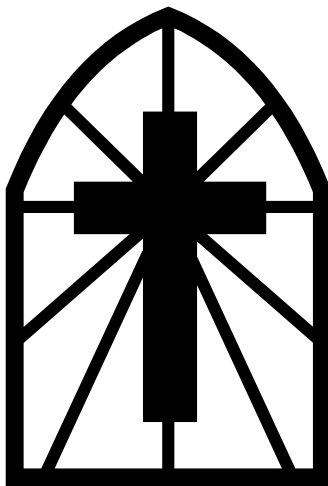


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January 2007

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion, Junior Church & Crèche
First Sundays & Festivals	Choral Evensong and Sermon at 6.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5)

There is amplification to assist the hard of hearing

CHOIR

Junior Choir Practice	Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Adult Practice	Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

Angela and John, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

A prayer for the New Year

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

from the Lutheran Book of Worship

Not Forum...

In the absence of a Forum article this month, I've been looking back over the last year, and I feel that it's appropriate to take the time to thank all those people whose articles make Christ Church Challenge possible and to recognise the contribution that they make.

First of all, our Clergy team for their "Forum" articles, which start the magazine each month in an interesting and thought-provoking way. Thanks especially to Antony for his many other articles which keep us in touch with news and events. "Forum" returns next month.

Many people depend on the magazine for the rotas, the lectionary and the calendar. Sarah Hiscock puts together our rotas, as well as keeping us up to date with Junior Church news. And the magazine would be a much thinner publication without the enormous contribution made by Sylvia Ayers month on month—not only management of the Calendar, but articles about the Mothers Union, Missions to Seafarers, the Scout Post, and Churches Together in Bath. Our Deanery Synod representatives make sure that we are well informed about their meetings—thank you to Emma, Sarah and Margaret for this. Thanks too to Adrian Pegg, whose USPG updates are both informative and challenging, reminding us of the appalling conditions faced by those in Malawi while we have so much. David Marles is our resident Barry Norman (or is it Jonathan Ross?) and his thoughts on recent cinema or DVD releases are a welcome contribution.

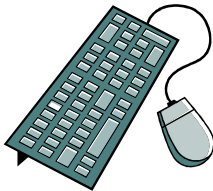
Thank you to those people who provide us with fascinating articles on an enormous range of topics—Margaret Heath, Chris Graham and Cyril Selmes are all faithful contributors, and thanks to them, we can provide a magazine which is truly "in-house" and relevant to our own congregation without relying on imported articles. Many thanks too to the mysterious and anonymous Calendar Correspondent, wherever he may be. Contrary to popular belief, it's not Cyril!

Until recently Matthew Jones was our Genesis link in the magazine, and though he and Sarah have now moved to London, from this month, our readers can follow their search for a new church in our "Keeping up with the Jones" article. It's great to be able to keep in contact with them in this way.

Thank you finally to those people who actually help to put the magazine together. Chris Gladstone and David Marles regularly type in rotas and deal with last—minute panics as the printing deadline approaches. Thanks especially to Chris who photocopies the magazine every month.

In a similar vein, thank you to everyone who has enjoyed the monthly ritual of stapling "The Sign" supplement into the magazine. Unless you've wrestled a faulty long-armed stapler through 75 magazines at the last minute on a Saturday night, I don't think you can fully appreciate how much fun it all is...

Thank you most of all to all our readers, for actually buying the magazine and taking the time to read it.



Happy New Year!

*Nicky Gladstone
Editor*

Is there a Doctor in the house?...

Further to Antony's congratulations last month, Christ Church Challenge is happy to report that the University's December Degree Congregations saw the graduation of both of Christ Church's new PhD successes so still more congratulations to both Dr Jennifer Wright and Dr Matthew Jones.

