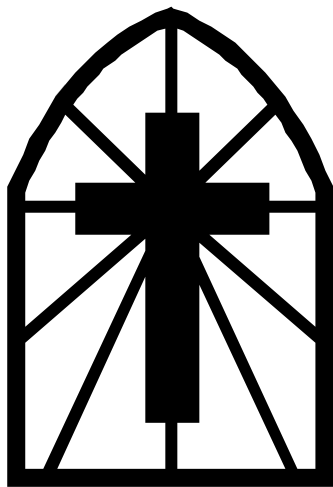


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July 2004

CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD
DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 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

MID-WEEK SERVICE

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|------------------|----------------|
| 11.00am Thursday | Holy Communion |
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CHOIR

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| 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

Chris and Angela, 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.

It's amazing how often a theme emerges for the monthly magazine, even though individual contributors have no idea what others have written. This month, ecumenism is to the fore. On page 10, Sylvia Ayers has listed Churches Together in Bath events for the coming months, while page 9 has details of a Deanery Synod meeting where links between neighbouring churches were discussed.

Antony's "Forum" article brings these threads together by examining a certain apathy surrounding Churches Together events, and what this may mean for the future of ecumenism in Bath.

Thanks as ever to all our contributors

Forum...

No going out for unity

Churches Together in Bath experiment fails



I was delighted when the committee of Churches Together in Bath (Central Zone) asked Christ Church to host this year's service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As always, our choir rose to the occasion and turned out in force to provide special music for the occasion. However, apart from that handful of busy people who always turn up to host events and provide refreshments, the service was very poorly supported by Christ Church people. And this was in spite of good publicity through the magazine, the weekly notice sheet and three Sundays on which I made a special plea for support. I have to tell you, I was very disappointed.

At the meeting of Churches Together in Bath at the end of June we were thanked for providing both the venue and an inspirational liturgy. The representatives of all the churches expressed regret and embarrassment at the failure of their people to support the event. There was a discussion about the reason for this apathy. Committee members recalled that the date of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity had been moved from January to June. This was in response to comments that in January the service comes too soon after the united Epiphany service and that, in any case, people are reluctant to venture out in the dark winter evenings. Why was it then that on a warm evening in June with the sun still in the sky Churches Together in Bath had only been able to muster a congregation of 64?

Long-standing members of the committee described services in the early 1980's which attracted large congregations. It was at this point that one member of the committee made the point that perhaps it was because there were large congregations 23 years ago that people no longer felt it was necessary to support ecumenical services. He said, "We are now all comfortable with each other and content in our diversity. We regularly do things on a routine basis and are no longer strangers in each other's churches. The spade work of ecumenism has been done and we are at ease."

I cannot help thinking there is some truth in this. Perhaps we should stop thinking that unity requires the big gesture and instead continue working together whenever and wherever we find each other and a natural reason for doing so.

Antony

Archbishop bound for Cheltenham

Meet Rowan Williams at Greenbelt, 2004

The Archbishop of Canterbury and patron of Greenbelt, the Most Rev Dr Rowan Williams, will be speaking at the 2004 Greenbelt Festival, which is to be held at the Cheltenham Race Course on 27 – 30 August.

Other speakers will include: Dame Anita Roddick, authors the Rev G P Taylor, Rob Newman and Catherine Fox, Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' favourite John Bell, black theologian and broadcaster Robert Beckford and American radicals Shane Clairborne and Ched Myers.



The theme for this year's festival is 'Freedom Bound'. The word 'bound', the organisers say, is meant to imply a journey to the kingdom that one has not quite reached yet, as well as taking on a political slant by identifying with those whose freedoms are bound. Tickets from www.greenbelt.org.uk.

CHILD CONTACT CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

A paid Co-ordinator is required for the Bath Child Contact Centre (BCCC). The Centre, part of a national network, gives the children of separated parents the chance to meet their absent parent in safe, neutral and sympathetic surroundings. It is staffed by volunteers and is open for two hours every Saturday afternoon.



The Co-ordinator is responsible for:

- managing and developing the Centre, with the help of a Management Committee
- recruiting, training, managing and supporting volunteers

Candidates must be impartial, firm and reliable, and able to maintain confidentiality; to relate well to others (especially those who are angry or upset); to work on their own initiative and as part of a team; and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

The job is expected to take an average of 10 hours a week, working from home, plus attendance at the centre on one Saturday afternoon a month. Salary includes paid holidays and mileage allowance.

