



Everyone welcome

Ways to express that Christ Church is here for everyone

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

At our Harvest Festival service this year, the young people helped to tell Oscar Wilde's short story "The Selfish Giant". The giant keeps his beautiful garden to himself, until his heart is melted by a visit from the Christ Child. In Christ Church we are proud of our history of welcome and inclusivity. Everyone is welcome. In this issue of *Link* you'll find our "Children's Charter", which Church Council has agreed as a basis for our welcome to children. I am also delighted that after much hard work Margaret Heath and team have produced *Where to Turn*, a directory of useful contacts for help in time of need or crisis. This is available online in a version with clickable links, or in printed form, from Christ Church. At the moment it is centred on Bath city, but future editions may take in a wider area [see page 6].

Both these initiatives are aimed at providing help and welcome to the vulnerable, from parents with young children who may feel their young are

"disturbing" the worship, to the older members of the community who may need help accessing local services. Our third initiative aims at ensuring that all who come through our doors feel welcomed. In the past, when members of the Caribbean community arrived in the '50s and '60s at the invitation of the British Government, many of them found it difficult to feel welcomed into local Bath churches. Christ Church provided a genuine welcome and we are proud that we still have some worshipping members from that period. In our own time, when the Anglican Church has been at best slow to welcome gay, lesbian and transgender Christians and in many cases downright homophobic, Christ Church has welcomed everyone without regard to sexuality or anything else. We are drafting an "inclusivity statement" to make this explicit.

In Oscar Wilde's story, when the Christ Child visits, the Giant removes the "Private" notice from his garden and puts up new one: "Everyone welcome!" The garden begins to flourish again, the flowers and birds return, and spring comes to the garden. It's a sweet tale but it is more than that. It powerfully underlines Jesus' words in Matthew 25: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me." The welcome we offer to the vulnerable and to those who are not always made to feel welcome is an expression of Christ's welcome which is for everyone.



Detail from an illustration by Walter Crane for the first publication of Wilde's "The Selfish Giant".

A surprising afternoon

Margaret Heath writes:

It is not often I find myself amazed by a local council initiative and could hardly believe my good fortune when I was offered a place on a (free) creative writing workshop up at the Old Barn, Kelston Roundhill. This is a place I have grown to love. Through some odd coincidences, my younger son and a German friend purchased some 160 acres of farmland including the landmark “tump” with its crown of trees, an area of outstanding natural beauty and special scientific interest and appeal.

I woke thinking I would stress the spirituality of the place even if I was a lone voice and this was contrary to municipal policy; perhaps we were meant to be concentrating on the rural surroundings and the need to make people aware of them, not matters spiritual. I could be out on a limb and unpopular and would have to be brave and not mind. However I need not have worried. Proceedings began, after an introduction and a few housekeeping points, with a reading from Ecclesiastes and went on to include RS Thomas.

A latecomer entered declaring, “I have crossed my spiritual threshold”. We were

away. I could relax and enjoy all the scriptural references in the readings: Genesis, the garden of Eden and a lot else. I kept thinking of Galilee and how much happier I was there than in Jerusalem and considering those who lost their land, whether in the Highland clearances, the enclosures, the industrial revolution, inability to make ends meet or through war. A reference in a poem to men plotting to kill their enemies made me think of English farmers out in WWI fighting on farms not unlike theirs back home, turning countryside to horror.

In the first part of the workshop we were invited to listen, then write. Those given to poetry wrote verse. My thoughts tended to be a stream of consciousness. I am more of a reporter or raconteur than poet and my imagination and memory were sparked by so much: the moon, the farming life (my father came from generations of yeomen farmers, neither serfs nor gentry, up in the north), change and decay, the different way people perceived the landscape. Sheep made Sylvia Plath so very gloomy; Ted Hughes was happy showing his daughter cows.



Looking towards the Old Barn, and far beyond, from the tump at Kelston Roundhill. Photo: Mark Elliott.

Last month, not all in Christ Church...

This difference in perception was very marked when in groups of four we tried to compose a piece of not more than 20 lines about the Old Barn and its surroundings. Some wrote of the wheat, cows and sheep. One group had clearly come suffering. My group got on to women; I was a lone voice on spirituality and the sorrow at leaving the land, I think, in the foursome, and I dislike dogs and was unhappy with a doggy simile. There was real talent about and William, my son, will have the work to display on his website.