Church Calendar for January

Jan	7	Sun	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
			6.30pm	NO EVENSONG
			6.30pm	Churches Together in Bath service at Nexus
	8	Mon	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
			8.00pm	Meet Up Monday at "The Hare and Hounds"
	11	Thur	7.30pm	Church Council
	12	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	13	Sat	KENTIGERN (MUNGO), Missionary and Bishop - 603	
	14	Sun	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	17	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion and Lunch
	18	Thur	Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
	19	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	21	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taizé
	25	Thur	CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL	
			End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
	26	Fri	TIMOTHY AND TITUS, Companions of Paul	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	28	Sun	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
			PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	30	Tue	CHARLES, King and Martyr - 1649	
Feb	2	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	4	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Laity Rota for January

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
January	7	Georgina Bowman	Penny Edwards	David Bishop
	14	Chris Graham	Jane Fletcher	Mark Elliott
	21		Margaret Heath	Sarah Hiscock
	28	Sylvia Ayers	Judith Bishop	Judith Anderson
February	4	Anne Kemp	Margaret Burrows	Richard Gabe
	11	Emma Elliott	Bev Pont	David Marles

Chalice Assistants

January	7	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	14	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	21	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	28	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
February	4	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	11	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp

Intercessors

January	7	David Marles
	14	Rev Cliff Burrows
	21	Chris Graham
	28	Georgina Bowman
February	4	Rev Antony Claridge
	11	Mark Elliott



Sidespeople

		8am	10am
January	7	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver Frank Twissell
	14	Arthur Jones	Ken and Sylvia Ayers
	21	Clive Tilling	David Marles Joan Bunkin
	28	Clive Tilling	June Metcalfe Chris Gladstone
February	4	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge Jean Ferguson
	11	Clive Tilling	Nicky and Joshua Gladstone

Lectionary for January

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Jan 7	The Epiphany		
	Isaiah 60.1-6	Ephesians 3.1-12	Matthew 2.1-12
14	Epiphany 2		
	Isaiah 62.1-5	1 Cor 12.1-11	John 2.1-11
21	Epiphany 3		
	No reading	1 Cor 12.12-31a	Luke 4.14-21
28	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)		
	Malachi 3.1-5	Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40
Feb 4	3rd Sunday before Lent (Proper 1)		
	Isaiah 6.1-8	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Luke 5.1-11

MOTHERS UNION NEWS

Following our donations to the Women's Refuge, I have now received a letter of thanks from the Managers of the House, which I have placed on the Christ Church Noticeboard. May I once more couple my own thanks with theirs, for all the support that Christ Church Congregation gives to us each year.



For our December meeting, three of our ladies again joined the St Luke's MU for their Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols, which included a talk from their Vicar. We are all very grateful to St Luke's for inviting us, as with such small numbers, we are no longer able to organise our own Service. The splendid programme was followed by a festive tea, during which we were able to meet and chat with the MU Diocesan Treasurer, Pat Brocklebank.

Our new year will start with a Corporate Communion on Wednesday 17th January, and hopefully this will be followed by a Metcalfe Lunch. The MU subscription for 2007 is due shortly, but although at the time of writing I do not know the exact figure, I should have it in time for next month's Magazine article.

Meanwhile, may we wish all members and Christ Church friends a very Happy New Year.

Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)

Angels at St Stephens

Raising the money to repair the tower may be a major headache for Jonathan and his congregation but we who attend the events organised are very lucky. The church was packed for a talk by Dr Jane Williams, wife of the archbishop, for her talk on angels. Jane's new book, "Angels" (Lion, 2006, £9.99) is illustrated by local artist Linda Baker Smith and there were pictures by her in different areas in the church, which was candlelit. Before the talk we were invited to wander round looking at the images inspired by ancient icons but with a modern feel.

When Jane spoke she said how happy she was that the illustrations were right; author and illustrator were at one. Jane's book is straightforward; she tells of the bible stories, not of recent personal encounters with angels but rather of their role as messengers in the Old and New Testaments, for example the angel with whom Jacob wrestled before his encounter with the brother whose birthright he had stolen and was about to meet, or of the angels who appeared to the shepherds.

Angels are not comfortable beings into whose soft feathers we could metaphorically nestle to escape the world. They play their part in the struggle between good and evil in which God invites us all to engage. "Fear not..." suggests an angelic visitation can be frightening, at least initially. Their song is, " beautiful, endless, joyful and terrible" in the book and we are invited to join them in singing it.

In an interesting discussion Jane parried questions well. She was asked if she had seen an angel, but this was irrelevant to her theme. She was also asked whether she took account of reductionism; she appeared to accept the stories as they were, uncritically. Were angels important or relevant today? In reply Jane said that when she was studying at Cambridge even the resurrection, which she regarded that as an essential part of the faith, was in doubt. (Is philosophy that would "clip an angel's wings"?). When asked if some were more able than others to see angels she quoted from "The Kingdom of God", by Francis Thompson, one of my favourite passages:

"The angels keep their ancient places,
Turn but a stone and start a wing!
'Tis ye, with your estrangèd faces
That miss the many-splendoured thing."