For full details and application form please contact Jill, tel: 01225 446015. ng date: 16/07/04

Church Calendar for July

Jul 1 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge
7.30pm Confirmation Service in Bath Abbey

4 Sun THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6.30pm Choral Evensong

8 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge
NO LUNCH

11 Sun THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

15 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion / MU Corporate
Communion - Rev Antony Claridge
Followed by lunch

18 Sun THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

22 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

**25 Sun THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
JAMES THE APOSTLE**

5.30pm Churches Together in Bath Songs of Praise
Service in Parade Gardens
(No Evening Prayer at Christ Church)

29 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

Aug 1 Sun THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6.30pm Choral Evensong

5 Thur 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge
Followed by lunch

Service Rota for July

At the date of publication, we have been unable to finalise the Clergy Rota for July. This will therefore be printed as a separate flyer and will be available as soon as possible for you to take away.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Looking out over the Garden Party

Lashing rain, dark clouds and driving rain provided the background to the garden party hosted by Donald and Yvonne Morris on Saturday 26 July. Despite the weather conditions guests were able to admire the Morris's charming garden through the rain-streaked windows of their elegant and spacious conservatory.

Nothing could dampen the spirits of the many people who enjoyed either morning coffee or lunch and the talk was as bright as the weather dull. The event raised a total of around £250 and our thanks go to Donald and Yvonne and all those who helped or gave their support.

Mothers' Union News

Our final Corporate Communion of the Season will take place on July 15th, and will be followed by another appetizing "Metcalf" lunch. We are sure that this will be a most enjoyable occasion.

Several members of the Congregation regularly purchase MU diaries, calendars and cards through our Christmas Order plan. Pictures of this year's cards have already appeared on page 24 of the Summer edition of Home and Family magazine. If ordering these, please quote the number of the design as detailed in the advertisement, as this makes it so much easier to avoid mistakes. I will be in touch with all our regular customers as soon as I receive the diary and calendar prices. Every order must be accompanied by payment, and the parcels should arrive at the beginning of October. It is not necessary to be an MU member to buy from us, so if anyone has been unable to see the magazine pictures, but would like to order cards, please let me know.

The Branch (and its Officers) will be taking a well-earned break during August, and our next meeting will therefore be in the second week of September.

Sylvia M Ayers (MU Secretary)

Laity Rota for July

| Readers | | OT Readers | NT Readers | Gospel |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| July | 4 | Mr C Graham | Mrs A Sheppard | Mrs E Selmes |
| | 11 | Mr M Elliott | Mrs R Gabe | Mr M Palmer |
| | 18 | Miss J Fletcher | Dr D Marles | Mr L Grosvenor |
| | 25 | | Junior Church | |
| August | 1 | Mr M Jones | Mrs E Elliott | Mrs N Gladstone |
| | 8 | Miss S Hiscock | Mr R Gabe | Mr R Siderfin |

Chalice Assistants

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|---------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| July | 4 | Rev S Munday | Dr C Selmes |
| | 11 | Miss J Fletcher | Mrs P Edwards |
| | 18 | Mrs J Metcalfe | Mr R Siderfin |
| | 25 | Mrs M Burrows | Mr C Graham |
| August | 1 | Rev S Munday | Dr C Selmes |
| | 8 | Miss J Fletcher | Mrs P Edwards |

Intercessors

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|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| July | 4 | Rev C Burrows |
| | 11 | Mr C Graham |
| | 18 | Rev Antony Claridge |
| | 25 | Junior Church |
| August | 1 | Mr M Elliott |
| | 8 | Mrs P Edwards |



Sidespeople

| | | 8am | 10am |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| July | 4 | Miss E Hewlett | Mr & Mrs Olney |
| | 11 | Mr C Tilling | Mrs M Silver Mr F Twissell |
| | 18 | Miss E Iden-Hart | Dr D Marles Mrs J Bunkin |
| | 25 | Mr A Jones | Mr & Mrs Metcalfe |
| August | 1 | Mrs D Twissell | Mrs C Tanner Mrs A Charman |
| | 8 | Mrs B Hayward | Mrs T Claridge Mrs J Ferguson |

