



Doors and gateways

Some thoughts for Easter and for our future

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

A few weeks ago I spent some time in Jerusalem. You can walk out of the Old City and sit on the Mount of Olives looking across to the mediaeval walls of Jerusalem. When our Lord sat on the Mount of Olives with his disciples he would have seen even older walls but he would have had the same view of the “temple mount” just inside the city walls, the hill on which the temple used to stand.

There is a gate in the wall which opens onto the temple mount, the

Golden Gate. It’s been blocked up for hundreds of years, but orthodox Jews believe that when the Messiah comes he will enter through the Golden Gate. Sitting on the Mount of Olives and looking across at the walls, I couldn’t help wondering if the Golden Gate was the one through which the Messiah *did* enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday nearly 2,000 years ago.

Doors and gates have symbolism in all cultures. An open door welcomes us in, while firmly shutting a door signals “go away”. This month our new West doors are finished. The wooden outer doors have been rehung and open outwards to welcome people in. The two inner sets of glass doors keep out the rain and the wind but allow light to flood into the newly refurbished entrance lobby and light up the West end of church. Even more importantly, those who pass by the West doors when they are open can see our worship taking place. The door between Christ Church and the surrounding community is symbolically open, welcoming people in.

At 6 o’clock on Easter morning we will gather in the quiet garden of the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Charlcombe, to celebrate the resurrection. As we light our candles at the fire we will celebrate that through the events of Holy Week and Easter, death has become the door through which we are welcomed into eternal life, and the light of eternal life, the light of God’s kingdom, floods into our lives.



The risen Christ is depicted in carved oak in our reredos, which dates from 1905. The artists were H.H. Martyn & Co. of Cheltenham, who among other things were later responsible for the architectural decoration work on the SS Queen Mary.

Reordering update



On a couple of occasions in March the choir tried singing the post-Communion Anthem in single file across the apse, as pictured above, taking advantage of the space and the acoustics. Over Easter we'll take a break in trying out different configurations at the east end of the church, but afterwards we'll have the opportunity to experiment some more before coming together to talk about what might work best in the long term. What's your opinion? Please share your thoughts with Lore, Mark or one of the Churchwardens – or better still, fill in a form to record your views. And if you have any ideas or suggestions, don't hesitate to let us know. We need everyone's input to discern how the east end can best serve our mission.

Late May day out

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

We have booked the Old Barn at Kelston Roundhill (two or three miles north west of Bath) for a Christ Church outing on Sunday 21 May. It has space for play, creativity and worship. Outside there are spectacular views, and the Cotswold Way passes close by. We plan to leave after the 10am service, have lunch together, enjoy the afternoon and finish after supper.

Put the date in your diary and begin to think what activities you'd like to suggest!

Cross Walk

Once again this year Christ Church is one of the stops on the Good Friday Cross Walk organised by Churches Together in Bath.

At each stop there is a simple act of worship of approximately 15 minutes. Participants have a choice of routes, and are encouraged to start from a place near to where they live rather than where they usually attend church.

The North Central Walk is as follows:

- 9am St. Stephen's, Lansdown Road;
- 9:35am St. Mary's RC, Julian Road;
- 10am Christ Church, Julian Road;
- 10:20am St Swithin's. At this point the route combines with the North East Walk;
- 10:50am Union Street (open air stop);
- 11:05am All the routes converge in the Abbey Churchyard and the event closes with an ecumenical act of worship.

LMG Easter services

Compline for Holy Week

Monday 10 April, 8pm, Charlcombe St Mary's
Tuesday 11 April, 8pm, St Stephen's Lansdown
Wednesday 12 April, 8pm, Christ Church

Maundy Thursday, 13 April

6pm Said Eucharist, Christ Church
7pm Agape Supper, St Stephen's Centre

Good Friday, 14 April, Christ Church

12noon All Age reflection for Good Friday
1pm Meditations on the Stations of the Cross
2pm Music and Meditation for Good Friday –
choral music, poems and readings

Holy Saturday, 15 April

7:30pm Blessing of the Light Service, Charlcombe St Mary's

Easter Sunday, 16 April

6am Sunrise Service, Charlcombe St Mary's
8am Said Eucharist (BCP), Christ Church
10am Family Communion, followed by the traditional Great Christ Church Egg Hunt
4:30pm Choral Evensong

Christ Church AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Christ Church congregation will be held on Sunday 30 April after the 10am service. Come along to have your say, elect Churchwardens and representatives to the Church Council and Deanery Synod, and receive reports on the activities of all the groups around the church.