Margaret Heath

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

“SAINT MUNGO” (13th January)

Saint Mungo is the commonly used name for **Saint Kentigern**. He was the late 6th century apostle of the Brythonic Kingdom of Strathclyde in modern Scotland, and patron saint and founder of the city of Glasgow.

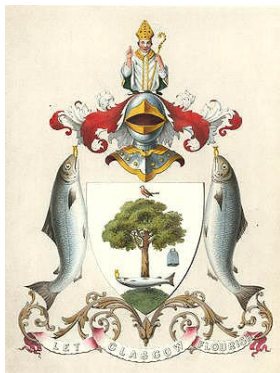
Mungo's mother, Denw, was the daughter of the Brythonic king, Lleuddun (Latin, Leudonus), who ruled in the Haddington region of what is now Scotland. She fell pregnant, after being seduced by Owain mab Urien according to a British Library manuscript. Her furious father had her thrown from heights of Trapain Law. Surviving, she was then abandoned in a coracle in which she drifted across the River Forth to Culross in Fife. There Mungo was born.

Mungo was brought up by Saint Serf who was ministering to the Picts in that area. It was Serf who gave him his popular pet-name. At the age of twenty-five, Mungo began his missionary labours on the Clyde, on the site of modern Glasgow. In old age, Mungo became very feeble and his chin had to be set in place with a bandage. He is said to have died in his bath, on Sunday 13 January.

In the 'Life of Saint Mungo', he performed four religious miracles

- *The Bird* — Mungo restored life to the pet robin of Saint Serf, which had been killed by some of his fellow classmates, hoping to blame him for its death.
- *The Tree* — Mungo had been left in charge of a fire in Saint Serf's monastery. He fell asleep and the fire went out. Taking branches from a tree, he restarted the fire.
- *The Bell* — the bell is thought to have been brought by Mungo from Rome. It was said to have been used in services and to mourn the deceased. The original bell no longer exists, and a replacement, created in the 1640s, is now on display in Glasgow.
- *The Fish* — refers to the story about Queen Languoreth of Strathclyde who was suspected of infidelity by her husband. King Riderch demanded to see her ring, which he claimed she had given to her lover. In reality the King had thrown it into the River Clyde. Faced with execution she appealed for help to Mungo, who ordered a messenger to catch a fish in the river. On opening the fish, the ring was miraculously found inside, which allowed the Queen to clear her name. (This story may be confused with an almost identical one concerning King Maelgwn of Gwynedd and Saint Asaph.)

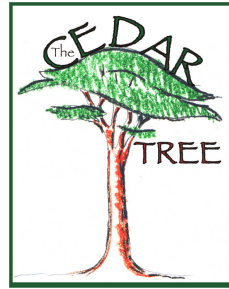
On the spot where Mungo was buried now stands the cathedral dedicated in his honour. His shrine was a great centre of Christian pilgrimage until the Scottish Reformation. His remains are said to still rest in the crypt. His festival was kept throughout Scotland on 13 January. Mungo's four religious miracles in Glasgow are represented in the city's coat of arms. Glasgow's current motto *Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of his word and the praising of his name* and the more secular *Let Glasgow flourish*, are both inspired by Mungo's original call "Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the word".



The Cedar Tree—an update

The Cedar Tree, our weekly Community Café is now well-established, and is growing slowly but steadily. Our customers seem to like the atmosphere, the music and the newspapers, and our menu is proving popular—our beans on toast is becoming something of a house speciality!

Many people have asked how they can be involved with this project, and there are many answers to this question...



'Under it every kind of bird will live'

Julian Road Bath

1. Volunteer

You certainly don't have to help every week—or even every month. Signing up for one session once in a while would be fine. If you feel that you'd like to join the team of volunteers, ask Nicky for a rota—we're currently filling up February and March.

2. Make a cake

This works on a rota system, just as with the café volunteers. If you could make a cake (any kind, fruit loaf, coffee & walnut, anything you like) then please get a rota from Nicky.