Lectionary for July

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|--------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| Jul 4 | The Fourth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | Isaiah 66.10-14 | Galatians 6.7-16 | Luke 10.1-11,16-20 |
| 11 | The Fifth Sunday after Trinity / Sea Sunday | | |
| | Readings to be announced | | |
| 18 | The Sixth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | No Reading | Colossians 1.15-28 | Luke 10.38-42 |
| 25 | The Seventh Sunday after Trinity / St James the Apostle | | |
| | No Reading | Acts 11.27-12.2 | Matthew 20.20-28 |
| Aug 1 | The Eighth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23 | Colossians 3.1-11 | Luke 12.13-21 |
| 8 | The Ninth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| | Genesis 15.1-6 | Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 | Luke 12.32-40 |

Marianne has sent us details of the Fifteenth Annual Congress of The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is to take place at Bath Spa University College from 9th to 14th August 2004.

The theme this year is "The Mother of Jesus - eschatological icon of the Church / sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God?"

"This is to include an exploration of Mary's role in the order of grace, through her co-operation in the Saviour's work and her intercessory activity since her Assumption / Dormition, with the question as to whether this detracts from the mediation which alone belongs to Christ."

The full programme can be found at the back of Church. For further details, tel: 0208 647 5992 or e-mail JPFarrelly@aol.com

Deanery Synod Report: How Others See Us

The most recent meeting of the Bath Deanery Synod took place on Tuesday 22nd June. Sarah and I braved the rain and the potential lack of adequate parking and joined the meeting at St Bartholomew's Oldfield Park, who are the proud owners of a rather smart new church hall. The meeting began with an introduction from St Bartholomew's. They have recently conducted a survey of the demographics of their parish and presented some of their results. Unsurprisingly they have found that there is a high percentage of people between 20 and 29, a high percentage of people in further education and a high percentage of people without jobs (due to the full time education). In addition, there is a high percentage of elderly people living alone and a very lively community centred around Moorland Road shops.

The main part of the evening was given over to a group of Priests and Bishops from Uganda and Zambia who are in Britain for a time, to share the news about their work and ministry. Despite the vast distance between us and the very different culture, their stories of the trials and tribulations in their Anglican churches sounded familiar. They focussed on youth and on lay ministry and invited us to get together into groups to discuss these issues further. We shared our experiences with people from St Stephens and from St Barnabus. St Stephens church have a lively Mums and Toddlers group as well as good links with their own church school but the people in our group seemed concerned that the church was not more full on Sundays.

Over coffee we chatted some more with a member of St Stephens church. We discussed ways we could become closer to each other and maybe join together for services and events. We also received an invitation from members of Englishcombe church to join them, perhaps for a musical event or a service, later in the year.



One important matter that we should be aware of is a document entitled *Changing Lives: Changing Churches for Changing Communities*. Copies are available from Emma. This has been put together by the Bishops Peter (Bath and Wells) and Andrew (Taunton) and analyses ways that we can "be" church in the future. It has radical ideas for re-structuring clergy at deanery level and will be discussed in more detail at the next Diocesan Synod. There is an opportunity for us all to find out more about this on November 6th, All Saints Weston, when there will be an Open Meeting.

Sarah Martin and Emma Elliott are your Deanery Synod representatives and are happy to try to answer any questions about our latest meeting or Deanery Synod in general.

Churches Together in Bath: **Some dates for your information and enjoyment**

On the last Sundays of June, July and August, Songs of Praise Services are being held in the Parade Gardens at 5.30pm, with music from the Salvation Army Band. The Park is waiving the entry fee from 5pm and of course all Bath Residents have free entry on production of the relevant documents. **On July 25th**, the service will be led by Mr. David Twine, from Manvers Street, and the speaker will be Rev Kieren Bourne from the Living Springs Metropolitan Church. **On August 29th**, Peter Swift will lead, and Rev. Pat Betts from St. Thomas' Church Widcombe will speak.

St. Mary's Bathwick have invited us all to attend their Patronal Festival at **6pm on September 11th**. Every one will be welcome at this Ecumenical Service.

October 14th 2004 is the 60th Anniversary of the allied bombing of the German City of Braunschweig, with which the city of Bath is twinned. To mark the event, and to express our penitence, and our commitment to peace and reconciliation, a Peace Column will be presented to the Dom, (the city's Cathedral), where it will have a permanent place. The four-sided column, made of green limestone, is incised with the word for Peace in five languages, and has an Indian begging bowl containing an oil candle on the top. It will be displayed in Bath Abbey before being taken to Germany on October 13th.

