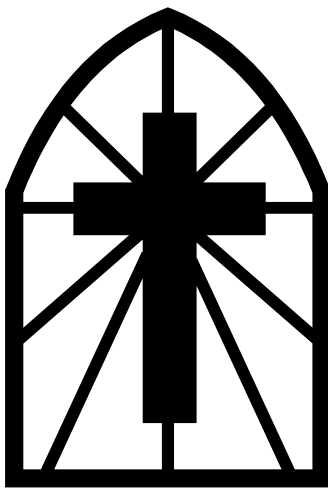


CHRIST CHURCH CHALLENGE



July 2006

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

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.

It's time to start thinking about the USPG booksale—and this year it's more important than ever that we make a big fundraising effort. Turn to page 10 to find out why.

Could you take on the role of Junior Church Co-ordinator? You can find out more on page 9.

Thank you as ever to all of our contributors for their varied and fascinating submissions. August and September are traditionally our thinnest months for material, so if you've got something you could write about, make this the month when you put pen to paper (or send that e-mail!)

Particular thanks to David and Chris for doing much of the work on this month's magazine while I was trapped in the world of three-year old ballerinas. Nx

Forum...



I filled in an online quiz recently. It was designed to help you work out how you view the church.

Not in an "I think the choir's great but I can't stand Mark's sermons" kind of way, you understand, but in a "this is what you think the church is for even if you didn't realise it" kind of way. It was actually quite interesting. (You can find it on this website: http://quizfarm.com/test.php?q_id=49752 if you're interested.)

Apparently I give almost equal weight to the "sacramental" model and the "mystical communion" model of church. The "servant" model came in a respectable third and the "herald" and "institutional" models were left trailing in fourth and fifth place. What this means in simpler terms is that I believe the church is primarily both a sign of God's grace in the world and a community of people travelling together on the road of faith. I'm willing to give a bit of time to the idea that the church should be a servant to the rest of mankind, but I'll have little truck with the idea that the church should go around proclaiming things, and its institutional structures have no importance to me at all!

Obviously, the assessment of my views based on a 30 question quiz lacks a bit of subtlety. The reason I found it interesting was not so much that it told me what I thought the church was for; I think I already knew what I thought about that even if I wouldn't have articulated it in quite those terms; it was more that it made me think again about the totally different perspective that other people have on what the church is and what it's for, and how those perspectives are equally vital to the churches being.

Those of us who attended the session led by Roger Medley at Brunel Manor heard a powerful and convincing argument that the church needs to re-engage with the surrounding culture. The ground has moved underneath us over the last 40 years, and moved radically. We, the church, were until very recently at the centre of western European culture. We blinked, and it

left us way, way behind. We need to find our way back to it. In order to do that we will need to find new ways of being all of the things my online quiz mentioned; new ways of being the sign and transmitter of the grace of God, new ways of being proclaimer of good news, new ways of building a community for fellow travellers, new ways of serving humanity and, to help make sure these differing needs don't tear us apart, new institutional structures.

We all have different characters and we will all lean towards seeing one or two of these things as more important than the rest, but the truth is that they are all equally important. The renewal of the church in our culture will only come if we support each other as we all struggle in our different ways to bring the church back to a people who have forgotten it, deserted it or, increasingly, have never encountered it.

Mark

The suggested views of church come from
"Models of the Church" by Avery Dulles

Brunel Manor - a good time had by all

The weekend of 9th - 11th June saw a number of people from Christ Church, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe pack their bags and spend a happy weekend at Brunel Manor in Torquay. It would be difficult to imagine a better spot for such a weekend, Brunel Manor is set in beautiful grounds complete with swimming pool, and an adventure playground for the young (and not so young—you know who you are!). The house itself is comfortable and the food and service were wonderful.

The perfect setting meant that we were free to concentrate on the important business of getting to know one another a little better, through shared discussions and workshops, and through social interaction, including a lively quiz on the Saturday evening. Two speakers, Roger Medley and Steven Rymer, provided us with much to mull over, and the whole weekend was a happy and successful shared experience, which everyone hopes will be repeated.

Many thanks to all who made the weekend possible.