3. Make a small monthly donation

The running costs of The Cedar Tree are not high, but in order to keep going and keep our prices so low, we need a regular income, and this can easily be achieved with small monthly pledges of just a few pounds. If you can help in this way, please ask David Marles for a standing order form.

4. Distribute leaflets

We have produced a new leaflet which shows our menu in full, and it would be great if we could distribute this in the local area. Please see Nicky if you could post leaflets in a street around Church.

5. Pray

This is something that we can all do in order to support the project. God is calling us to make a difference in our local community, and it is only with his help that we will succeed.

Thank you so much to everyone for all of your help and support.

Nicky Gladstone

Well, so that is that - but thanks to everyone

By the time the magazine appears in church the Christmas decorations will have been taken down. It's a melancholy thought and one that W H Auden caught so well in his poem *Well, so that is that*.

Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree,
Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes –
Some have got broken – and carrying them up into the attic.
The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,
And the children got ready for school.

And so it is that the magic seems to seep away into everyday, familiar routines. But before it does, we can look back and be thankful for all the things that made Christmas at Christ Church such a special time. Our congregations were larger than usual and it was so good to welcome old friends and new. The music, as ever, was superb and the candlelight decorations brought an atmosphere of holy peace giving us a place within which we could contemplate the holy mystery of Love come down at Christmas.

Nothing that enabled us to celebrate Christmas in our church happened by accident. It was all due to the hard work of so many people who gave unstintingly of their time and talents. So thank you to the flower arrangers and those who gave them, to the lighting specialist, the singers and musicians, to everyone who polished and tidied and fetched and carried all in the spirit of Christmas. Nothing that was done was un-appreciated and every-thing made a difference to those who came to Christ Church in search of the Christ-child.

Thank you all and thank you again. And now we must do as Michael Roberts bids us in his poem *After Christmas*:



... warm your
mind at Christmas memories
and look for snowdrops.

Antony

As a new venture for the New Year, we present for your information and entertainment, our very own "reality series"...

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES (special introductory double edition!)

It was a joke at first, a series of articles about our adventures in London would have to be called "Keeping up with the Joneses", but the editor thought it was a good idea, and so here we are. We'll try to come up with something interesting each month; focused around the spell of "church tourism" we intend to try around the capital. Perhaps, our good and not so good experiences will help Christ Church reflect on how it may be perceived by visitors.

The first church which we visited, back in November, is our local, St. Saviour's, Herne Hill, which describes itself as "open evangelical". The morning worship service was well attended and included a variety of modern and traditional hymns (accompanied slowly by a miscellany of musical instruments), some prayers and a 15 minute sermon that was engaging but didn't quite come together at the end. All in all, probably a typical service for an urban Anglican church these days. The service included Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child, and it was interesting to note from the well used service card that this was a commonly used alternative to baptism – whether this was at the institution of the church, the vicar or local parents was not clear.

What struck us most was the welcome we received, or rather the lack of it. Although from afar the vicar seemed friendly and the notice sheet welcomed visitors, nobody smiled and said hello as we arrived, possibly due to the pre-service atmosphere of anxious preparation. Afterwards, as we hung around drinking our coffee, the only person who spoke to us was a neighbour from our new road, who we'd met previously. Overall, there was nothing objectionable, but at the same time, no sense of welcome or excellence to make us want to come back again.

Finally, here is the totally unscientific Jones Rating Scale (each out of five) for St. Saviour's, Herne Hill:

Churchmanship: ☺☺☺☺☺ (☺ = guitars & PowerPoint, ☺☺☺☺☺ = smells & bells)

Welcome: ☺☺


Music: 🎵🎵


Coffee: ☺☺☺

Every now and again we notice just how reliant we are on the internet and our search for a London church has been no exception. It was partly because we were impressed with the new website of St Barnabas, Dulwich (<http://www.stbarnabasdulwich.org/>) that we decided to pay them a visit. A second factor was the opportunity to fully admire the modern, graceful church building from the inside. The Victorian Gothic church was destroyed by fire in 1992, and the new building was dedicated in 1996. Rather than try to recreate Victoriana, the architect embraced a bold design of brick, glass and wood, which works to provide a spiritually uplifting but practical space.

