



Looking outwards for Lent

Holy Week with Revd Canon David Bruno

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

From time to time I come across locals who have never been inside Christ Church or, worse, don't realise that it is an open building containing a living church. The glass doors of our new entrance lobby have been a real help with this. People walk past, glance in and become curious, often culminating in a visit to the church when we are open for the Cedar Tree café.

The theme of Our Lord reaching out to and including outsiders is one which Luke's Gospel returns to over and over again. We see "outsiders" – the poor, widows, the sick, tax collectors, Samaritans and even children – become "insiders" as he speaks to them, accepts them and heals them. One of the recurring problems in the Anglican Communion is how to keep our churches from becoming a club for "insiders", and instead to keep our attention turned not just inward to our worship but also outward to our community.

This year we have invited a visitor to join us for Holy Week, help lead our worship and turn our thoughts outwards. Canon David Bruno is a retired priest who now lives in Yorkshire but has spent most of his long life ministering in unfamiliar places. It started when he was finishing his formation in King's College London and wondering where to spend his curacy. His contemporaries were finding posts in and around London but to everyone's surprise David felt called to the North of England and took a post in Darlington.

This was in the early days of the Clean Air Act and the North was still a place of "dark Satanic mills" to southerners. After his ministry in Yorkshire, David was invited to join the former Bishop of Ripon in South Africa, where he combined chaplaincy at a boys' school

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The Church of England's Lent campaign for 2018, "#LiveLent – Let Your Light Shine", offers daily reflections including a short reading from the gospel of John and the chance to pause, pray and witness. You can buy copies of the booklet from Church House Publishing, www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent, text LENT to 88802 to receive a text message with a daily reflection free of charge throughout Lent, or sign up for e-mail daily reflections at www.churchofengland.org/lent

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▶ with a cathedral post. A second post as chaplain in Rhodesia followed.

Returning home, he still felt himself to be a member of the worldwide Anglican communion. He joined the board of Mission for Scotland and travelled as their overseas chaplain. His areas of responsibility included India, South America and the middle East.

Recalled to Southern Africa as director of the Provincial Department of Mission covering the diocese of Namibia, David became Dean of the Anglican cathedral in Windhoek, where Jude Bishop was his secretary and David Bishop the cathedral organist. After six years in Namibia he returned to Britain, married Maggie and became rector of Christ Church, Falkirk in Scotland. After nine years in Scotland they have now retired to Yorkshire, where both remain indefatigably busy. David is Bishop's Chaplain for Retired Clergy and Widows in the SW Ripon area, and he and Maggie spend time and energy supporting refugees in Bradford.

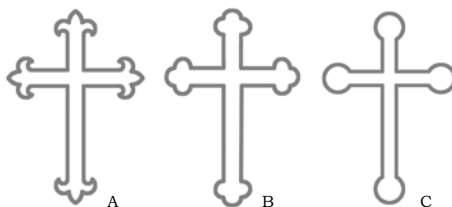
After a lifetime of "looking outwards", David will be with us during Holy Week to help us to turn our thoughts and attention to the wider community. He will speak about his experiences of the refugee crisis in India on the Tuesday evening of Holy Week in a talk entitled "The crucifixion didn't take place in a church", and lead a Bible study on the afternoon of Maundy Thursday. See the calendar for March in this issue of *Christ Church Link* for details of this and other Holy Week services and activities.

Around the building



For much of February, the choir had to share the chancel space with scaffolding, in place to enable the organ builders to strip out the organ pipes damaged by falling plaster. In fact they removed much more of the organ in order to make room for the builders to come in and strip the east wall. The scaffolding is gone now and work will pause while the wall stabilises, until the organ builders are available again to continue the organ repair. We have received a faculty (the C of E counterpart of Listed Buildings Consent) for the full programme of refurbishment, but how much of it we can achieve will depend on fundraising...

Meanwhile, we're all invited to vote on three final designs to go on the glass of our entrance doors – both a safety requirement and one of the first things visitors to Christ Church will see...