Church Calendar for July

Jul	2	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			Picnic & Evensong at Orchardleigh	
			Christ Church Genesis Lunch Duty	
	3	Mon	THOMAS THE APOSTLE	
	6	Thur	THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER, Martyrs - 1535	
	9	Sun	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	14	Fri	JOHN KEBLE, Priest & Poet - 1866	
	15	Sat	SWITHUN, Bishop - c.862	
	16	Sun	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taizé Service
	20	Thur	11.00am	Holy Communion & Lunch with Mothers' Union
			MARGARET OF ANTIOCH, Martyr - 4th century	
	22	Sat	MARY MAGDALENE	
	23	Sun	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	25	Tue	JAMES THE APOSTLE	
	30	Sun	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
Aug	6	Sun	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Laity Rota for July

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
July	2	David Marles	John Metcalfe
	9	Martin Palmer	Lloyd Grosvenor
	16	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	23	David Bishop	Mark Elliott
	30	Jane Fletcher	Matthew Jones
August	6	Matthew Jones	Ann Kemp
	13	Chris Munday	Judith Anderson
		Judith Anderson	Judith Bishop

Chalice Assistants

July	2	Rosanne Gabe	Margaret Burrows
	9	Janet Mahto	Chris Graham
	16	Ann Kemp	Jane Fletcher
	23	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin
	30	Tessa Claridge	Rosanne Gabe
August	6	Margaret Burrows	Janet Mahto
	13	Chris Graham	Ann Kemp

Intercessors

July	2	Penny Edwards
	9	Bev Pont
	16	David Marles
	23	Rev Cliff Burrows
	30	Chris Graham
August	6	Rev Antony Claridge



Sidespeople

	8am	10am		
July	2	Clive Tilling	June Metcalfe	Chris Gladstone
	9	Elizabeth Iden-Hart	Tessa Claridge	Jean Ferguson
	16	Arthur Jones	Nicky and Joshua Gladstone	
	23	Dorothy Twissell	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	30	Clive Tilling	Ken & Sylvia Ayers	
August	6	Elizabeth Iden-Hart	David Marles	Joan Bunkin
	13	Arthur Jones	June Metcalfe	Chris Gladstone

Lectionary for July

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
July 2	Trinity 3		
	No reading	2 Corinthians 8.7-15	Mark 5.21-43
9	Trinity 4		
	No reading	2 Corinthians 12.2-10	Mark 6.1-13
16	Trinity 5		
	No reading	Ephesians 1.3-14	Mark 6.14-29
23	Trinity 6		
	No reading	Ephesians 2.11-22	Mark 6.30-34, 53-56
30	Trinity 7		
	No reading	Ephesians 3.14-21	John 6.1-21

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains... "SAINT SWITHUN" (15th July)

Saint Swithun was an early English bishop, now best known for the popular British weather lore proverb that if it rains on St. Swithun's day, 15 July, it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

St Swithun's day if thou dost rain

For forty days it will remain

St Swithun's day if thou be fair

For forty days 'twill rain na mair

Swithun was buried out of doors, rather than in the cathedral, apparently at his own request, so that the "sweet rain of heaven" could fall on his grave. In 971 it was decided to move his body to a new indoor shrine, and it is said that the ceremony was delayed by 40 days of torrential rain, a sign of Swithun's displeasure at the move.

Swithun is scarcely mentioned in any document of his own time. His death is entered in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle under the year 861; and his signature is appended to several charters in Kemble's *Codex diplomaticus*. Of these charters three belong to 833, 838, 860-862. In the first the saint signs as *Swithunus presbyter regis Egberti*, in the second as *Swithunus diaconus*, and in the third as *Swithunus episcopus*. This means that if the second charter is genuine, the first must be wrong, and it is so marked in Kemble. More than a hundred years later, when Dunstan and Ethelwold of Winchester were inaugurating their church reform, St Swithun was adopted as patron of the restored church at Winchester, formerly dedicated to St Peter and St Paul. His body was transferred from its almost forgotten grave to Ethelwold's new basilica on 15th July 971, and according to contemporary writers, numerous miracles preceded and followed the move.