The church community is described as large and diverse and the services as embracing “a range of worship styles and traditions”. So this could either be a great place to worship, incorporating the best of traditional and modern or a dreadful messy compromise pleasing no-one. It seemed to be very much more the former than the latter. The congregation was large and included people of all ages. The Sunday morning parish communion we attended followed Common Worship with helpful explanations of the different sections in the order of service. There were 64 singers in the choir (!) who sang well and seemed to be enjoying themselves, and we were welcomed by several members of the congregation and the vicar after the service. It seemed to be a vibrant place, with lots of weekly groups and one-off events which were explained in a well produced welcome booklet. We managed to resist volunteering for their Christmas Market but may return here in the future!

Churchmanship: 

Welcome: 

Music: 

Coffee: 

Matthew and Sarah Jones

Next month: On the recommendation of friends, Matthew and Sarah pay a visit to the church of St Alphege, Greenwich. But how will they get on? See, Vicar, it's almost as good as Coronation Street...

DO YOU KNOW the flowering plant which is often associated with the beginning of Spring, but flowers throughout Europe, often at high altitudes, during the Winter; which, in Britain, is found on monastic sites, in churchyards (God's green acres) and burnt down country cottages; and which has many common names including, Somerset, Eve's tears, and in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, Candlemas Bell?



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There is much debate among botanists about the nature of these plants: are they natives of Britain or have they escaped from gardens or other planting? They are found in most counties and are so abundant in some areas, like Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, that it is difficult to believe that they are anything but natives. However, they only appear in plant records in the 16th and 17th centuries: and in the early days were known as a bulbous and timely violet, in spite of their white bell-like flowers and the thin green edge to their petals. There are now many varieties of this plant on sale and it has been claimed that most of these come from France. Another peculiarity of this plant is that it reproduces vegetatively: its tiny bulbs split and produce runners which give rise to new plants; it is only in warm conditions, and when insects abound, that seeds are produced. Some writers claim that Wiltshire is the real home of these plants and they also claim that their abundance along the banks of small rivers and streams show that water helps the plants to spread. I've only seen this at the Rococo Gardens near Painswick in Gloucestershire: they are well worth a visit if they are still open. (While in Painswick you might also count the Yew trees in the churchyard.)

These flowers are also found at almost every monastic site throughout the British Isles: again, whether they are native or naturalised remains a moot point. Like those found in churchyards they may be both: the grassy areas may be a refuge for native plants which suffered from the widespread destruction of grasslands, or they may have been planted as a memorial for a young child. In some churchyards, however, we know they were planted deliberately: at Monkton in Wiltshire the Revd J Brindsen was an 18th century incumbent who encouraged the children of his parish to learn to read. To make this interesting for them he planted these flowers in



the shapes of the letters of the alphabet. Other clergy were often amateur botanists and tried to breed these plants in different colours. These plants are also found on the sites of derelict country villages: are they natives or garden escapes? In some remote areas it is claimed that they were planted to mark the way to the privies in the middle of the night.

The white flowers of this plant have many ideas associated with them. They depict the innocence of young children and may be used to remember this in churchyards and at other festivals. In some parts of the country, particularly in the north, it is considered unlucky to bring them into the house. Some people go further and refer to individual plants as death flowers, probably because their bells are similar to a corpse wrapped in a shroud. They have also been used as an emblem of purity: a few flowers in an envelope were used to warn off too ardent a wooer. The local name of Candlemas Bell also reminds us that the Roman Catholic Calendar celebrates the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary on this day, 2nd February: the white bell of the snowdrop is a symbol of purity and virginity.

Cyril Selmes

A Friend



In Deed

The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours who have volunteered to do the neighbourly things we used to do for each other when we lived closer together. When the need arises, they are prepared on request to:

- make friendship visits or telephone calls
- do shopping at times of illness or infirmity
- offer or find sources of advice
- handle occasional non-specialist odd jobs

All areas in which church members live are covered by the Friends in Deed scheme. If you need or know of someone else who needs help, you should in the first instance contact the Friends in Deed Co-ordinators, Jane Fletcher (01225 463758) and Yvonne Morris (01225 425555). They will then get in touch with the local contact best able to provide the help that is needed.