Time & Talent Challenge A dawdle of ringers

Jonathan Stead writes:

The Time and Talent Challenge is fully underway, and the range of products and services being offered by members of the congregation is exciting. It includes plants, marmalade, confectionery and pompoms for sale; and music, language, computer, mahjong and cooking lessons are available. We are certainly discovering hidden talents! Two Bring and Buy mini-markets will be held where produce made for the challenge will be on sale to the congregation. The next one will be on Palm Sunday, 25 March, after the morning service, so please support it.

Growing Together

Genesis Trust has issued an invitation to an evening of thanks, celebration and thinking about the future, on Monday 5 March at The Forum, St James's Parade, Bath at 7pm (doors open 6:30pm for tea, coffee and an exhibition). "Growing Together" will celebrate what volunteers and supporters have achieved, and discuss how Genesis can help more people in more ways in the future. Find out about the Trust's 10 projects and hear stories from the individuals it supports.

Christ Church AGM

The Annual General Church Meeting of the Christ Church congregation will be held on Sunday 22 April after the 10am service. Come along to have your say, elect Churchwardens and Church Council, and receive reports on the activities of all the groups in the church.

Anyone can attend, but you must be on the Electoral Roll of Christ Church to vote. If you've recently joined us and wish to add your name, or if you need to change any details, forms are available from the Churchwardens or the Verger after services. Please return completed forms to Judith Anderson, our Electoral Roll Officer, via the "A" pigeon-hole at the back of the church.



Will Willans writes:

What would be a good collective noun for bell-ringers? There is "band", of course, or "company", or indeed "society", as in our Society of Christ Church Youths.

But I like "dawdle", coined almost 60 years ago: as someone said at the time, "Anyone who has seen ringers wandering along... will recognise the aptness of the word!"

Here, then, is a dawdle of ringers, in a photo taken by Valerie Duff on Tuesday 6 February, after their ringing to celebrate the anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Christ Church being the only church in Bath at which the occasion was marked in this way.

And yes, it had taken us a little while to come down from the tower and assemble...

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight is Monday 26 Feb to Sunday 11 March.

Our Traidcraft stall will be available on Sundays 4 March and 11 March with some bargains in the hope of emptying

our stock cupboard. After this, Judith Bishop will take orders for Fairtrade goods from the Traidcraft catalogue on an individual basis.



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. Participants have a choice of routes, and are encouraged to start from a place near where they live rather than where they usually attend church. At each stop there is a simple act of worship of approximately 15 minutes. At Christ Church this takes place at 10am, and the walk then continues, culminating at 11am with all the routes converging in the Abbey Churchyard to close with an ecumenical act of worship. For details of routes, check nearer the time at www.bathchurches.org.uk/goodfridaycrosswalks.htm



Lent lunches

It has been a tradition for some years to have shared Lent lunches with our neighbours at St Mary's Roman Catholic church, Julian Road. The idea is to build ecumenical links and raise money for those in need. Donations are made at the end of the simple meal and are split 50/50 between our two churches for their chosen charities. This year the dates are:

- Thursday 8 March at midday in St Mary's Parish Centre (behind the church; entrance via the car park off Burlington Street), and
- Thursday 15 March, at midday, at Christ Church in the Lower Mews.

This year, in addition, we are hosting a weekly Communion service at 11am every Thursday in Lent for our Local Ministry Group, and – on the Thursdays when we don't have a Lent lunch with St Mary's – this will be followed by an LMG Lent lunch (soup, bread and cheese) in aid of the Diocesan Zambia Link.

Coming events

Big Bath Sleep-Out

What is it? Sleep out for just one night to help Julian House help those who are forced to sleep out every night. For information and registration forms, see the leaflets at the back of the church or www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk
When is it? Friday 9 March. Register 8pm–10pm; quiet time from 11pm; breakfast 7am
Where? Alice Park, Bath

Come and sing Rossini

What is it? Come and sing Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle with Bath Choral Society, directed by David Gostick. More details at www.bathchoralsociety.com
When is it? Saturday 10 March, 10am–4pm; registration from 9:45am, performance 3pm
Where? St Swithin's, The Paragon, BAI 5LY
Cost £20 including score hire. Contact registrar@bathchoralsociety.com