Money and Judgement

In an essay whose point I have now forgotten, C S Lewis writes about differences of behaviour in church services and suggests that not only should we be unconcerned whether those around us are kneeling, standing or even crawling about on the floor, we shouldn't even notice. To his own master he stands or falls. Judging someone else's worship, rather than getting on with your own always struck me as a rather nasty temptation. Rather nasty, and rather easy to fall into.



A good number of our congregation make their offering to Christ Church by Standing Order and many of those, quite naturally, place nothing in the collection plate when it is passed round. I know that this makes some feel uncomfortable, partly because they've told me and partly because I feel that way too.

An idea seen recently at a few churches is to supply small cards for people to drop into the plate to indicate that they make regular offerings to the church. "Terrible," I thought. "In a perfected Christian Church, no-one would judge you and you would have no fear of being judged." But the voice from the other shoulder said, wouldn't it be nice to get rid of that feeling that people were watching... I abandoned both ways of thinking.

But the plate isn't immediately taken away to be counted. It's brought into the sanctuary, offered up and blessed; a standing order quietly whisks the offering from one account to another.

So the card can act as a symbol, no more or less than the coins and notes act as symbols, of our offering lifted, dedicated and blessed to God's use. The cards should be printed in the next week or two. Everyone who pays by Standing Order is invited to collect one on their way into a service, and drop it into the plate.

I make my offering by Standing Order

Christ Church
Julian Road, Bath

*I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is
good.*

*David Marles
Hon Treasurer*

Junior Church - some thoughts from Sarah

I've just written the last Junior Church rota before I hand the job on to someone else prior to my move to London at the end of August, and sparked by my time on the LMG away weekend, I've been reflecting on the place of children and young people at Christ Church. I spent a lot of the away weekend working with the children and it was a chance for me to get to know some of the children from St Stephen's. It helped me to see how the churches could begin to work together, the children were so open and willing to mix and make new friends.



The one thing I did regret was that there was no opportunity during the weekend for an all-age session where we could all get to know each other better. I know that "all-age" is a phrase that fills many people with horror, conjuring up ideas of a mish-mash that ultimately pleases no-one, and that can be a real risk. In contrast, I hope that the recent all-age communion services at Christ Church have offered worship that everyone has felt able to participate in. I don't suggest we should add a token Kendrick chorus to every Sunday morning, but I do believe the church should provide space for all its members to spend time together.

It is also important, however, for children to have accessible and engaging teaching about Christianity and the more people from the church community that are involved in that, the richer the experience will be. Just in case you don't spot my subtle plug for more help with Junior Church I'll point it out for what it is! There are a number of people including myself who will no longer be available to help run the Junior Church classes from September, so any new volunteers would be very welcome. The church also needs someone to oversee Junior Church as a whole. The role could be developed in any number of ways but in essence includes choosing the theme for each term and then each week, and compiling the rota of helpers.

Christ Church has a fantastic bunch of kids and working with them is great fun and vital to the life of the church as a whole. Please consider if you could take on a role in the Junior Church team. Speak to me if you want to know more.

Sarah Jones

USPG News

This year's Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday 23rd September, starting at 9.30 and ending at 1.30. Each year we achieve excellent results, which for two days' hard work means that Christ Church gives a large sum of money for missionary work. USPG, or to give it its fuller title, "United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," has always been well supported by the clergy and congregations of Christ Church. It has been our main missionary society for some considerable years with an emphasis on supporting projects in Africa. These have varied, but for the last 14 years we have pledged ourselves to raising money for St. Anne's Hospital Nkhotakota, Lake Malawi, in the state of Malawi.

It is not unusual for people in this country to complain about the National Health Service—but we are truly the lucky ones. Very recently, I received news from St Anne's Hospital which makes disturbing reading. Crops which were supplied in the form of seed by the Malawi Government have either been ravaged and destroyed by army worms (a form of caterpillar) or the rains when they arrived were so heavy that localised flooding took place and the crops were washed away. This natural disaster has affected food prices—rising by some 450%. Hospital costs have leapt as the people have only sufficient money to feed themselves and cannot afford the medical fees charged by the hospital. On top of all this, there has been a marked increase in disease. The hospital is just surviving, literally through the support of donors (like ourselves) and well-wishers. It has a current average bed occupancy rate of 110% (using mattresses on the floor) and with all these problems, the running of the hospital has been severely affected. I know many of you give generously, both through the gift of money (made payable to Christ Church) but also by offering interesting items to sell.