Prayer Cycle for January

- Mon 1** We dedicate ourselves to God in this New Year and offer him all of our hopes and fears.
- Tues 2** For those who face an uncertain future this coming year.
- Wed 3** For all who are coming to terms with the death of a loved one; for those who are bearing a grief which they cannot share.
- Thurs 4** For engaged couples as they prepare for their marriage; for all who are responsible for helping and advising them.
- Fri 5** We pray for the University Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains.
- Sat 6** For Angela, our Verger.
- Sun 7** On this feast of the Epiphany, we pray that God's message may shine through us
- Mon 8** For all who will visit Christ Church during this week; for those enjoying this evening's Meet-Up Monday.
- Tues 9** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them.
- Wed 10** For all caught up in conflict areas; for those grieving for loved ones killed in war; for those who have survived and are struggling to rebuild their lives.
- Thurs 11** For all members of our Church Council, which meets today.
- Fri 12** For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.
- Sat 13** For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota. For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople.
- Sun 14** For Genesis and the work of the Sunday Centre.
- Mon 15** For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Tues 16** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.

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- Wed 17** For the Mothers' Union in the Deanery of Bath.
- Thurs 18** For Christian Unity. For understanding between those of different faiths.
- Fri 19** For Angela and John, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Sat 20** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers.
- Sun 21** For all who organize our church services; for all attending the Tea and Taizé service today.
- Mon 22** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primate.
- Tues 23** For children being bullied at school. For parents who worry about them and do not know how to help.
- Wed 24** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries and for those who work for the emergency services.
- Thurs 25** For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders, that God will bless them in their time together.
- Fri 26** For Cyril, Mark and Tom our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Sat 27** For those suffering from depression, and for those who love them; that they will find the strength to seek the help which they need.
- Sun 28** For our Clergy Team.
- Mon 29** For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed.
- Tues 30** For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations.
- Wed 31** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- February**
- Thurs 1** For David, our Treasurer.
- Fri 2** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice.
- Sat 3** For all those we have loved and who have died.
- Sun 4** For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
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Big Questions, Little Answers

Over to our organist, David "Fingers" Wrigley this month...

Where were you born?

Pontefract General Infirmary

What are your hobbies?

Playing the organ, playing cricket, watching football and rugby and going to the races

What car do you drive?

Vauxhall Astra

What is your favourite film, and why?

I like anything entertaining; I spend too much time being serious at work.

What is your favourite kind of music?

Music mainly from the Baroque and Classical eras.

What is your favourite kind of meal / food?

Full English Breakfast; definitely no skimping on the black pudding!

What has been your proudest moment?

Buying my house.

What is the most amazing place you have visited?

The Isles of Scilly

What famous person, dead or alive, would you like to meet?

The cricket commentator, Brian Johnston.

What's your pet hate?

People who don't know how to behave themselves in public.

What's your favourite book?

'I Never Knew That about England'.

Tell us a little-known fact about yourself

I have played cricket on the most westerly ground in the British Isles.

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PAST HISTORY

Christ Church was built at the end of the 18th Century by the socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship by the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church of that time to provide seating free of charge. Early supporters included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; the great evangelical campaigner against slavery, William Wilberforce; Philip Pusey, the father of E B Pusey; and Martin Stafford Smith, the godfather of John Keble, who were both founders of the Oxford Movement. The building was designed by the famous Bath architect John Palmer, who was responsible for the completion of the Great Pump Room, Lansdown Crescent and St Swithin's, the parish church of Walcot. In November 1998, the congregation, friends and well-wishers from all over the world celebrated the bicentenary.

MINISTRY

Christ Church is unusual in not being a parish church. Much of the vitality of its life and worship derives from the fact that the congregation comes from all areas of the city and the surrounding districts. Whilst there is no full-time paid vicar, there is a non-stipendiary priest-in-charge, who leads a ministerial team of ordained and lay people. Worship at Christ Church largely reflects the traditions of those responsible for its foundation and the rich diversity of the Church of England as a whole. Thus, preaching and Bible-based teaching is firmly set within a liturgical setting which is best described as liberal and catholic.

SERVICES

The 8am Holy Communion is either Book of Common Prayer (1662) or Common Worship. At 10am the Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a full Choral Evensong. A Junior Church and a Crèche cater for the children and young people who attend the 10am service. We hold special all-age services once a month and at festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Wednesday during Lent, followed by lunch). The notice board and the weekly notice sheet provide details of discussion and prayer groups which are held at different times throughout the year. An all-age choir, which rehearses on Friday evenings maintains the much-admired music tradition at Christ Church.

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