Carmina Burana plus London Town

What is it? Bristol Choral Society and Bristol Youth Choir perform Orff's Carmina Burana, plus Chilcott, Songs & Cries of London Town.
When is it? Saturday 10 March, 7:30pm
Where? Colston Hall, Bristol BSI 5AR
Admission £10–£30; discounts for under-25s and seniors. Book at www.bristolchoral.co.uk or call Colston Hall, 0117 203 4040

Jonah-Man Jazz

What is it? St Andrew's School present the popular musical
When is it? Wednesday 21 March, 5:30pm (time to be confirmed)
Where? Christ Church, Julian Road BAI 2RH

Mendelssohn's Elijah

What is it? Bath Choral Society and Bristol Ensemble Orchestra present Mendelssohn's Elijah, with conductor David Gostick and Marcus Farnsworth as Elijah. More details at www.bathchoralsociety.com
When is it? Saturday 21 April, 7:30pm
Where? Bath Abbey
Admission £6–£30. Tickets from Bath Box Office at <http://bit.ly/BCS-elijah>

Bishop's Message for March

Making space



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

I remember my father once saying “As you get older the seconds seem longer, but the years go by faster.” I think he was right. Perhaps that’s your experience too? In March 2014 I officially became the Bishop of Bath and Wells and began to “take up the reins”, and it’s two years since I was appointed the Lead Bishop for Safeguarding. The time has flown by. Even more amazing is that this year I shall have been ordained for 38 years, and I thank God for all that he has enabled me to see and do through those years. In my study there’s a picture of a much-younger me, taken at my ordination in 1980. Looking at it reminds me of the Lord’s grace and goodness to me and to Jane through those years.

I will be taking some study leave in May and June this year. At one time these were called “sabbaticals”, and that word is from the same root as “Sabbath”, which means to take time to rest. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Ruth and the Bishop’s Staff, who have encouraged me to take this time, especially as it will mean they will have to “keep an eye on the shop”.

This will give me an opportunity to spend time reading and reflecting on what God may be saying about the priorities and opportunities for the diocese and the wider Church – and time to pray and think more about the challenges which lie ahead of us. During this time Jane and I have arranged to go to Israel. Neither of us has been there before, and that in itself will be a wonderful experience.

In the midst of busy, noisy and often crowded lives it is hard at times to make space to read and to pray, to make time to listen to God and to build our relationship with him. I am sure that having this precious gift of time will mean that I return renewed and refreshed for all that lies ahead as together we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus.

Taking care of our spiritual lives is something we all need to do, and Jesus took time to be apart with his Heavenly Father. I know not everyone can take study leave, but even a half day will often help to charge the “spiritual batteries”. I look forward to sharing with you some of what I have learnt when I get back to the desk.

+Peter Bath and Wells

Christ Church calendar March 2018

1	Thu	<i>David, patron of Wales</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by LMG Lent lunch
2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
4	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> Bath Half Marathon – watch for road closures and diversions Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
8	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Lent lunch with St Mary's RC church, noon, at St Mary's Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
9	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
11	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
12	Mon	2nd anniversary of Lore's installation as our Priest-in-Charge
15	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Lent lunch with St Mary's RC church, noon, at Christ Church Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
16	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
17	Sat	<i>Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i>
18	Sun	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
19	Mon	<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>
20	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
22	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by LMG Lent lunch
23	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
25	Sun	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
26	Mon	Compline, Charlcombe St Mary's, 8pm
27	Tue	David Bruno, "The crucifixion didn't happen in a church", 6:30pm, Christ Church Lower Mews Compline, Christ Church, 8pm
28	Wed	Compline, St Stephen's, Lansdown, 8pm
29	Thu	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Eucharist, 11am Soup and Bible study with David Bruno, 12 noon Agape meal at Christ Church, 6:30pm

30 Fri *Good Friday*
Music and Meditation for Good Friday, midday
Meditations on the stations of the cross, 1:30pm
(No Cedar Tree café)

