertaken a long journey: from Buenos Aires to the Vatican, from the slums to his current modest guest-house residence where he eats in a cafeteria. As David Willey will illustrate on Wednesday 19 October, the Pope has remained true to his beliefs throughout.

There is also plenty more to enjoy at the Festival, with biography, fiction, politics, the environment, poetry, comedy and performance all on offer. For the full programme, visit www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk



Bishop's Message for October

Fellowship, mutual encouragement, and growing with God



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

Looking ahead I am excited that the Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our diocese for three days in November. I'm excited because he'll be praying with us, encouraging us in our new strategy to put mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do, and encouraging us at parish level to be active in our local communities. The programme for 7th to 9th is still being finalised, but I am delighted he will be visiting all three archdeaconries, meeting farmers and overseas students, leading a prayer walk, speaking in several venues and hopefully experiencing and enjoying something of the scenery he will see as he travels among us.

I have had the privilege of meeting Archbishop Justin on a number of occasions and I am humbled and encouraged by his faith and commitment. Inevitably in just three days he will only get a snapshot of the diocese, but I know that all who meet him or hear him speak will be moved by his deep personal commitment to Christ. It is clear that his relationship with Jesus and his life of prayer are at the very heart of all that he is and does. I look forward to his stay with us and the leadership that he offers to our Church and our nation and internationally in his daily ministry.

Encouraging others is part of the ministry of the Body of Christ and so

this October can I encourage you to join in with Thank Your Vicar Week, which is 16–23 October. We all respond well to appreciation and encouragement and whilst the work of our clergy often goes unnoticed I'm sure each one of us can think of a special moment when we've received something through the ministry of our clergy. This is the grace of God, working through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. We are all called to be followers, disciples of Christ, and we pray that through our lives and the lives of those around us the Kingdom of Heaven comes closer and that God's love is known more clearly. As we grow as disciples we come to see more of God, we experience more of his grace and we discover more of the good things he has planned for us all.

So, I'm excited about the Archbishop's visit but I'm even more excited about what's already going on in our lives and our parishes and all that is still to come. As we continue to walk with Jesus and listen to his words we come to understand and experience more of his love. This starts with prayer as we open ourselves to God and respond to the love he has for us. And it continues with encouragement. As we meet and share with each other we can bear one another's burdens and rejoice in the amazing grace that we find in our togetherness.

As autumn comes upon us and as we approach the cold of winter, may we warm one another with fellowship and love. As the evenings begin to draw in, let's make time for some stillness and quiet to discover the peace which floods our lives when we turn our hearts and minds to God.

Yours in Christ,

+Peter Bath and Wells

Celebrate Genesis

The Genesis Trust is holding an evening of prayer and thanksgiving to celebrate its 21st anniversary. It will mark "21 years of giving hope, stability and a future to the most vulnerable people in Bath." Graham Kendrick will lead worship, and guest speaker is the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath & 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/295RW6e>.



Let's celebrate!

Italian Evening

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Following the success of Clive's first Italian Evening, we are delighted that he is returning in collaboration with the Christ Church Mothers' Union to present The 2016 Christ Church Italian Evening. This takes place on Tuesday 1 November, 6pm for 6:30pm, in the Lower Mews.

Clive will be cooking up an Italian meal and after dinner and a glass of wine we will hear Margaret Heath speak about her experiences of Rome. It promises to be an excellent evening. Tickets (£10) will be on sale in church from the beginning of October. All proceeds will go to the Mothers' Union 140th anniversary appeal for its work with charities around the world.



Charity of the month: Genesis Trust

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 9 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of October, will go to the Bath-based homeless charity Genesis Trust. Sarah Buck from Genesis will talk to us about the work of Genesis after our 10am service on Sunday 2 October.

The Genesis Trust acts as an umbrella body enabling churches and Christians throughout Bath to demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways to help relieve poverty and hardship for those in greatest need through its nine different projects.

These include a daily drop-in centre at Bath Abbey and two food projects, Lunchbox and

Soup Run. At its Lifeline drop-in Genesis helps over 50 people a day, providing them with hot drinks, emergency clothing and bedding, and much needed emotional support and practical advice. Benefit cuts and mental health issues are big issues for its clients. The Lifeskills project, which provides courses aimed at enhancing well-being, provides much needed help with budgeting and cookery skills as well as helping people develop emotionally via creative writing, art and gardening.

