



Welcomes and farewells

New Rector of St Swithin's appointed; Archdeacon retiring

St Swithin's, Walcot, has announced that Revd Tim Gleghorn is to be the new Rector of Walcot, subject to necessary DBS checks.

Tim and his family are moving from Christ Church Winchester, where as Assistant Curate he recently led the church through an 18-month vacancy. The provisional date for Tim's licensing is Thursday 12 January, though as we go to press there is no confirmation of this on the St Swithin's calendar.

Although Christ Church stands within the geographical parish of Walcot, we are not part of the parish and have no administrative connection with St Swithin's except that the Rector of Walcot is ex officio a Trustee of Christ Church. For many years Rectors of Walcot have chosen not to serve in person but instead nominated a representative to sit as Trustee (currently Sue East,

Headteacher of St Andrew's School).

Either way, we hope to continue to enjoy the warm and co-operative relationship we had with St Swithin's under the previous Rector, Revd Simon Holland, who stepped down in February 2016 and is now Warden of Lee Abbey in the Diocese of Exeter.

Speaking of Trustees: the Diocese announced in December that the Archdeacon of Bath, Venerable Andy Piggott, is retiring on 30 June 2017. Andy, who turns 66 this year, is ex officio a Trustee of Christ Church and has been active in that capacity as his other duties allowed, and particularly while we were seeking a new Priest in Charge.

Before being ordained, Archdeacon Andy taught Economics in Devon and Birmingham. He served his curacy in Dorridge, Solihull, before becoming a Team Vicar in Kidderminster. He came to Bath and Wells as Archdeacon of Bath in 2005 after various roles at CPAS (an Anglican Mission Agency), including Acting General Director.



Revd Tim Gleghorn, his wife Jo and their children Joshua and Hannah. Photo courtesy of St Swithin's.



Archdeacon Andy presided at Lore's installation as Priest in Charge of Christ Church in March 2016.

Summer pilgrimage to Walsingham

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Happy New Year! I'm writing this on New Year's Day and in the depths of winter my thoughts are turning to the heat of summer – and to pilgrimage.

The mediaeval shrine at shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk, has been a focus for pilgrimage for nearly a thousand years. Mediaeval kings would travel there. Erasmus made a special journey to visit. Those who couldn't afford time or money to journey to Jerusalem could instead travel to the "Holy House" at Walsingham built as a reminder of the house in Nazareth in which Jesus grew up. The shrine became a place for faith and miracles and hope – until at the Reformation it was laid waste. For centuries it remained a ruin, with only occasional travellers making the journey to pray and remember Jesus' boyhood with Mary and Joseph.

Then, at the beginning of the 20th century a remarkable parish priest in the village of Little Walsingham began to rebuild the shrine and invite pilgrims to return. Now the village is an ecumenical centre of pilgrimage. There is a beautiful modern Catholic church and a tiny Greek Orthodox church – in a converted railway station.

The Anglican shrine at Walsingham is a place of healing and peace. The pilgrim accommodation is in a cluster of houses enclosing a garden full of flowers associated with our Lady. Within the garden is the

rebuilt "Holy House," now part of an Anglican church. There is an excellent restaurant and a licensed cafe for thinking and talking. There are services throughout the week including a service of healing and reconciliation and a pilgrim mass. The week we will visit in August includes the Feast of the Assumption, when we join a candlelit procession through the village, singing as we go and pausing to pray at each church.

But it doesn't have to be too serious. There's a local train service to Wells-Next-the-Sea, a traditional Norfolk holiday destination. A network of footpaths lead to historic churches, pretty villages and an ice cream farm. Little Walsingham has interesting antiques, a good farm shop next to the pilgrim accommodation and an excellent chocolate shop.

We have booked half board accommodation for Monday 14 August to Friday 18 August. If more than 15 or so want to come then we will arrange a coach. If there are fewer, we may choose to drive – but no one who doesn't wish to will have to drive.

The cost will be £216.00 for adults and £129.72 for children. Infants under 5 are free. The price includes breakfast, supper and accommodation. If we decide to hire a coach that would be an additional expense.

If you might be interested in joining the pilgrimage, have look at the detailed programme, which will be available on the notice board.



The Anglican shrine in Walsingham was created gradually in 1931 from derelict farm buildings and cottages. At its heart is the "Holy House".



Pilgrims gather at the remains of the east window of the 13th-century Walsingham Abbey, the rest of which was destroyed in 1538.