Our leader did an amazing job. She encouraged rather than criticised. We had some good laughs. Friendships were made. People were kind and helpful, and above all willing to contribute. It was a marvellous experience for this disabled 86-year-old, and tremendous thanks to all concerned. Bathonians are lucky that BANES is supporting appreciation of our surroundings.

■ There are excellent books on our relationship to the land by prize-winning author John Lewis-Stempel – worth seeking out!

Church Council work plan

Christ Church Council has adopted a “work plan” setting out the main topics to be discussed at each meeting throughout the year. Topics scheduled in the coming months are:

■ Tuesday 14 November: Pilgrim Group and discipleship; charitable giving

■ Tuesday 23 January: Cedar Tree; Traidcraft; hospitality and events

■ Tuesday 20 March: pastoral care; Local Ministry Group

Worship and finance are discussed at every meeting. Other topics can be added to the agenda as and when needed.

If you'd like to know more about the work of Council, you can find the work plan and the minutes of meetings at the back of the church or on the website, www.christchurchbath.org, under Church Life. Or speak to any of the members of Council (listed on the website).



On Sunday 3 September many of our choir visited Angela Berners Wilson's church in Stogumber to sing at a special evensong for Stogumber Festival.



There was a sizeable contingent from Christ Church at Ned Townshend's funeral on Tuesday 26 September at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, near Guildford. Ned is pictured above on the day he and Canon Angela left Christ Church in 2015.

Janet Mahto sends thanks to everyone who came to her Apple Picking Party on Sunday 10 September, worked so hard, contributed to the meal and then helped clear up, as well as generously donating a whopping total of £355 for Genesis. Our church Open Day on Saturday 9 September raised over £350 for our ongoing projects. The Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September raised £120 for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Mothers' Union appeal

Sylvia Ayers writes:

This is the MU's annual appeal for items for the Bath Women's Refuge. Our congregation has always supported this appeal, and we know we can rely on your support. Christ Church gave money to the Libra Women's Refuge in September, but the Next Link Women's Refuge is a different charity, who are only able to accept goods in kind and not cash. If you think you can donate something, please would you let us have it either on Sunday 15 October or 22 October at the 10 o'clock service. There is still an ongoing need for practical items, e.g. lightbulbs, toilet cleaners, scourers, disinfectant, 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. We look forward to receiving your offerings, and send very many thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

Spotlight on slavery

Modern slavery is one of the scandalous ills of today's society. Efforts to combat it draw together many people of good will. The Church of England is closely involved with this endeavour, and Wells Cathedral is hosting two public events looking at this important issue:

■ Wednesday 18 October, 3-4pm: "Modern Slavery, a Curse in our Age" with The Right Revd Dr Alastair Redfern (Lead Bishop on Modern Slavery), who will be exploring "The National Picture" in the Quire of Wells Cathedral. The previous day the Church of England will have launched the Clewer Initiative, a key project in this area.

■ Wednesday 15 November, 2-4pm: a variety of speakers will provide opportunities to discuss the challenges at a local level.

Both events are at Wells Cathedral. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. For more details visit wells cathedral.org.uk

Understanding Islam

"A good understanding of Islam is a must in Britain today, where Muslims are by far the biggest religious group after British Christians," writes Dr Chris Hewer. "In many of our major towns and cities, they make up a substantial minority of the population. This should encourage us all to get to know Islam and Muslims better and to explore ways of building bridges of mutual respect and understanding – especially those among us involved with Muslims as neighbours, workplace acquaintances, or clients in the caring professions." Dr Hewer is presenting an intensive three-day course at Ammerdown on Understanding Islam at the end of October.

Dr Hewer has a background in Christian theology, education, Islamic studies and inter-faith studies, and has worked in the field of Muslims in Britain and Christian-Muslim relations since 1986.

The course takes place at the Ammerdown Centre from Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 October inclusive. You can choose to stay at the Centre or not. The cost is £225 residential or £150 non-residential.

For details ring 01761 433709 or visit <http://ammerdown.org/Understanding-Islam-2017>

Reading through Mark

The Gospel of Mark is the main Gospel in the new lectionary beginning on Advent Sunday 2017. Canon Chris Burdon, Director of Lay Training and Education in the Diocese of Chelmsford, will lead a study morning reflecting on Mark and his significance for our times. The event takes place at Manvers Street Baptist Church on Saturday 21 October, 11am–12:45pm. Admission is by donation (minimum £5) to cover costs.