Rev. Roger Nunn, the Executive Secretary of Churches Together in Bath, and Miss Susan Matthews from the Orthodox Church in Lyncombe Hill, will represent Bath Churches at the ceremony. The Bath Bach Choir and the Bath Choral Society will sing two performances of Britten's War Requiem with the Dom Choir on October 14th and 15th, and this will be followed by a further joint performance in the Colston Hall, Bristol on October 30th.

The Rev. John Rackley from Manvers Street is visiting East Jerusalem Churches between 18th and 25th October, and has said that on his return he will be willing to talk of his experiences at a public meeting. Watch this space for further details.

Sylvia M. Ayers Christ Church joint CTB representative.

I was born in 1972, if you'll forgive a brief personal note, and so grew up through the end of the Cold War. Everything from the news to cartoons gave you the fear that mad Russians, mad Americans, mad whoever were about to start throwing those big mushroom bombs about. Those of us who never had a draft to dodge thought it would be over by a White Hot Christmas.

In 2003, Errol Morris went to interview a man who stood by the US President's side through the middle of this war. He went for an hour and stayed for two days.



A Film Review
The Fog of War:



Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara

Born into the War to End All Wars, Robert Strange McNamara saw every form of American twentieth century warfare - in World War II setting Air Force strategy in Japan, through Cuba, pacing the Oval Office with JFK, in Vietnam fighting over exit strategy with Johnson.

He was the first head of the Ford Motor Company from outside the Ford family. He chose the site of Kennedy's grave. Here is a big man acting on a big stage.

Film documentaries usually focus on a small situation - one person, one school, one crime - and invite us to draw wider conclusions. The Fog of War tests our moral framework by asking questions at the other end of the scale.

What if you had to answer questions that really mattered? Should I torch Tokyo tonight and kill 100,000 people? Should I send another 10,000 boys to 'Nam? Another twenty thousand? Forty? How do I make moral choices? How do I make rational choices? How do I make good choices? How do I even approach these questions?

Well, maybe our questions matter too. And maybe there's something to be learnt from the memories of a man whose own answers were written large. An old man, telling you his stories, wondering if he did right, wondering how he could have done better. Amazed that he did that well.

David Marles

- #1: Empathize with your enemy.
- #2: Rationality will not save us.
- #3: There's something beyond one's self.
- #4: Maximize efficiency.
- #5: Proportionality should be a guideline in war.
- #6: Get the data.
- #7: Belief and seeing are

- both often wrong.
- #8: Be prepared to re-examine your reasoning.
- #9: In order to do good, you may have to engage in evil.
- #10: Never say never.
- #11: You can't change human nature.

OUR BIBLE CONSULTANT WRITES...

St. John's Gospel has been one of my favourite books of the New Testament ever since I was introduced to William Temple's commentary by the Revd Robin Lankester, the second Chaplain at the University of Bath, who, even in retirement, went to Zambia to help set up the link with the Diocese of Bath and Wells. William Temple's commentary emphasises the seven signs or miracles of Jesus, around which the gospel is written; his interpretation and application to everyday life of John's theological ideas about Jesus and God are also inspiring. Reading the gospel as a whole, however, made me realise that the story of the life and death of Jesus is interspersed with John's soliloquies about Jesus.

It is also apparent that John wrote (or dictated) his gospel some long time, perhaps sixty years, after the death on the Cross. John has had time to consider his experiences as a disciple and apostle, and is writing for a wide audience of Jews and Gentiles who have no direct experience of Jesus and his mission on earth. Throughout the gospel John has no doubt that the Jews were responsible for Jesus' death: he repeatedly states that the Jews plotted against Jesus, that they planned to kill him in one way or another. So it's not surprising that William Temple seems to support this viewpoint; but more contemporary theologians would argue that it is precisely this interpretation which has led to the persecution of Jews throughout the world. Neither of these simplistic arguments are supported by the Gospel in question: John also repeatedly states that opinion about Jesus was always divided between those who believed in him and those who did not: many Jews believed, many did not; many Greeks believed, many did not; many Gentiles believed, many did not. This division of opinion has continued throughout the ages.