This year, we must do better than in 2005. Now is the time to sort out unwanted items which we can sell. Obviously books, old magazines and comics, videos, CDs, sheet music, old photographs, puzzles, games, pictures, picture frames, posters—all these have a ready market. To help Christ Church in its giving to USPG we need everyone to commit themselves to giving as much as possible. If you have any doubts as to whether items are suitable, don't hesitate to contact me on 01225 858809 (daytime up to 4pm). I have an answerphone, and will return calls promptly.

Please give generously to a very rewarding project, knowing that your money and items donated will help save lives and keep this hospital serving the community of Nkhotakota.

Adrian Pegg, Christ Church USPG Secretary

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

We look forward to welcoming members of the Congregation to our "After-Service" Bring And Buy Sale at the back of the Church on July 2nd. This is in aid of the Overseas Work of the Mothers' Union, and further details were in the June Magazine. There will also be a plate for your offerings if you would prefer to give a cash donation in place of gifts.

Those in Church on June 4th would have heard Margaret Burrows speak about the latest MU Quiz for you to try, which this time is a list of 80 anagrams of War Battles. The charge per sheet is £1 and this will go towards the provision of Cook Books for the students of Bath Spa and Bath Universities. If you also wish to buy one of these at £2.50, please see Margaret who has a plentiful supply.

Our final Corporate Communion of the Season will take place on July 20th, and will be followed by an appetizing "Metcalfe" Lunch, which we are sure will be another enjoyable occasion.

Sylvia M Ayers, MU Secretary

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.

Two kinds of abundant, popular and well-known flowering plants this month.



DO YOU KNOW... the first kind which had many different names until the eighteenth century including, in Somerset, Soldier's Buttons and Crazy; they are also depicted in Bristol Cathedral but with the wrong type of leaf — ivy-shaped leaves instead of the finger-shaped ones?

DO YOU KNOW... the second kind which were called Baby's Pet and Innocent in Somerset and were well-known to children for medicinal and social purposes?



The first kind have been abundant in meadows and grassland for centuries. Culpepper wrote: "They grow common everywhere. Unless you walk your head into a Hedge you cannot fail to see them as you walk." There are three common species which are not easy to distinguish but occupy different habitats: the meadow version prefers calcareous soils and is abundant in the Yorkshire Dales and Derbyshire, where it is often used in well-dressing; the bulbous version prefers drier soil, while the creeping version is often found in wet woodlands and gardens.

Like many of its relatives the bulbous roots contain a blistering substance. This was used in the sixteenth century to aid those suffering from the bubonic plague. The blistering agent was placed on the sore caused by the plague and the blister that formed was believed to draw the malign substances from deeper in the body. Was the cure worse than the disease, I wonder? This probably accounts for the name "Crazy". These plants have many relatives which are often found in damp and marshy places. One of these became quite famous when it was the most important occupant of the smallest nature reserve in the British Isles. The nature reserve is Badgerworth Pool in Gloucestershire and the Adder's Tongue Spearwort is the protected plant which first appeared in 1890 and then disappeared for twenty years.

Since then it's had a precarious existence: some years there are no flowers at all; at other times there are thousands of tiny yellow flowers. In 1932 a new owner started to fill in the marshy land but the action of a local naturalist prevented this. Again, in 1973, the pond was threatened by a company which wanted to wash its cars and lorries in that area. Luckily,





the people of Badgerworth launched an effective media campaign.

The second kind are also abundant, particularly in cropped grassland, and are said to be a sure sign of spring, when you cannot put your foot down without treading on at least three of these plants. Chaucer also wrote about them in eloquent terms, admiring the way they reflected the sunlight and had a pink glow from beneath their petals. They also flower throughout the year, often being reported on Christmas Day as well as being used in well-dressing. Extracts from the roots of these plants have also been used as a dressing for wounds, particularly for young children living in the countryside.

The final clues should be a give-away. The flowers of the first plant are often held under the chin of a child or adult, to see if the colour is reflected. The flowers of the second are often made into chains or bracelets or head garlands.