The event is organised by Modern Church, "the main proponent of liberal theology in the British churches". For more about them, visit <https://modernchurch.org.uk>.

For more details about the event, see the poster at the back of the church.

Bishop's Message for October

Offering the gift of service and love



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

I'm a patron of Somerset Sight, one of the perks that comes with the job! My elderly mum has macular degeneration and so I was very interested to hear more about this valuable work. Jackie (CEO) and Bella (Chair of Trustees) came to tell me more. They have over 250 volunteers who work across the whole of Somerset supporting those with visual impairment. 160 of these visit people in their homes to offer such vital help as reading people's mail aloud.

I know how important that is to my mum. Living on her own, her letters are a lifeline, a contact with the outside world. She's blessed with plenty of visitors, partly because she will talk to anyone and is confident enough to go out and about to discover new things even though she occasionally trips over and breaks something! But can you imagine how confining losing your sight can be? How your world could become

smaller as you lose your confidence? How lonely you might become?

Loneliness and isolation are the experience of many people, not just those who are the seniors of our communities or those with disabilities to overcome. I know that many of you have a real gift for noticing that and doing something about it. Many of our communities rely on people like you to give time and attention to those who are feeling disassociated from the world around them, a little lost.

Visiting, volunteering with organisations such as Somerset Sight, are important gifts of service to our communities, a wonderful way of "living the story" of God's love. If you are doing so, then thank you for that simple but profound act of love. And if not, then why not consider giving an hour a week to someone who might discover God's love through you?

+Ruth Taunton

Ammerdown to Iona

Benedicte Scholefield, former director of the Ammerdown Centre, will be talking about her exciting new work for the Iona Community on Sunday 19 November after an informal lunch and a presentation to her in recognition of all she and her husband did for the Centre. The event takes place at the Quaker Meeting House in York Street, starting with lunch at about 1pm, but all are welcome at the Meeting for Worship at 11am, which lasts about an hour, or afterwards. There are good facilities for the disabled. Please tell Margaret Heath if you would like to attend as she needs to know numbers for catering and health and safety. There's no charge.

“Where to Turn” guide now available

Back in February, we noted in the *Link* that over and above pastoral needs, there are many practical needs in and around our community which people within Christ Church aren't necessarily able to help with or can't always be expected to help with, and that a list of useful resources for those needing help was being compiled. This is now available.

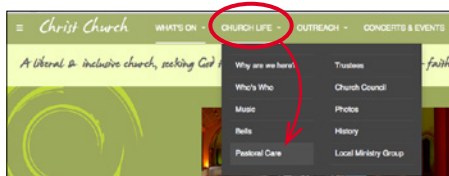
It's called “*Where to Turn*”, and it's available in print (with shortened web addresses, so there's not too much to type in) and as a PDF with clickable links, which is on our website or can be e-mailed on request.

The guide has been compiled by a team led by Margaret Heath, with the help of Age UK BANES and input from many others. It's not meant to be definitive, and the intention is to update it from time to time as needed, so it continues to be as useful as possible.

Where to Turn collects useful resources available for anyone who may need practical help and advice, whether because of age, disability or other reasons. It covers topics including safety and security, domestic help, dementia support, health care, mobility, age

and disability-related perks, and much more.

You'll find printed copies at the back of the church. For the PDF, you can visit our website www.christchurchbath.org, click on Church Life in the menu at the top, then Pastoral Care. Do forward the guide to anyone who might find it helpful, or pass on their e-mail address to Alex Soboslay. (In accordance with data protection law, this will be used only to e-mail them a copy and will not be stored for any other purpose without consent.)



All Souls' Eucharist

This year All Souls' Day falls on Thursday 2 November. There will be a special All Souls Eucharist at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

This month's charity: Church Housing Trust

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 8 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to the Church Housing Trust. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Church Housing Trust helps people without homes to rebuild their lives and end the cycle of homelessness. It helps people to become more confident and healthy through activities,

training and personal support. It pays for clothes and travel so that they are able to start volunteering or working. And it pays for basic household goods and furniture when they move into their own home.