Anyone can attend, but you must be on the Electoral Roll of Christ Church to be eligible to vote. Make sure you're on it, especially if you've recently arrived! The roll is on display at the back of the church. If you wish to add your name to it or change any details, please fill in one of the yellow forms, contact Judith Anderson, our Electoral Roll Officer, or the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.

Coming events

Bach St John Passion

What is it? The Bath Choral Society presents Bach's glorious drama sung in English, with conductor David Gostick; Charles Daniels as Evangelist; Neal Davies as Pilate; Edward Price as Christus; Rebecca Outram, Soprano; Joe Bolger, Countertenor; and Nick Drew, Tenor. Tickets from £8 unreserved to £27 band A. For more, see bath-choral-society.org.uk
When is it? Wednesday 12 April, 7pm
Where? Bath Abbey BA1 1LY
Tickets from Bath Box Office, 01225 463362, boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk

The Journey of Meditation

What is it? "The Journey of Meditation: Breaking Through from Illusion to Reality", led by Kim Nataraja. Explore how meditation helps to change relationship with our conditioned thoughts and grow into the freedom of our true Self in Christ.
When is it? Saturday 22 April, 10:30am, registration from 10am
Where? Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE
Suggested donation £12. Phone 01458 832704 or e-mail john.wilcott@gmail.com

Christ Church Oak



When our bells were refurbished in 2015, the old bell-frame, mainly 100-year-old oak, was preserved and is being handcrafted by a local craftsman into a range of beautiful products. Since its launch in late 2016, Christ Church Oak has been a success, with the range of oak products being a regular purchase by the Christ Church congregation and members of the public. To date we have sold approximately £3,000 of oak products, with all the profits going to aid the work and worship of Christ Church. Thank you to everyone for supporting the fund-raising.

We have had a beautiful set of photographs taken by a professional photographer, which show more clearly the uniqueness and quality of the oak from our tower. Do take another look at the latest range of pens, bowls, bottle stops, salt, pepper and coffee grinders, and more, which you can see on the church website www.christchurchbath.org and also at ChristChurchOak.com. They make wonderful presents for yourself, family and friends.

Samples are on display at the back of the church. One-off orders and special projects can also be undertaken. Please speak to

Malcolm Wall, or e-mail him at malcolm.wall@christchurchbath.org



Prayer Fayre for Pentecost

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting all Anglican churches and faith groups to join in ten days of prayer for evangelism and witness between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25 May to 4 June). They ask people to pray in whatever way they want with whoever they want and wherever they can, that others might know Jesus Christ. The aim is a global and visible wave of prayer and witness. For details, visit www.thykingdom.co.uk

As a fitting conclusion, a Pentecost Celebration of Prayer is planned for Sunday 4 June at Wells Cathedral. It will include a "Prayer Fayre" – described as "an opportunity for us as a diocese to bring together in one place a range of prayer traditions within the church: silent meditation, healing prayer with the laying on of hands, Ignatian prayer, body prayer, multi-sensory prayer, praying the Psalms, dance, Franciscan and Benedictine prayer, Celtic prayer and more."

The Prayer Fayre will be followed later that evening with an informal service of celebration with guest preacher the Rt Revd John Perry, former Bishop of Chelmsford.

The planning team are inviting each deanery to find "a small band of prayerful people from within its churches who would enjoy

the chance to demonstrate 'their' approach to prayer and invite others to join in with it." Each deanery will be allocated a spot in the body of the cathedral to set out chairs and resources/ displays – whatever is required to make their prayer space possible. The team envision that visitors and participants will be able to wander around the cathedral and partake of different forms of prayer, with "a focus – although not exclusively – on praying for more of our families, friends and colleagues to come to know Christ."

Deaneries would be able to set up their station from 1:30pm, the Prayer Fayre will take place between 2:30 and 4:30pm, and the service will be held from 5pm to 6pm. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral in between the events for those who wish to take part in both.

For more, visit www.bathandwells.org.uk/2017/03/calling-all-deaneries/



Pilgrim Spirituality course continues

This month our Thursday evening Pilgrim Group continues reflecting on spirituality. At each meeting an invited speaker will introduce us to the central theme. After a 30 or 40 minute talk there will be questions and open discussion.