Yes! Buttercups and daisies (day's eyes).



Cyril Selmes

**You are warmly invited to two fundraising events for
St Stephen's Tower Appeal**

Saturday 8th July at St Stephen's Church

Bath Gilbert and Sullivan Society will perform a summer concert
"Sunshine and Showers"

£7.50

Thursday 27th July at the Guildhall

A Victorian Murder Mystery Evening with Dinner
Co-scripted by award-winning bestseller Mo Hayder

£30.00

*Tickets can be purchased by calling 01225 335800
For more information about St Stephen's Tower Appeal,
or to make an on-line donation, please visit
www.towerfund.org.uk*

Excuse me, I'm Lost...

Continuing our public demand service, though you're going to be no wiser at the end than you are now... you have been warned.



Episode 2/3: It turns out that Desmond (the mysterious stranger in the nuclear bunker) has been there for years since being stranded during a round-the-world race. He believes that by entering a particular series of numbers into his computer every 108 minutes, he can prevent some world-threatening disaster. (Plot point: the numbers in question keep turning up. Hurley once won the lottery with them, and then bad things happened to all his friends. He therefore believes the numbers to be cursed, so he's none too pleased by their appearance on the island.) Desmond shows Locke and Jack a 1970s video from an organisation called the Dharma Initiative to back up his fears. Once he realises he's no longer alone on the island, Desmond legs it, though where he thinks he's going is anyone's guess. Jack thinks the whole thing is a trick, but Locke is convinced that the castaways must continue to enter the magic numbers into the computer and thus save the world. With seconds to go, Jack's nerve fails him. He enters the code, and the castaways seem to have committed themselves to this inexplicable task for the foreseeable future. The bit where Jack nearly didn't enter the code was actually pretty exciting.

Episode 2/4: Back to the rafters, now idling in a pit under armed guard. It turns out that their captors are survivors from the tail section of the plane, which was ripped away before the crash. There were 23 of them to start with, but now there's considerably fewer. Chris thinks that the survivors are not as hungry as they ought to be, if you follow that rather unpleasant drift, but I'm not so sure. More news on that as it breaks. On a happier note, one of the surviving potential cannibals is the husband of one of our familiar group of castaways—that'll be nice if and when they all meet up. And a whole lot nicer if he isn't eating his way through her comrades. More good news for the original castaways—big fat Hurley is in charge of the food. Fearing that this responsibility will make him unpopular, he decides to share a lot of it out all at once, so there's a bit of a party.

So, what's it all about? Still no idea, but the vain hope that it all might mean something keeps us watching. Top conspiracy theory at the moment is that they're all dead, and the island is a kind of purgatory. Which would be great for an article in the church magazine if it turned out to be true... More next month.

Nicky Gladstone

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY – a year to remember?

At the June meeting of Deanery Synod, Elizabeth Perry, the World Development Representative for the Bath and Wells Diocese, spoke on the “Make Poverty History” campaign and the progress made in the year 2005. Elizabeth was speaking with fierce competition from St Mary’s Bathwick bellringers and without the aid of artificial amplification, but despite this, was informative and inspiring. There were the usual array of statistics that usually accompany the issue of poverty. The most powerful of these is that

A CHILD DIES EVERY 3 SECONDS AS A RESULT OF POVERTY

This horrifying, gut-wrenching statistic alone should be all that is needed to remind us that every one of us should do our best to play a part in this global issue. Elizabeth gave us a summary what was in many ways an historic year. The year 2005 began with the Asian Tsunami on Boxing day 2004 and an unprecedented overwhelming response of financial support from the public.

January: a gang of female clergy (including the Vicar of Dibley) marched on Downing Street to remind the prime minister that the country was watching him.

February: Nelson Mandela came out of retirement to lobby on trade justice.
“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity but an act of justice.”

March: “Our common Interest” report of the Commission of Africa published. In a nutshell - rich nations should recognise that Africa must drive its own development. In addition, behind-the-scenes “diplomacy” by Sir Bob Geldof puts world poverty issues in the forefront.