Genesis is currently running an appeal to raise funds for a new centre in Walcot Street. This will be a much-needed central office for its staff, a new training facility and attractive retail shop, where some of the most marginalised in our community will be helped to access a wide range of educational courses and get opportunities for work experience.

For more about the work of Genesis, visit genesistrust.org.uk



Church schools for the whole community

October 16

Welcome to the latest edition of *InFocus*. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *InReview*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

High quality education should be available to all and the Church of England continues to work to ensure that excellent provision is available everywhere for everyone – according to Chief Education officer Revd Nigel Genders. “With many schools reporting that they feel under increasing pressure to make artificial choices between academic rigour and the wellbeing of their pupils, we are unequivocal in our message that there is no such distinction - a good education must promote life in all its fullness”, he said in a recent blog available here: <http://bit.ly/2cqvpMh>

The educational landscape is a finely balanced ecosystem and changing one aspect of it can lead to unintended consequences in another. The Church of England, we will look carefully at the proposals about grammar schools announced by the Prime Minister and respond fully to consultations as they are published, ensuring that our experience of providing schools in areas where there are selective schools is used to contribute to the debate.

“We are glad that the Prime Minister recognises the need to ensure that the

whole system serves everyone and removes disadvantage” said Nigel Genders. “Our fundamental commitment in providing schools is that every pupil should be enabled to flourish, whatever their background. The priority for an improving school system should be to ensure that this is made possible for each person, no matter the circumstances into which they are born or the struggles they may face as learners.”

The government proposals may lead to a lifting of the cap on faith-based places, but the Church remains committed to ensuring its schools serve their local community. Church schools are not faith schools for the faithful, they are Church schools for the community, and there is no proposed change that. Very few select exclusively by Christian affiliation and many of our schools have large numbers of children of other faiths or no faith. Those that give priority to Christian children, do so in areas where competition for places is acute and providing places purely on distance from the school would mean that only the wealthiest, who can afford to move house nearby, can access the best schools.

Specialist Care at funerals wins award

A Church of England priest has won a national award for her outstanding contribution to work on helping make funerals more accessible for Deaf people.

Canon Gill Behenna, Chaplain with the Deaf Community in the Diocese of Bristol

and the Church of England’s Deaf Ministry Adviser, was named Funeral Minister of the Year at The Good Funeral Awards, with Rev Kate Bottley runner-up.

Read more at:
<http://bit.ly/2ccpEvA>

Renewal & Reform - Growth is Good?

Growth is a surprisingly polemical word within the Church of England. For some it is the self-evident priority, that the opposite of growth is decline and as a church we have done decline for way, way too long; that growth gives current and future choice; that growth is clearly Biblical. For others it exemplifies all kinds of distortion in terms of reducing the richness of the gospel to bumps on seats, of an absolute move away from a breadth of church into an increasingly narrow sectarianism, a retreat from the commitment to be a church for the whole nation into a concentration on the beautiful people, that at best it is a very partial reading of the Bible and a much, much worse reading of church history.

Renewal & Reform is avowedly about growth, not as a purpose but as an outcome. As the overarching narrative says:

One of the clear and intended outcomes of this work is to reverse the decline of the Church of England so that we become a growing church, in every region and for every generation; a church open to and for everyone in England, building up the Body of Christ and working for the common good; a confident Church, equipping new generations of leaders, ordained and lay, for ministry and mission; a serving church where all God's people live out their vocation to serve and to witness.

This doesn't, however, reduce church to a single form. Renewal & Reform is not based on a prescription of what every church should be, nor does it represent a single Church of England strategy or describe the whole of the Church of England's work. We need prayerfully to build on our rich inheritance: the daily and weekly rhythms of prayer, worship and proclamation; the thousands of hours of spoken and unspoken service in and to the community; the touching of lives at profound

points through weddings, funerals and baptisms and sector ministries; the place for the committed and the enquirer, for people of very loud and very quiet faith; the planned and the random encounters; the evangelistic voice, proclaiming the love of Jesus in and to this generation; the prophetic voice, the continued call for justice and mercy; the assumption – and reality – that the church is still there when nobody else is willing to help.