- Thursday 6 April: Revd Canon Robert Reiss, "Spirituality and the sceptical Christian". Canon Reiss is Canon Emeritus of Westminster Abbey and author of *The Sceptical Christian*.
- Thursday 20 April: Revd Lore, "Spirituality of the Desert Fathers".
- Thursday 5 May: Revd Canon Mark Oakley, "Spirituality and Poetry – the Splash of

Words". Canon Oakley is Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and visiting lecturer in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Kings College, London.

- Thursday 18 May: Revd Isobel Rathbone, "Going back to our roots – Saxon spirituality". Revd Isobel is Priest in Charge of Batheaston with St Catherine and has a research interest in Saxon spirituality.
- Thursday 1 June: Revd David Gatcliffe, "The Spirituality of Icons".
- Thursday 15 June: "Pilgrimages and Spirituality".

All meetings take place in the Lower Mews and start at 7:30pm.

Bishop's Message for April

The truth about beauty...



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

I was on the London Underground recently and saw an advert: "Personal Beauty delivered to you at your Home". It was advertising beauty products. It made me think however what it would be like if beauty could be ordered on the internet and delivered to the front door. Could a package that came through our letterbox really transform us? For beauty is of course much more than how we look on the outside.

Beauty is a thing of the heart. True beauty comes from within. Indeed everything in God's creation is beautiful. As Confucius said: "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it." And the Psalmist declared that everyone is beautiful, for we are all "fearfully and wonderfully made". We are all made in the image of God himself, and God is the source of all beauty.

So as we finish our journey through Lent we need to remember that giving up alcohol, biscuits or chocolate alone won't make us beautiful. And as we come to Easter and the shops are filled with chicks and eggs and Easter bunnies we need to remember that it is not ultimately what we do, how we look, or what we have that makes us beautiful. Beauty, true beauty, comes through the cross and the resurrection. Our lives are changed not by what we stop eating, or what creams we might put on our faces. It is the Holy Spirit who truly transforms our lives, so that we become the people God is calling us to become.

When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well he said that the water he gives is like a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Her response was to say to Jesus "Give me this water". May that be our prayer too: "Lord, give us the water of life, that we might become more like Jesus."

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Acting Archdeacon appointed

Following the news that Archdeacon Andy Piggott is to retire in June this year, Bishop Peter Hancock has announced that the Revd Chris Hare is to be licensed as the Acting Archdeacon of Bath on 4 July. He will remain in post until 31 October or until a new archdeacon is appointed to the role.

As Acting Archdeacon, Chris will be assisting with appointments and be available to clergy and churchwardens for any support or advice they need. He will attend Bishop's Staff Meetings to represent the archdeaconry, and be present in parishes for licensings.

Chris has 17 years' experience of ministry in the Bath Archdeaconry, where he has been a non-stipendiary minister in Saltford and a vicar in Timbury, as well as being Rural Dean in Midsomer Norton for five years.



A solicitor before being ordained, Revd Chris Hare has lived in the Bath Archdeaconry for 35 years.

A service to farewell retiring Archdeacon Andy Piggott is being held in Bath Abbey at 7pm on Monday 26 June.

This month's charity: Bishops' Lent Appeal

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 9 April, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of April, will go to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2017. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

The Bishops' Lent Appeal 2017 is raising funds for refugees at home and abroad. Donations will be split between helping refugees in the Diocese of Bath & Wells and in Greece.

Bishop Peter Hancock says: "We're living through the unprecedented movement of

people from war-torn towns and cities. They flee fearful for their own lives and the lives of their children. Please do consider contributing to the appeal. Half of what is collected across the Diocese will go to work supporting refugees here in Somerset, and half will go to encourage and support the work of a St Paul's church community in Athens, Greece, helping to provide food, clothing and shelter for those in immediate need."

In Somerset your money will:

- Help train volunteers wishing to offer a befriending service to refugees;
- Help train volunteers and refugees with interpretation and language skills;
- Provide support to refugees in accessing education and medical services.

In Greece your money will:

- Help equip a hostel for minors with underwear and track suits;
- Contribute to the food stock at the hostel;
- Help to finance tents and formula milk at the reception centre in Samos;
- Contribute to the funding of personnel working to establish a child-friendly/educational space.



How to boost confidence in evangelism

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a new training session aimed at helping Christians to share their faith.

The videos, available to download and use in churches, is part of Thy Kingdom Come – the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

In the trailer Archbishop Justin is featured in conversation with Liz Adekunle, the Archdeacon of Hackney; Rachel Gardner, youth worker and founder of Romance Academy; and Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford.