July: the Live 8 concerts took place all around the world. The G8 summit took place in Gleneagles. World poverty was on the agenda, largely thanks to Bob Geldof’s efforts. Some major successes: 50 billion more aid, 100% debt relief, effective immediately, for 18 countries, with more to follow.

Unfortunately, world events, including the London bombings, Hurricane Katrina and the continuing situation in Iraq meant that momentum was lost.

September: at the UN summit, world poverty issues were sidelined due to world events

November: the WTO meeting was a shambles. Poor countries were not well represented and there was a general betrayal of government promises.

So, the year ended. There had been success, there had been failure. Into 2006, charities such as Christian Aid, and UNICEF continue to strive for the eradication of poverty. Nelson Mandela has compared the plight of poverty stricken Africans to the slave trade. WE were reminded that William Wilberforce made his first speech against slavery in 1789. The Slavery Abolition act was passed in 1833. We must all continue to pray for trade justice and an end to poverty in Africa. With all our help, it can happen.

The diocese of Bath and Wells is partnered with the Anglican church in Zambia. You can read about this partnership on the Bath and Wells website.

Prayer Cycle for July

- Sat* 1 For the Trustees of Christ Church, and Yvonne, their Chairman.
- Sun* 2 For Paul Solly and for the work of Genesis; for those helping at today's lunch.
- Mon* 3 For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed.
- Tues* 4 For all members of our Church Council.
- Wed* 5 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations.
- Thurs* 6 For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us.
- Fri* 7 For the work and witness of the Mothers' Union: for all the members of the Christ Church branch.
- Sat* 8 For Angela, our Verger.
- Sun* 9 On this Sea Sunday, thank God for seafarers and all they bring us.
- Mon* 10 For Dorothy, our cleaner; for those who arrange the flowers.
- Tue* 11 For our Altar Servers, Sidespeople, Chalice Assistants, Readers, and all who assist in any way at our services.
- Wed* 12 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* 13 For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity.
- Fri* 14 For our plans to provide help to those in need in the neighborhood around our church.
- Sat* 15 For those coping with terminal illness. For their families and all who care for them.
- Sun* 16 For all who organize our church services; for all attending the Tea and Taize service.
- Mon* 17 For Emma who compiles our weekly notice sheet.

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- Tues 18** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work.
- Wed 19** For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi.
- Thurs 20** For John and June who organise the Lunches after our Midweek Communion Service.
- Fri 21** For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
- Sat 22** For young people in prison for whatever reason; for all who work with them
- Sun 23** For Angela and John, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens
- Mon 24** For Cyril, Mark and Tom our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Tues 25** For our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church, and especially for St Mary's RC Church
- Wed 26** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Thurs 27** For the work of Churches Together in Bath, and for Sylvia and Margaret, our Representatives.
- Fri 28** For those who are taking a holiday this summer, that they may travel safely and return refreshed.
- Sat 29** For peace throughout the world, and for all world leaders.
- Sun 30** For our Clergy Team.
- Mon 31** We give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer the coming month to God.
- Aug**
- Tues 1** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service
- Wed 2** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries
- Thurs 3** For all visitors to our city this summer, that they may find a welcome here.
- Fri 4** For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate
- Sat 5** For David, our Treasurer.

Big Questions, Little Answers

School Teacher, Ex-churchwarden and all-round good guy Chris Gladstone steps into the limelight this month

Where were you born?

Beverley, East Yorkshire

What are your hobbies?

Skiing, DIY, Computing & Gardening.

What car do you drive?

Silver Peugeot 206

What is your favourite film, and why?

Anything with James Bond in it - Because I am "very sad".

What is your favourite kind of music?

Dance Music - I like the beats and the rhythms and the way it can "get into your head".

What is your favourite kind of meal / food?

Christmas Dinner - It's like 4 meals in one.

What has been your proudest moment?

Getting married to Nicky, the birth of Joshua and Eliza and most recently, having my photo taken with Johnny Ball.

What is the most amazing place you have visited?

Australia

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

Cameron Diaz - enough said!

What's your pet hate?

People who don't indicate.

What's your favourite book?

The Pyrates by George MacDonald Fraser

Tell us a little-known fact about yourself

I cry very easily at sentimental television programmes

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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.

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

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