St. John's firm belief that Jesus was and is the Messiah, the Christ, is also firmly stated from the beginning: not only do some of the disciples recognise this, notably Simon Peter, but so do many of the people who meet Jesus, especially those who are cured by him or those with evil spirits. Indeed, John is at pains to convince readers that Jesus is not only the Messiah expected by the Jews but is also the divine being who will save all individuals and bring

everlasting life to all who believe in him. His long discourse at the beginning on the *logos*, the Word, is intended to attract believers of all kinds: for example, Jews who were attracted to the Word of God, Greeks who believed in some kind of eternal life. The Word was created by God and helped Him to create the world as we know it.



St. John's account of the life and death of Jesus is also written in a calm and gentle way: these are fond memories of a friend and no violence, even at Jesus' arrest and subsequent death, is allowed to mar the tranquility of this memorial. The soliloquies are full of poetic language and phrases which only have meaning for the individual who is reading the words at a particular moment, and these meanings will probably change with the mood and feelings of the reader. At certain times they may be the source of comfort; at others, a source of discontent. Although the language of John cannot be summarised in any adequate way, the message about Jesus rings out as clear as a bell.

St. John believes that: Jesus was the Christ who was the Son of God, sent by his father to forgive people their sins and to promise everlasting life to those who believed in the Christ. If people listened to the words of Christ and observed his actions, in healing the sick and afflicted, and his other miracles, then they would realise he had been sent by God who was the source of his power. The only power Christ claimed came from his father who remained a hidden God, only known through Christ. Christ was doing the will of his father by showing how God loved the world. In their turn, Christ's followers were to spread the love of God in the world. These believers would not only receive the promise of everlasting life, but they would also be assisted in telling the truth about God by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Cyril Selmes

"The Positive Side of Life"

- another light-hearted observation to make us smile and think

How long a minute is depends on what side of the
bathroom door you're on.

Spotlight...on Burma



Christian Aid calls for the UN to investigate the hidden humanitarian crisis in eastern Burma as a new report tells the story of tens of thousands of people hiding in the jungle.

'When [the army] sees us, they kill us, rob us or enslave us. We have to run away,' one refugee told Christian Aid. Murder, rape, forced labour and starvation are instruments of Burma's war on its own people.

Up to a million people have fled their homes in eastern Burma in a crisis the world has largely ignored. Unseen and largely unremarked is the ongoing harrowing experience of hundreds of thousands of people in eastern Burma, hiding in the jungle or trapped in army-controlled relocation sites. Others are in refugee camps on the Thai-Burmese border.

These people are victims in a counterinsurgency war in which they are the deliberate targets. As members of Burma's ethnic minorities - which make up 40 per cent of the population - they are trapped in a conflict between the Burmese army and ethnic minority armies. Surviving on caches of rice hidden in caves, or on roots and wild foods, families in eastern Burma face malaria, landmines, disease and starvation. They are hunted like animals by army patrols and starved into surrender.

Refugees told Christian Aid of murder and rape, the torching of villages and shooting of family members as they lay huddled together in the fields. They recalled farmers who had been blown up by landmines laid by the army around their crops.

Ser Mu is 31 with twin two-year-old boys and a five-year-old daughter. She and her family spent two years hiding in the jungle, fleeing after soldiers burnt down their village just after the twins were born. They had fled many times before; soldiers came six or eight times a year. Her husband died in the jungle. 'He died not from eating, [but] from giving his food to the children,' she recalls now, from inside a refugee camp. 'We lived on rice gruel and bamboo shoots.' Then her father was shot and her mother died of hunger and illness. She and her children left for the border 'All I want now is to see my children grow up healthy and strong.'



The new report from Christian Aid, *Burma's Dirty War*, argues that any new political settlement must include the crisis on the country's eastern borders. It calls on the UK

and Irish governments, the EU and the UN to use what remains from the 'roadmap to democracy' to press for an end to the conflict. It also argues that the UN must gain access to the areas in crisis – despite the Burmese government ban on travel there by humanitarian agencies.

Key recommendations include:

- that the Burmese government cease human rights abuses, allow access to eastern Burma by humanitarian agencies including UN special representatives, and engage in dialogue with ethnic minority representatives
- that the UK and Irish governments, the EU and the UN fund work with displaced people inside Burma and continue to support refugees in Thailand
- that the UK and Irish governments, the EU and UN Security Council condemn Burma's human rights abuses against ethnic minorities, demand that it protect civilians from violence and insist that Burma allow access to humanitarian agencies

The report argues that governments must seize the opportunity presented by the roadmap to push for genuine negotiations between the government, the National League for Democracy and ethnic minority organisations which can bring out a just and lasting peace.