This doesn't seem to cut it with everyone. Either the words themselves or a view of the intentions that lie behind them seems to get in the way. One of the major issues for something like Renewal & Reform is how to prove the negative – how to prove that it won't be about privileging a particular ecclesiology or theological understanding, that it won't be about a retreat from the urban or rural into the suburban, that it won't be about a meaner, leaner and fitter church where only the very best (whatever that means) survive.

Partly, I guess, this is about the passage of time – an ability to demonstrate that despite predictions and warnings that we have remained true to the commitment that we are and will remain a church for all people and all traditions. Equally important will be to develop a language around what good growth means and looks like, to get to an understanding that growth is a rounded concept that is both about who we are in and with God as well as the people and communities we live in and serve (maybe the work of the St Peter's Sattleby Trust helps with its fourfold emphasis on group activity, public engagement, individual experience and church worship). And it also involves an on-going conversation across the church about what each constituent part needs if it is to thrive, or in Renewal & Reform terms to have a hopeful future.

Read the full blog: <http://bit.ly/2cwqDKb>

Eight new science and faith projects

Scientists are taking vicars on tours of laboratories and addressing church services as part of a series of projects designed to foster better understanding between science and faith.

Church of England vicars in St Albans Diocese, covering Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, are touring laboratories with science professionals within their congregations. Scientists in turn will be invited to address Sunday services and other church discussion forums on science and faith.

'Take Your Vicar to the Lab', is one of eight to receive funding of up to £10,000 in the first round of the Scientists in Congregations scheme, aimed at helping churchgoers engage confidently with science, raising the profile of Christians whose vocation is science-related, and changing the debate about science and faith in churches and communities.

The projects include a grant to help fund a science festival at Ely Cathedral next year celebrating science, medicine and technology; café-style discussion evenings with students and science professionals based in Baptist churches in Leeds; a family science and faith club at a Church of England parish in Oxfordshire; and a project to develop 100 scientific activities for use at Messy Church sessions for families and children. Messy Church leaders will use science to explore aspects of the Christian faith and demonstrate that faith and science are complementary.

The Cathedral, Isle of Man, has also been awarded a grant to help fund a series of booklets for children and young people to explore the Cathedral gardens from a science and faith perspective.

To read more online:
<http://bit.ly/2cfHKQV>

Renewal & Reform short films released

Renewal & Reform is an ambitious programme of work to achieve radical change in our church and our communities. It is not just about fixing the church – it is about the whole people of God discovering and re-discovering their vocation to love God and serve others in the church, the home, the workplace, the community – wherever they find themselves Monday – Sunday. The great challenge is how we encourage and inspire all God's people to be more purposeful in their witness and their calling.

In our series of short films we explore the themes expressed in the vision and narrative that guides Renewal & Reform, and look at

the passion behind the work. In the first film, *A Plentiful Harvest*, the Archbishops are joined by Church Warden Irene in celebrating the potential for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The second film, featuring the Bishop of Burnley and representatives from the Youth Council and the Archbishops' Council, looks to *A Hopeful Future*. The third and fourth films, to be released over the next two weeks, take *A Realistic Assessment* of the challenges we face and look towards *A Growing Church* for all people and in all places.

To read more and watch the films:
<http://bit.ly/2cOkhW9>

Parish finances show record level of giving

The generosity of churchgoers from across the country is highlighted in the latest parish finance statistics. The figures - covering the year 2014 - demonstrate a record level of giving with total planned giving up £6 million at £329 million and total direct giving up £71 million at £481 million.

The figures also show that Church of England parishes donated £46 million to supporting other charities working around the world, from foodbanks and local children's charities to international aid appeals.

Parishes raised these important funds from a combination of regular and one-off donations as well as investments and legacies. Total parish income from giving, investments and other income sources was £989 million - an increase of £36 million on the previous year. Expenditure levels also rose by £28 million to £948 million in 2014, leaving the 12,000 parishes a surplus of £41 million over expenditure.

Dr John Preston, the Church of England's national stewardship adviser, said:

"These financial statistics reveal an

underlying financial health in the church which is encouraging. As a result of the commitment and generosity of hundreds of thousands of churchgoers, we have seen record levels of giving - with the average weekly gift from all planned givers exceeding £11 for the first time, and the average gift from those able to give through Gift Aid exceeding £15 including the tax recovered. Parishes were able to claim record levels of Gift Aid, with a significant part of this increase arising from use of the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme. It is also pleasing to note that legacy giving was the highest yet."