The four discuss how and why Christians share their faith, what some of the barriers are, and how to build confidence in evangelism.

In the video the Archbishop says that God often uses us as the answer to our own prayers.

“We witness to hundreds of things every day,” he says. “Being a witness isn’t unusual, but it’s about growing as a witness to Jesus Christ..”

“...I want to tell people about Jesus because 43 years ago he found me and my

life was changed. Through all the really bad and really good, he’s never changed. He’s always there. We exist to show the world that Jesus is the Son of God, that really matters.”

Bishop Stephen says: “Prayer and evangelism belong together. When we pray, we pray that we would see ourselves, others and the world as God sees them, and want to be part of God’s work of transformation. Evangelism is God’s work – he wants the world to be transformed, he wants the world to know Christ. That’s our motivation.”

The full training session is designed to be run by churches, small groups or individuals and includes questions for small group engagement. Churches are encouraged to host the session for their congregations between Easter and Summer.

Archbishop Justin says, “Join in, plan it into your church schedules - spend an evening looking at this and talking together. I think you’ll enjoy it as much as we have!”

Download the videos: bit.ly/faithvideos

Setting God's People Free: join the conversation

Equipping each of us to live out our faith in all areas of life is at the heart of Setting God's People Free, an initiative given a warm welcome by General Synod in February.

The energy and creativeness of dioceses already committed to the principles of Setting God's People Free are being shared through stories of lay and ordained vocations.

Carol Wolstenholme, Lay Chair of Newcastle Diocese told us about how an opera singer has helped boost confidence in lay people and Robert Hammond, Lay Chair of Chelmsford Diocese explains how

his faith informs his job as a civil servant and how his professional skills support the diocese.

We interviewed both Carol and Robert's bishops too. Neither Bishop Christine nor Bishop Stephen grew up in Church attending families. Their stories show how encounters with Christians influenced and transformed their lives and lead to discipleship and ordained ministry.

Each interview can be heard by visiting the Renewal and Reform Facebook page bit.ly/peoplefree

Bishops on a mission across Durham

During four days in March, twenty five Bishops and their teams from the northern province of the Church of England led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu have been Talking Jesus in communities across the Diocese of Durham.

The mission came to a close at a service of celebration at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 5th March. Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham told a packed Cathedral that the mission has been a resounding success. He said: "We can't be sure quite how many people we have come into contact with across four days, 450 events, numerous conversations and through social media interactions - but it is many tens of thousands."

The events which ranged from pie and peas suppers, semaphore flag flying, conversations in pubs, cafes, drop in centres, Angel Bombing to a flashmob in a supermarket have really engaged people. One person at an event saying: "I didn't think church could be this much fun."

The flashmob at Tesco's in Newton Aycliffe, like many of the events during the four days, was live broadcast on Facebook and went viral with more than 3,500 people watching it during and afterwards and more than 7,500 people reached online.

Championing Young Vocations

The Church of England's Young Vocations Adviser, Claire Whitmore, is looking for volunteers to staff stalls at Christian festivals this summer – including the Hidden Treasure Taizé weekend in Birmingham, The Big Church Day Out and Soul Survivor.

Claire's role is to encourage and grow young vocations and she works with people from around the country who do the same at local level. Claire says, 'Recently over 20 of us met in

Birmingham to share best practice and share stories of young people who are exploring their vocation. I shared some of my plans, including a refresh of the vocations resources and website and to be a present at festivals this summer. It is a really exciting time so please do get in touch if you would like to join me!'

Contact Claire: Claire.Whitmore@churchofengland.org

Visit the website: bit.ly/youngcalling

Godparents Sunday

Church of England research with families having a child baptised at a christening revealed that Godparents are hugely important. So there is now a special Sunday when the church can invite families and godparents to come and celebrate this important relationship. It's also a great opportunity to encourage all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren too.

In 2017, Godparents Sunday is on 30th April, and there are many resources available from www.churchprinthub.org including pin badges, posters and invitations which you can have customised with

your information. If you can't organise something for the national date, then you can still use the resources to celebrate the role of godparents on a different Sunday.

There are lots of ideas available at www.churchsupporthub.org including all-age worship, prayers, activities and lots more to help you create a really welcoming and special service. Godparents are very special to their godchildren – and you can share stories about what they mean to you on Twitter and Facebook too.

New leadership programme launched

A **leadership** development programme for Chief Executives of Multi Academy Trusts has been launched drawing on expertise from the Church of England, academia and the City.