Last month in Christ Church...



As usual, December saw a lot of activity at Christ Church. Our Advent and Christmas Carol Services, once again ecumenical services held jointly with St Mary's RC church, were well attended, with over 120 at the latter (right). The younger members of our congregation presented our traditional Nativity Play on Sunday 18 December (above). On Friday 9 December we hosted the Norland College (Norland nannies) Christmas Service, which was attended by an estimated 400 people.



Above: Ali Nourse became a grandmother when her daughter Jenny's son Dylan George was born at about 7am on 22 November, weighing a hefty 8lbs 10oz. Congratulations to all concerned!

And this month...

It's 20 years this month since Mark Elliott became our Director of Music (he took office on 1 January 1997). Quite a bit has changed over those 20 years but one thing that is the same is Mark's dedication and the resulting high standard of music. Thank you, Mark (and family!), for all you have done and continue to do at Christ Church!



Book review: Being Mortal

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande (Wellcome Collection). ISBN 978-1-84668-582-8. £9.99

Simon Tatton-Brown writes:

In the first half of his book *Being Mortal* Dr Atul Gawande explains a paradox of modern medicine. Why is it that, not just in spite of but because of the miracle of modern medicine, many people approaching the end of their lives seem to suffer far more and for longer than our forebears did when medicine was in its infancy? We all have relatives and friends confined unwillingly to care homes, who have tubes in every orifice, who are wired up to machines and ventilators. They're existing. But are they living? It's something we all fear.

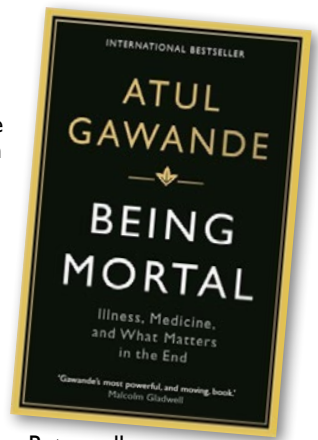
Dr Gawande goes on to tell the stories of people who show it doesn't have to be like this. A common thread running through all these uplifting accounts is that these are people who have spoken to their relatives, and to their doctors and care workers, about what they want at this stage in their lives. All too often we put these conversations off, until we are too ill or too frail to say. This is when those around us play safe and subject us to every medical intervention. They are just as frightened of what might happen

otherwise as we might have been to have the necessary conversation in good time.

Dr Gawande calls these conversations "hard conversations".

Facing your fears is never easy. But we all know the only way to overcome fear is to face it head on. It's hard work too for the health care professionals. It takes time, patience and skill. As is the care that enables very sick or frail people to go on living well. Yet these hardships are as nothing compared to suffering if we allow fear to defeat us.

Time was when churches worked much harder than we do now to prepare people for what used to be called "a holy death". Dr Gawande's book is no more sad or distressing than what we do every Sunday in Christ Church. Don't we meet in order to celebrate (yes, celebrate!) the death of Christ? We celebrate Christ's death because it leads us to Resurrection.



Christ Church reordering update



Over the early part of December, before the main festival services of Christmas itself, we experimented with the position of the altar, moving it back up into the apse as pictured. What's your opinion? If you didn't fill in one of the forms asking for your views, please do share your thoughts with Lore, Mark or one of the Churchwardens. And if you have any ideas or suggestions, don't hesitate to voice them. We have an opportunity to experiment, as far as is possible without actual building work, as we seek to discern how the east end can best serve our mission. Your views and comments are needed!

Bishop's Message for January

A new year with endless possibilities



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

We begin a new year. Yet the old one seems to have gone so fast! However, 2016 was in actual fact slightly longer than some other years as it gained a "leap second". Leap seconds have been added 26 times since 1972.

Why do we need a leap second? Isn't the length of our day set by the rotation of the earth? Yet the earth's rotation does not stay perfectly steady. The earth's spin is slowing down. And it's the tidal flow of our oceans that affects it. This effect is small, very small. The earth's rotation has slowed down by about .0015 to .002 seconds per day per century.

Isn't our world an amazing place? Where so much is interconnected and related. And where we can see both the perfection and the quixotic nature of creation.

As we stand at the beginning of a new year the possibilities are endless.

How might we use the time we have? Whether we have an additional second or not.

You may like to use this prayer, attributed to the explorer of the seas, Sir Francis Drake, as you embark on the next stage of your journey.