Average weekly giving per tax-efficient givers has continued to rise year on year with members giving on average £12.01 in 2014. Average weekly giving per electoral roll member rose to £8.85 in 2014, an increase of £1.60 a week and the highest level recorded. Total planned giving rose by slightly less than inflation, while total income grew by more than inflation.

See <http://bit.ly/2cbkkJs>

Searching for God in London Fashion Week

For London Fashion Week 2016, a film launched by the Church of England reveals the compassionate side of fashion, an industry whose ethics are often questioned.

The film explores how the Bible references clothing including Lydia, 'a merchant in purple cloth' and thought to be the first convert to Christianity in Europe and the description of

Jesus in heaven with a gold sash around his chest, what God would do differently if He was in charge of London Fashion Week and how Christians working in fashion are brought together through prayer.

Read more and watch the film:
<http://bit.ly/2cOuYLj>

Christ Church calendar October 2016

Oct	2	Sun	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	7	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	9	Sun	<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Service to mark 50 years of independence in Barbados, 4pm Choir sings Choral Evensong at Bath Spa University, 6pm
	12	Wed	Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	13	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm (TBC)
	14	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	16	Sun	<i>Harvest Festival</i> Harvest Lunch, 12pm 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	18	Tue	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
	21	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	23	Sun	<i>The Last Sunday after Trinity</i>
	27	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	28	Fri	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	29	Sat	Christ Church reordering discussion day, 10am–4pm
	30	Sun	<i>All Saints</i>
Nov	1	Tue	Italian Evening, 6:30pm
	2	Wed	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>
	4	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	6	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	11	Fri	Cedar Tree café Tenth Anniversary Party, 11am–1:30pm

Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the “Magazine Editor” pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to magazine@christchurchbath.org. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for October 2016

Saturday	1	For peace
Sunday	2	For Lore and Colin
Monday	3	For the armed forces and police
Tuesday	4	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Wednesday	5	For the ministry of hospices
Thursday	6	For those who travel and work at sea
Friday	7	For the homeless
Saturday	8	For adoptive and foster families
Sunday	9	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	10	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	11	For the Fairtrade movement
Wednesday	12	That we may show mercy and compassion
Thursday	13	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Friday	14	For refugees
Saturday	15	For those who teach
Sunday	16	For the local Deanery Synod
Monday	17	For farmers
Tuesday	18	For our Church Council, meeting tonight
Wednesday	19	For those who care for the sick
Thursday	20	For Julian House
Friday	21	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	22	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Sunday	23	For our Junior Church
Monday	24	For those who work in local government

Tuesday	25	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Wednesday	26	For our own personal ministry
Thursday	27	For the work of the Mothers' Union
Friday	28	For those who work in dangerous conditions
Saturday	29	For our plans for the church building
Sunday	30	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Monday	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
 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 October 2016

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 Oct Trinity 19	Judith Anderson Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Alex Soboslay 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Margaret Heath Luke 17:5-10
9 Oct Trinity 20	Brenda Wall 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	Isaac Elliott 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Rowena Hall Luke 17:11-19
16 Oct Harvest Festival	Virginia Knight Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Rebekah Cunningham Philippians 4:4-9	Peter Woodward John 6:25-35
23 Oct Trinity 22	Janet Mahto Joel 2:23-end	Morny Davison 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Penny Edwards Luke 18:9-14
30 Oct All Saints	Jane Fletcher Daniel 7:1-3,15-18	David Bishop Ephesians 1:11-end	Daphne Radenhurst Luke 6:20-31
6 Nov 3rd before Advent	Malcolm Wall Job 19:23-27a	Alex Soboslay 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Lewis Boyd Luke 20:27-38

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
2 Oct	David Rawlings, Brenda Wall	Rowena Hall, Janet Mahto	Sarah Jones
9 Oct	Keri Chivers, Malcolm Wall	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Penny Edwards
16 Oct	Clive Tilling, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Revd Cliff Burrows
23 Oct	Brenda Wall, Jane Fletcher	Jane Nicholson, Rowena Hall	Mark Elliott
30 Oct	David Rawlings, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Silver	Rebekah Cunningham
6 Nov	Malcolm Wall, Clive Tilling	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Georgina Bowman

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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
*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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