Church Housing Trust grew out of the Church Army, which began helping homeless people on the Thames Embankment in 1882. Today statutory funding does not provide the personal help individuals need, and there are increasing numbers of homeless people in need of extra support. Church Housing Trust raises funds for these, some of whom have high support needs, who would not otherwise receive extra support. It funds peer-led support and outreach to help rough sleepers off the streets, and pay for essentials when people arrive in hostels for the first time. Find out more at churchhousingtrust.org.uk





Children are never too young to come to church and are very welcome here. We know that bringing children to church, especially babies and toddlers, can be challenging. Here is some information which we hope will make being here a little easier. This includes practical things and a little about our worship. We have a children's corner, to the rear of the church on the left-hand side as you enter. This is equipped with toys, books and colouring materials including 'pew bags' with activities to take back to your seat if you prefer.

Activities for children

Most weeks there are one or two Junior Church sessions aimed at children from 3yrs up to 11yrs, however children of any age are welcome, including visitors. Groups are run in the choir vestry and children and leaders leave after the Collect and re-join the service during the Peace (as indicated in your order of service booklet).

If you would like to remain in the session with your child you are welcome to do so.

When they return to the service, the children may choose to come to the front to tell the adults a little about what they have done.

Where to sit?

Sit where you feel comfortable. Some families with young children like to sit nearer the front, so they can see the action of the service, but others feel happier at the back, or in the children's corner. Even if they are occupied with crayons or their favourite book, children absorb the atmosphere of worship.

Toilets and baby changing

The entrance to the toilets is to your left in the porch (as you exit through the main glass doors at the back). The larger cubicle has a changing table, toilet seat and step.

Feeding your baby

You are welcome to feed your baby in church. If the pews aren't comfortable for breast or bottle feeding, there are chairs at the back or bean bags in the children's corner.

Standing, sitting, moving

You know how best to engage with your child during a service. The only time another adult would intervene would be to prevent an injury.

If your child is comfortable, remain seated, even if others are standing. If you want to walk around to settle your baby or to explore the building with your child, please do. Come nearer to the front if there are things they want to see.

You may feel happy keeping a watchful eye on your child from a short distance away, that's fine too.

God's whisper in special places

There are a couple of areas of the church we aim to keep separate and special, places where we might hear God's whisper. These are behind the rail in the small side chapel (at the front on the left-hand side as you face forwards) and area around the main altar where the priest stands at Holy Communion. If your child does explore here though, please don't worry, just gently let them know they are places we try and keep special. See if they would like to light a candle or say a prayer in the side chapel. There are some children's prayer books near the chapel which you could look at together.

Taking part in worship

Children learn by watching and doing, you may wish to encourage your child to take part by copying you – holding a book or standing beside you to join in when you are singing, kneeling, or sitting quietly for prayer.

Children also become familiar with the pattern of the regular service: the welcome, the 'saying sorry' prayer, the Gloria and so on. They begin to learn the parts of the service which are loud and others which are quieter. Encourage them to follow what is going on, but don't worry if they are not always interested. Adults don't always pay attention for the whole service either! During communion you are welcome bring your child with you to receive a blessing, or to take communion if this is what they do in their own church.

At the end of the service

After worship, there is a chance for people to catch up over coffee and biscuits. Squash is available for children by the kitchen hatch. Some of us (young and old) are not always steady on their feet, so please take care moving around when

there are lots of adults with cups of hot coffee.

If things get too much

A service can be a long time for a baby or young child. Help yourselves to our toys, books, and colouring materials from the children's corner. If you want to give your child a drink or snack, that's fine too. Someone will be happy to get you a drink from the kitchen if needed.

If at any point you'd feel more comfortable taking your child out of the main service, of course you are free to do so. You can use the porch or the choir vestry as a separate space to gather your thoughts. But please come back when you are ready, Jesus said: 'let the children come to me'.

We are not here to judge one another but to support, celebrate, encourage, and pray for one another, whoever we are: young, old, tired, full of energy, confident, unsure, leading worship or coming to church for the first time. Please feel at home here.