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves;
when our dreams have become true because we dreamed too small;
when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess,
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare boldly; to venture on wider seas*

*Where storms will show your mastery, not ours;
Where in losing sight of land we shall find the stars.*

This we ask in the name of our captain, who is Jesus Christ.

+Ruth Taunton

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

Faith and Art – two good reads

Margaret Heath writes:

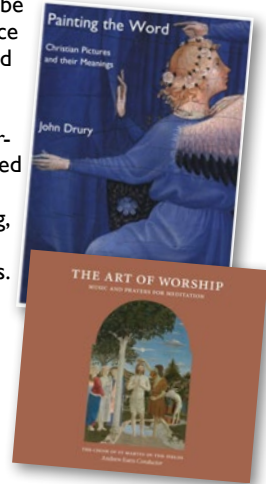
It was a pleasure, as an enthusiastic non-expert, to be asked by Lore to speak about art in Italy [at our Italian Evening in November], but there is a lot to see nearer home. A cheap return ticket to London is money well spent in my view and the National Gallery, entrance free (contributions encouraged), has a wealth of religious paintings to inspire us.

The Very Rev John Drury has written most movingly about these and so has a former Chaplain to the Gallery. Drury's *Painting the Word: Christian paintings and their Meanings* (1999), is an excellent read and greatly improves a visit to the National Gallery. The author was Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and is currently chaplain of All Souls', Oxford. To my mind the work deserved the fantastic reviews it got and is a must.

The second book, *The Art of Worship: Paintings, Prayers and Readings for Meditation*, is by Nicholas Holtham, now Bishop of Salisbury,

formerly Vicar of St Martin in the Fields and Chaplain to the National Gallery. This beautiful little book, all profits to St Martin's, would make an appropriate present for a new Christian or someone about to be confirmed. In my experience children as young as around six can enjoy masterpieces and often have remarkable visual memories and discerning observations. They need not have a soppy diet and can be started on a lifelong, faith-enhancing delight in the works of great masters.

It is encouraging that more attention is being paid to art in Christ Church now. We may gain fresh insights into the history of our faith and our own spirituality.



This month's charity: The Gideons

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 8 January, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of January, will go to the Bath branch of The Gideons. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

The Gideons is a non-denominational Christian missionary organisation. Its objective is "to share God's message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ by personal witness and through placing Bibles and New Testaments into people's hands." The Gideons are known for Bibles in hotels, hospitals, prisons, care homes and student accommodation.

In 1899 three commercial travellers in the USA formed an association of Christian businessmen to encourage each other in their Christian faith and to spread knowledge of God through personal evangelism and united service. They chose the name Gideons after the Old Testament leader.

Today, over 250,000 members work in over 190 countries placing more than 80 million

copies of the Word of God annually, as well as witnessing personally. Worldwide over 1.5 billion Scriptures have been presented.

The Gideons were established in Britain in 1949. To date over 30 million Gideon Bibles and Testaments have been presented in the UK, and there are 5,000 members involved in the work across Britain. (Interestingly, the first suggestion of a Gideon Bible ministry seems to have arisen in 1903 after a Chicago Gideon, Fred Woodcock, visited Britain and was alerted to the fact that the Commercial Travellers' Christian Association had placed Bibles in the rooms of British hotels.)

The Gideons have been criticised in the past for excluding women, but the Bath Gideons, who will receive our donation, admit women as full participants.

For more about the organisation and its work visit www.gideons.org.uk



InFocus

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.

Archbishop of Canterbury leads House of Lords debate on national shared values

Early in December 2016 the Archbishop of Canterbury led a debate in the House of Lords “That this House takes note of the shared values underpinning our national life and their role in shaping public policy priorities.” The Bishops of Ely and Gloucester also spoke in the debate.

Introducing the debate, the Archbishop said “Great times of change in mood and culture demand from us a reimagining of what we are about as a nation. As we move into a post-Brexit world, alongside the other events that buffet and deflect us, unless we ground ourselves in a clear course and widely accepted practices, loyalties and values - what I will call values in this speech -

we will just go with the wind. “

The Archbishop then went on to propose that “In short, we need a more beautiful and better common narrative that shapes and inspires us with a common purpose, a vaulting national ambition, not a sense of division and antagonism both domestically and internationally. We need a narrative that speaks to the world of bright hope and not mere optimism, let alone simple self-interest. That will enable us to play a powerful, hopeful and confident role around the world, resisting the turn inward that will leave us alone in the darkness, despairing and vulnerable.”