The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership programme for Chief Executives of Multi-Academy Trusts will be delivered in partnership with UCL Institute of Education, working with Deloitte.

Speaking about the programme, Chief Education Officer for the Church of England Rev'd Nigel Genders said: "I'm delighted that we will be working with

expert partners to ensure that the Church's extensive experience in education will be combined with UCL IOE's deep understanding of the system, and Deloitte's experience of the business world.

"The leaders of Multi-Academy Trusts are going to be absolutely crucial strategic figures for the future of our education system. That's why we are investing in them through our Foundation for Educational Leadership, ensuring they are equipped to carry out their important role, to offer an education which promotes life in all its fullness for pupils, staff and their communities."

Live Lent

As of 20th March, we've reached over 200,000 people with our #LiveLent campaign on social media. Since Ash Wednesday we have been sharing daily bible passages and thoughtful challenges on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, taken from Live Lent with Christian Aid's *Into the Wilderness* booklet. The challenges offer a chance for people to pray for others, donate to good causes and reflect as well as share their faith in more detail. Follow the hashtag #LiveLent on Twitter, Instagram

or Facebook to share in the campaign and journey with us.

Twitter: www.twitter.com/c_of_e

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland/

Instagram www.instagram.com/thechurchofengland/

Christ Church calendar April 2017

April 2 Sun *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

6 Thu Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee, then Lent Group meeting
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

9 Sun *Palm Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

13 Thu *Maundy Thursday*
Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee, then Lent Group meeting
6pm Eucharist

14 Fri *Good Friday*
All Ages Reflection for children, 12 noon
Meditations on the Stations of the Cross, 1pm
Music and Meditation for Good Friday, 2pm
(No Cedar Tree café)

16 Sun *Easter Sunday*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Eucharist, followed by Great Christ Church Egg Hunt
4:30pm Choral Evensong

20 Thu Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

23 Sun *The Second Sunday of Easter*

24 Mon *George, Patron of England (transferred from 23rd)*

25 Tue *Mark the Evangelist*
Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

27 Thu Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm

28 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

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

May 1 Mon *Philip and James, Apostles*

4 Thu Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

7 Sun *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Prayer Cycle for April 2017

Saturday	1	For our bell-ringing team
Sunday	2	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	3	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	4	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Wednesday	5	For those who live or work in care homes
Thursday	6	That we may be pure in heart
Friday	7	For the unemployed
Saturday	8	For children and their families
Sunday	9	For Lore and Colin
Monday	10	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	11	For countries in conflict
Wednesday	12	For those who travel
Thursday	13	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Friday	14	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Saturday	15	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Sunday	16	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
Monday	17	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	18	For all in hospital
Wednesday	19	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Thursday	20	That we may have grace to love
Friday	21	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	22	For our charity of the month
Sunday	23	For the ministry of our Junior Church

Monday	24	For the emergency services
Tuesday	25	For those who lack food or water
Wednesday	26	For the Fairtrade movement
Thursday	27	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Friday	28	For those who mourn
Saturday	29	For a good harvest
Sunday	30	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, Cliff and Margaret Burrows
 Cyril Selmes
 Ned and Angela Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Martin Palmer
 Katharine
 David Slater
 David Lavis

Jason Batup
 Don Sparks
 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 April 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 April Lent 5	Jane Fletcher Ezekiel 37:1-14	Judith Bishop Romans 8:6-11	Mark Elliott John 11:1-45
9 April Palm Sunday	(TBC)	(TBC)	Isaac Elliott Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
16 April Easter Sunday	David Bishop Jeremiah 31:1-6	Rebekah Cunningham Acts 10:34-43	Charles Rice Matthew 28:1-10
23 April Easter 2	Clive Tilling Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21	Virginia Knight Acts 2:14a,22-32	Rowena Hall John 20:19-end
30 April Easter 3	Sylvia Ayers Zephaniah 3:14-end	Morny Davison Acts 2:14a,36-41	Lewis Boyd Luke 24:13-35
7 May Easter 4	Georgina Bowman Genesis 7	Richard Gabe Acts 2:42-end	Penny Edwards John 10:1-10

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
2 April	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Rowena Hall, Morny Davison	Sarah Jones
9 April	Clive Tilling, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Junior Church
16 April	David Rawlings, Jane Fletcher	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards
23 April	Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Jonathan Stead
30 April	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Jonathan Stead, Morny Davison	Georgina Bowman
7 May	Jane Fletcher, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on Sunday and Thursday mornings, 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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