Jenny Wright



The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours, called Area Wardens. These Area Wardens 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 Area Warden best able to provide the help that is needed.

Prayer Cycle for July / August

- Thur* 1 For members of our Congregation who will be confirmed today in Bath Abbey: Abi Dudley, Jenny Dudley, Jenny Palmer, Becky Kirkbride, Jo Howe and Sophie Smith
- Fri* 2 For those mourning the death of loved ones: for those mourning the death of a child or children
- Sat* 3 For the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Sun* 4 For all who in any way contribute to the worship at Christ Church and to its ministry
- Mon* 5 For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries
- Tue* 6 For our Chalice Assistants and Altar Servers
- Wed* 7 For success in the struggle against the distribution of drugs
- Thur* 8 For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate.
- Fri* 9 For Church's mission to those with any form of physical or mental handicap
- Sat* 10 For all doing voluntary service overseas
- Sun* 11 For churches coping with an interregnum; for country clergy having to minister to a number of parishes
- Mon* 12 For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop
- Tue* 13 For Church Council as it reconsiders its role and responsibilities
- Wed* 14 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations
- Thur* 15 For those who work behind the scenes to assure the smooth running of our church
- Fri* 16 We pray for those leaving school today, for God's guidance upon the choices they will make about their future
- Sat* 17 For the work and witness of our branch of the Mothers' Union
- Sun* 18 For our Sidespeople at both the 8am and 10am services
- Mon* 19 For children and parents at the start of the long Summer break
- Tue* 20 For Bob Evens, our Archdeacon

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- Wed 21** For guidance for our Parliament and Government in both home and foreign affairs
- Thur 22** For engaged couples as they prepare for marriage
- Fri 23** For those who are facing retirement, that God will help them with the challenges of their new life
- Sat 24** For the work of the Children's Society, and for Jenny Wright, our Children's Society Representative
- Sun 25** For members of our Junior Church, as they take part in today's 10am service
- Mon 26** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them
- Tue 27** For David, our Treasurer
- Wed 28** For children who have to operate as carers for members of their family
- Thur 29** For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens
- Fri 30** For Tom and Cyril our readers, and Sarah's ministry at Batheaston. For Mark as he trains to become a reader
- Sat 31** Let us give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending
- Aug**
- Sun 1** For our clergy team and their families
- Mon 2** For those who will not have a holiday this year, that they may have time to relax
- Tue 3** For those who work for the Emergency Services
- Wed 4** For Mark our Director of Music, David our Organist, the Choir and all who make music at our services
- Thur 5** For young people in prison for whatever reason; for all who work with them
- Fri 6** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us
- Sat 7** Let us pray for those whose purpose in life is hatred and the imposition of cruelty on others
- Sun 8** For Bath Multi-Racial Club; for the Jamaican Independence Service
- Mon 9** For the homeless; for the work of Shelter and Genesis
- Tue 10** For respect and concern for our environment
- Wed 11** For those awaiting exam results
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If we could shrink the Earth...

If we could shrink the earth to a village with a population of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be...

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| 57 | Asians |
| 21 | Europeans |
| 14 | from the Western Hemisphere, (north and south) |
| 8 | Africans |
| 52 | would be female |
| 48 | would be male |
| 70 | would be non-white |
| 30 | would be white |
| 70 | would be non-Christian |
| 30 | would be Christian |
| 89 | would be heterosexual |
| 11 | would be homosexual |
| 6 | people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all would be from the United States |
| 80 | would live in sub-standard housing |
| 70 | would be unable to read |
| 49 | would suffer from malnutrition |
| 1 | would be near death |
| 1 | would be near birth |
| 1 | (yes, only 1) would have a college education |
| 1 | would own a computer. |

when one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear, harrassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere...you are among the top 80% of the world's wealthy.

Anon. seen at the Eden Project

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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 Family Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a full Choral Evensong. A more informal discussion-based service is held on the third Sunday of the month. A Junior Church and a Crèche cater for the children and young people who attend the 10am service. At festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest, our special services, designed for the whole family, are very popular.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Thursday (with lunch on the first and third weeks of the month). 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.

THE CHURCH MAGAZINE

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