Announcements

Becky Clark has been appointed to be the new Director of Churches and Cathedrals for the Archbishops’ Council. Becky has been Senior Cathedrals Officer and Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission since 2013.

Rachel Harden, Deputy Director of Communications for the Church of England, has had her contribution to the church recognised by being made a Lay Canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

Renewal & Reform Never been this way before

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.”

In Joshua chapter 3 the Israelites have yet to cross into Canaan. Indeed, they don't appear to have much idea of how they will cross into Canaan. But in faith they have got to the banks of the river. But as the officers said to the people of Israel: ‘you have never been this way before’.

Sometimes as Christians we can feel that the Christian life is all good and right and predictable and containable, that it fits very neatly into our ordered world. And then there are times when little seems to make sense, that our world is disrupted and that God is asking more of us than we can conveniently give. That sense of I or we have never been this way before.

The Renewal & Reform prayer picks up this theme:

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but

only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we go into 2017 we know that God continues to call and challenge us in our life and witness. As the forthcoming report entitled Setting God's People Free puts it, God is calling us to ‘follow Jesus confidently in every sphere of life’. But the promise is that God's hand is leading us and his love supporting us wherever we go.

Returning to Joshua. In Joshua 1:5 God says to Joshua: ‘As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ This reinforces what Moses says directly to Joshua in Deuteronomy 31: 6 & 8, and is taken up in Hebrews 13:5 – “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” The Amplified version of the Bible gives a sense of the strength of God's promise:

“I WILL NEVER under any circumstances DESERT YOU nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless, NOR WILL I FORSAKE or LET YOU DOWN or RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU assuredly not!”

2017 may take us down untrodden paths; we may have not been this way before. But God is assuredly with us every step of the way.

Mike Eastwood,
Director of Renewal & Reform

Savings clubs and financial education in primary schools to be expanded

A network of savings clubs and financial education in primary schools across England has been formally launched with backing from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LifeSavers, a programme promoting financial education and savings clubs administered by credit unions in primary schools, is on course to reach 30,000 children by the end of 2018 after a successful pilot scheme.

LifeSavers gives children practical experience of money management through saving small, regular amounts of money in savings clubs administered by credit unions.

The scheme encourages support from parents and volunteers and provides teacher training and resources

to help schools integrate financial education across the curriculum.

The programme is a partnership between the Archbishop of Canterbury's Just Finance Foundation and Young Enterprise, the enterprise and financial education charity.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "How we think about and use our money is central to a fulfilled and contented life.

"That is why I strongly support this exciting initiative to encourage children to develop positive attitudes towards money and the habit of saving. This programme has the potential to make a significant difference to the lives of millions of children and future adults."

Church Commissioners win three prizes at investment awards

The Church Commissioners for England have received three awards at the IPE (Investment & Pensions Europe) Awards held in Berlin, recognising their industry-leading work on responsible investment.

The three awards were for Climate Related Risk Management, ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) and Real Estate

Edward Mason, Head of Responsible Investment said "We are thrilled with these awards. They reflect our commitment to responsible investment, good governance and acting on climate change. There is still much work to be done, and of course in the long term the prize that really matters is meeting the two degree target agreed in Paris last year."

First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund announced

The final phase of a two year grants programme to English cathedrals for urgent repairs has been announced. Grants totalling £5,423,000 have been awarded to 24 Church of England and Catholic cathedrals for repairs including to stained glass windows, stone pinnacles, and roofs as well as drainage and lighting.

In total, £40 million has been allocated through 146 awards to 57 cathedrals, with twelve cathedrals awarded more than £1 million each and the average award being £274,000. The largest number of projects (approximately a third) are for roof repairs, followed by high-level stonework repairs, then repairs to towers and stained glass windows. A number of essential infrastructure projects (rewiring, drainage, heating systems) have also been supported.

Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester and lead bishop for cathedrals and church buildings for the Church of England, said: 'Cathedrals are not

only the jewel in the crown of our built heritage, they are at the heart of our nation's common life - through commemoration, remembering, celebration and grief. People can find space and solace in them, both in large acts of worship and solitary contemplation. These welcome grants ensure that they continue to enrich our society in the future.'

The Church of England's 42 cathedrals are estimated to contribute around £220 million to the national economy every year through employment and tourism. They welcome more than 11 million visitors annually, employ more than 7,000 people and are supported by 15,000 dedicated volunteers.