God our creator, we thank you for the gift of children, and we pray for those who nurture them. May we serve them so that through our welcome they may come to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christ Church calendar October 2017

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| Oct | 1 | Sun | <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest Festival</i> |
| | 5 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee |
| | 6 | Fri | <i>William Tyndale, translator of the Scriptures</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 8 | Sun | <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 12 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, continuing study of Acts, 7:30pm |
| | 13 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 15 | Sun | <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong |
| | 18 | Wed | <i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 19 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee |
| | 20 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 22 | Sun | <i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> |
| | 26 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 27 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 28 | Sat | <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> |
| | 29 | Sun | <i>Bible Sunday / The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre |
| | 31 | Tue | <i>Martin Luther, reformer</i> |
| Nov | 1 | Wed | <i>All Saints</i> |
| | 2 | Thu | <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Eucharist, 7:30pm |
| | 4 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 5 | Sun | <i>All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent</i> |

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 2017

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| Sunday | 1 | For our bell-ringing team |
| Monday | 2 | For those who work in the hospitality industry |
| Tuesday | 3 | For vocations to the ministry |
| Wednesday | 4 | For victims of natural disasters |
| Thursday | 5 | For the work of Genesis |
| Friday | 6 | For those who are unable to keep warm |
| Saturday | 7 | We give thanks for artists poets and musicians |
| Sunday | 8 | For Lore and Colin |
| Monday | 9 | For scientists and engineers |
| Tuesday | 10 | That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness |
| Wednesday | 11 | For the mentally ill |
| Thursday | 12 | For all at school |
| Friday | 13 | For the work of the Cedar Tree |
| Saturday | 14 | For those in slavery or bonded labour |
| Sunday | 15 | For our Junior Church |
| Monday | 16 | For Bible scholars and theologians |
| Tuesday | 17 | For those preparing for marriage or recently married |
| Wednesday | 18 | For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church |
| Thursday | 19 | For good relations between different faiths |
| Friday | 20 | For the unemployed |
| Saturday | 21 | We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy |
| Sunday | 22 | For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church |
| Monday | 23 | For those in the transport industry |

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| Tuesday | 24 | For our charity of the month |
| Wednesday | 25 | For Julian House |
| Thursday | 26 | For countries in economic difficulties |
| Friday | 27 | For those who care for the sick |
| Saturday | 28 | That we may be open to encounters with God |
| Sunday | 29 | For all clergy taking services at Christ Church |
| Monday | 30 | For the Fairtrade movement |
| Tuesday | 31 | We give thanks for the blessings of the past month |

Long-term Prayer List Other LMG services

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

John Burrows
 Martin Palmer
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Katharine
 David Slater
 Maxine Hobday
 Rose Brown
 David Catchpole
 Sister Catherine

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.

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

Sundays

- 9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's
- 10:45am Choral Communion or informal 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
- Tuesday 9am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

There is no news...

The Church of England is no longer producing its inFocus supplement for church magazines. "We are looking at other ways of distributing news from the National Church," a representative said, "and will be working out the best way to communicate this soon."

Rotas for October 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1 October Harvest | Rebekah Cunningham Deut. 8:7-18 | Janet Mahto 2 Corinthians 9:6-end | Peter Woodward Luke 12:16-30 |
| 8 October Trinity 17 | Isaac Elliott Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Judith Anderson Philippians 3:4b-14 | Robin Kerr Matthew 21:33-end |
| 15 Oct Trinity 18 | Emma Elliott Exodus 32:1-14 | Alex Soboslay Philippians 4:1-9 | Penny Edwards Matthew 22:1-14 |
| 22 Oct Trinity 19 | Jude Bishop Exodus 33:12-end | Brenda Wall 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 | Charles Rice Matthew 22:15-22 |
| 29 Oct Bible Sunday | Jonathan Stead Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12 | Jane Fletcher Colossians 3:12-17 | Clive Tilling Matthew 24:30-35 |
| 5 Nov All Saints | Mornly Davison Revelation 7:9-end | Mark Elliott 1 John 3:1-3 | Malcolm Wall Matthew 5:1-12 |

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Chalice assistants | Sidespeople | Intercessions |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 October | Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto | Margaret Heath, Jane Nicholson | Sarah Jones |
| 8 Oct | Clive Tilling, David Rawlings | Mornly Davison, Janet Mahto | Jonathan Stead |
| 15 Oct | Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers | Jonathan Stead, Margaret Heath | Georgina Bowman |
| 22 Oct | Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling | Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson | Penny Edwards |
| 29 Oct | David Rawlings, Brenda Wall | Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers | Rebekah Cunningham |
| 5 Nov | Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto | Jane Nicholson, Jonathan Stead | Mark Elliott |

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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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