31 Sat *Holy Saturday*
Blessing of the Light, Charlcombe St Mary's, 7pm

Apr 1 Sun *Easter Sunday*
Dawn Service, Charlcombe St Mary's, 6:15am
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Eucharist, followed by Great Christ Church Egg Hunt

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

This month's charity: Burlington House

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 11 March, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of March, will go to Burlington House, run by DHI in Burlington Street. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Burlington House, an abstinence-based supported house in Burlington Street, near Christ Church, is a unique and cost-effective supported dry house. As well as offering a highly affordable alternative to residential or hospital detox rehab, at a cost approximately ten times less than such traditional rehab facilities, the 11-bedroom shared house enables people to consolidate their recovery within their community.

Burlington House is a unique detox and supported housing project that supports vulnerable (often but not necessarily homeless) adults to overcome drug and/or alcohol dependency and to make a full and sustained recovery in the community. Approximately 70% of beneficiaries leave drug/alcohol free and successfully move on to independent lives. This compares to 20-60% success rate for residential rehab. A whopping 80% of our

residents are in employment, training, education and/or volunteering when they leave.

Developing Health and Independence (formerly known as the Drugs and Homeless Initiative) is a local charity set up in 1999 to help people out of the cycle of homelessness, social isolation and drug or alcohol abuse. Our aim is to offer people a wide range of services that help them gain control of their lives again and live independently.

Last year Christ Church supported the organisation's appeal to raise £155,000 to buy the property in Burlington Street outright and safeguard its long-term use for vulnerable and homeless drug/alcohol users in Bath who wish to turn their lives around. We now have an opportunity to contribute to the continuing operation of Burlington House.

Find out more about the charity generally at www.dhi-online.org.uk



Prayer Cycle for March 2018

Thursday	1	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
Friday	2	For all in hospital
Saturday	3	For our Time and Talents scheme and other fundraising
Sunday	4	For Lore our priest-in-charge
Monday	5	For Bible scholars and theologians
Tuesday	6	For the work of Julian House
Wednesday	7	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Thursday	8	For our Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight
Friday	9	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	10	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
Sunday	11	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Monday	12	For the Queen and all heads of state
Tuesday	13	For our own personal witness
Wednesday	14	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday	15	For the Trustees, meeting tonight
Friday	16	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	17	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Sunday	18	For Mark, Keith and the choir
Monday	19	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	20	For our charity of the month
Wednesday	21	For the lonely and depressed
Thursday	22	That we may have grace to forgive
Friday	23	For those who work in dangerous conditions

Saturday	24	For children and their families
Sunday	25	For vocations to the ministry
Monday	26	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	27	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Wednesday	28	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Thursday	29	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Friday	30	For victims of violence
Saturday	31	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church

Long-term Prayer List

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

John Burrows
 David Slater
 Maxine Hobday
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Katharine
 Rose Brown
 Donatella Phillips
 Harry Pattullo
 Joyce Fairburn
 David Jones
 Ivy Savage
 Ken Savage

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.

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 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

Rotas for March 2018

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 March Lent 3	Jane Fletcher Exodus 20:1-17	Virginia Knight 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Morny Davison John 2:13-22
11 March Mothering Sunday	Sylvia Ayers 1 Samuel 1:20-end	Rebekah Cunningham Colossians 3:12-17	Mark Elliott John 19:25b-27
18 March Lent 5	Georgina Bowman Jeremiah 31:31-34	Daphne Radenhurst Hebrews 5:5-10	Rowena Hall John 12:20-33
25 March Palm Sunday	Jonathan Stead TBC	David Bishop TBC	(Passion reading) Mark 11:1-11
1 April Easter Sunday	Janet Mahto Isaiah 25:6-9	Clive Tilling Acts 10:34-43	Bob Siderfin John 20:1-18

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
4 March	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Jonathan Stead
11 March	Keri Chivers, Brenda Wall	Janet Mahto, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards
18 March	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Mark Elliott
25 March	Clive Tilling, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Morny Davison	Sarah Jones
1 April	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Jonathan Stead, Margaret Silver	Rebekah Cunningham

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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 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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