The grants have brought work to specialist trades such as stonemasonry and glazing as well as training partnerships such as at Southwark where the work from the grants will include a training partnership with the City and Guilds of London Art School.

Church Representation Publication

The Church Representation Rules are a vital tool for all those involved in parochial, diocesan and national Church governance.

Full of essential information, the 2017 edition has been extensively and fully updated to reflect the most recent changes.

Also included are the rules governing the formation and revision of the electoral roll and methods of voting at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The publication is available from Church House Publishing at £9.99

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Christ Church calendar January 2017

Jan 1 Sun *New Year's Day / Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*

5 Thu Eucharist, 11am

6 Fri *The Epiphany*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

8 Sun *The Baptism of Christ*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

12 Thu Eucharist, 11am

13 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

15 Sun *The Second Sunday of Epiphany*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

18 Wed *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*
Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

19 Thu Eucharist, 11am
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm

20 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

22 Sun *The Third Sunday of Epiphany*
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

25 Wed *The Conversion of Paul*

26 Thu *Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul*
Eucharist, 11am

27 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

29 Sun *The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

30 Mon *Charles, King and Martyr, 1649*

Feb 2 Thu *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*
Eucharist, 11am

3 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

5 Sun *The Fourth Sunday before Lent*

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 January 2017

Sunday **1** For new members to be added to Christ Church

Monday **2** For those who are persecuted for their faith

Tuesday **3** For those on holiday

Wednesday **4** For prisoners and prison workers

Thursday **5** For existing and future Lay Readers

Friday **6** For the sick and suffering

Saturday **7** We give thanks for those who inspire us

Sunday **8** For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy

Monday **9** For those who work in medicine

Tuesday **10** For countries in conflict

Wednesday **11** For our plans for the church building

Thursday **12** For the work of hospices

Friday **13** For the homeless

Saturday **14** That we may work for the kingdom of heaven

Sunday **15** For the ministry of our Junior Church

Monday **16** For our armed forces and police

Tuesday **17** For peace

Wednesday **18** For the Church Council, meeting tonight

Thursday **19** That we may have the gift of faith

Friday **20** For all who face tragedy

Saturday **21** For the Fairtrade movement

Sunday **22** For Christian unity

Monday **23** For farmers

Tuesday	24	We give thanks for our blessings
Wednesday	25	For the mentally ill
Thursday	26	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Friday	27	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	28	For our own personal witness
Sunday	29	For our bell-ringing team
Monday	30	For those in the transport industry
Tuesday	31	For carers

Long-term Prayer List

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

John Burrows
 Cyril Selmes
 Ned and Angela Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 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
 Steve Faulkner
 Pamela and John Gosling

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

Christ Church Link

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

Rotas for January 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1 Jan New Year's Day	David Bishop Numbers 6:22-end	Rebekah Cunningham Galatians 4:4-7	Morny Davison Luke 2:15-21
8 Jan Epiphany	Clive Tilling Isaiah 60:1-6	Georgina Bowman Ephesians 3:1-12	Margaret Heath Matthew 2:1-12
15 Jan 2nd of Epiphany	Alex Soboslay Isaiah 49:1-7	Sylvia Ayers 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Richard Gabe John 1:29-42
22 Jan 3rd of Epiphany	Judith Anderson Isaiah 9:1-4	Brenda Wall 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Penny Edwards Matthew 4:12-23
29 Jan Candle-mas	Daphne Radenurst Malachi 3:1-5	Jane Fletcher Hebrews 2:14-end	Judith Bishop Luke 2:22-40
5 Feb 4th before Lent	Isaac Elliott Isaiah 58:1-9a	Jonathan Stead 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Charles Rice Matthew 5:13-end

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
1 Jan	Clive Tilling, Malcolm Wall	Margaret Heath, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
8 Jan	David Rawlings, Brenda Wall	Margaret Silver, Janet Mahto	Penny Edwards
15 Jan	Malcolm Wall, Keri Chivers	Jane Nicholson, Margaret Heath	TBC
22 Jan	Clive Tilling, Jane Fletcher	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Georgina Bowman
29 Jan	Janet Mahto, David Rawlings	Rowena Hall, Jane Nicholson	Sarah Jones
5 Feb	Brenda Wall, TBC	Morny Davison, Janet Mahto	TBC

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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 Pilgrim 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 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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