



Taking the next steps

A progress report on what's happening at Christ Church

Things are moving ahead on the various projects in the works at Christ Church.

First, the trial reordering at the east end. Last month a platform was added in the apse to raise the back row of choir stalls, so that the choir aren't completely hidden from view when they sit down. This month the curved "dais" in front of the chancel steps has been replaced by a rectangular platform. This follows comments that distribution of communion was proving to be a little cramped on the curved structure.

The new platform is also a little lower than the previous one, so that it's the same height as the second chancel step, which should make negotiating the steps less precarious for all concerned. Please let us know how you find this in comparison with the previous kneeling height! Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to add a rail – but if you find it difficult to kneel or get up again without one, do remember that it's always perfectly acceptable to receive

communion standing up.

The proposal to restore the bells is also moving ahead. The exhibition to explain the plans and canvas opinions, particularly from our neighbours, was held in the Lower Mews from Saturday 12 to Monday 21 October. Thanks are due to the volunteers who staffed the exhibition, and also to those who took the time to come along and leave their comments. These are currently being collated, and are likely to be discussed at the Trustees and Council meetings to be held on Monday 11 November and Tuesday 12 November respectively.

Of course, your views are also vital to ensure that any works and changes reflect the wishes of the Christ Church community. Please don't hesitate to comment, ideally in writing: if you wish, you can e-mail Canon Angela, one of the Churchwardens or a member of the Buildings Working Group. See page 15 for contact details.



Above: the exhibition of the bell restoration proposals. Right: the new rectangular platform.



Churches Together in Bath

Notes from the meeting of Churches Together in Bath held on Wednesday 16 October at the United Reformed Church, Grove Street, chaired by Revd Rachel Borgars.

After an opening prayer, we welcomed Father Peter from St. Mary's and St. John's Bathwick, following his recent appointment. The Central Zone Treasurer reported that with some annual subscriptions still outstanding, funds now stand at a healthy £676.85. A Remembrance Day Service will be held in Bath Abbey on 10 November at 3pm.

Margaret Heath reported on the successful Civic Conference held on 28 September to establish how Church and Community can best work together. It was proposed that Bath become a "Compassionate City" along the lines already adopted by Glastonbury, to help vulnerable residents of Bath, whose needs are greater than ever.

Following the question asked at the last meeting, "Where do we go from here?", our Chairman Rachel then said that she had taken on this post for one year, with a brief to try to rejuvenate the group. She had asked members to e-mail her with ideas for the future, but has had no response.

She has found very little support among the clergy, and little or no interest being shown by younger members of the various congregations, leading to an increasingly older representation on this committee.

Several of our former activities have been secularised in recent years, and individual churches no longer hold CTB Services and events on our behalf. For example, the Road Peace Service on 17 November will be held at 11am in the Guildhall. Therefore, on condition that our remaining event, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, should be organised instead by the District Executive, Rachel proposed that we would no longer need to meet as a group. However, we could continue to circulate the Travelling Light, and support the Cross Walk Service in Abbey Churchyard.

It was decided to canvas the opinions of absent members of this committee, and if no objections were raised, to officially close down this Zone Group at the AGM, which will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 13 February 2014, at a venue to be arranged.

**Margaret Heath and Sylvia M. Ayers,
CTB Representatives**



Christening controversy

At left is one of the official photos by Jason Bell released to mark the christening of Prince George on 23 October. Not that it's controversial for the heir to the throne (and presumably future head of the Church of England) to be christened. The talk in the media was whether it was wrong for people who aren't church-goers to have their children christened in church. A poll of viewers of *The One Show* on the BBC found 47% thought it was wrong but 53% felt it was fine. At least people turn to the Church for something, even if only milestone events like births and marriages. What's your view?

Two interesting gatherings

Margaret Heath reports:

The present mayor of Bath, Councillor Malcolm Lees, has chosen as his theme helping the more vulnerable. He invited a group of people of different faiths to the Mayor's Parlour to speak on their faiths' attitude to this. I was challenged to be asked to speak as a Christian. I wonder what you would have said? My notes on a postcard covered our shame at the child abuse and cover-up, then moved on to Christ's taboo-breaking concern for the vulnerable and needy, the work of Jean Vanier and others in suggesting we could learn from the handicapped, some of the work done by Christians for the less fortunate and the hope that perhaps Bath could become a Compassionate City. The Golden Rule is shared by all the great faiths and Karen Armstrong is hoping compassion could become the basis of our decisions rather than competitiveness. I was delighted that the mayor and his chaplain, Bishop Beth from the Moravian Church, asked for more details to be sent. I have done this.

I also mentioned the forthcoming ecumenical conference on Civic Engagement. It has now taken place and I attended it. Gaby Grace of Churches Together in Somerset reports:

"The SCT/BathCAN Civic Engagement conference has just happened and was every bit as stimulating as we had hoped! About 120 people came together in the beautiful Assembly Rooms in Bath to engage with the Mayor of Bath, the local MP and Secretary of State in the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Leader of BANES Council, a Police Inspector in the Neighbourhood Team, an Evangelical Alliance Ambassador in the UK and many others. We were encouraged by the huge variety of Christian initiatives across the UK and in our own county which are making a real difference where the cuts are biting deepest and, as members of Churches Together groups, we were challenged anew to bring the love of God into the lives of our own communities in generous and practical ways. I will keep you informed of follow-up over the coming months.

"News hot off the press is that Taunton Street Pastors have won the Somerset Local Policing Area Volunteer of the Year Award. What a fantastic example of Christians from many churches working together to make a real and recognised difference in their community! This is an active parable – and there are many others – of mission and witness which is truly relevant in the third millennium."

Coming events

Every year, the third Sunday of November is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. In Bath there will be a Ceremony of Remembrance for all road traffic victims and their families in the Brunswick Room, in the Guildhall near the Abbey at 11am on Sunday 17 November. This ceremony is to acknowledge all lives lost and broken in the South West. It will be followed by a short procession to the memorial stone in St. James Gardens, Lower Borough Walls, for the laying of flowers.



A controversial death

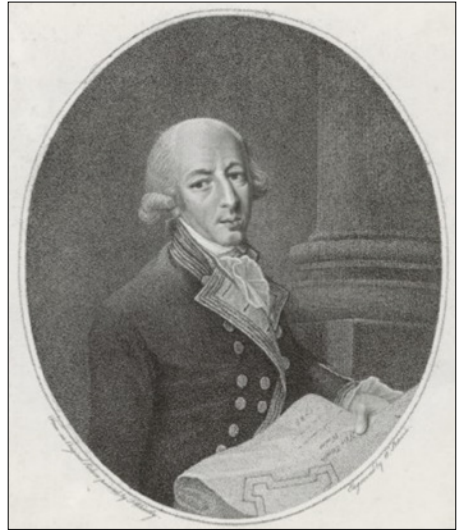
Margaret Heath writes:

Several of the congregation as well as Angela T have links with Australia. I wonder how many realise that Admiral Arthur Phillip, founder of modern Australia, lived and died just down the road, at 19 Bennett Street.

When I first came to Bath the accepted wisdom seemed that he was found in a crumpled heap, having fallen from the first floor. It was thought he had committed suicide perhaps, that he was unhappy with his second wife as well as painfully unwell. As he might have taken his own life he was refused burial in the Abbey and so buried in Bathampton.

Then there was a dramatic find. My former neighbour, Tim Harris, discovered two letters in the Admiral's own hand when doing up a house in Great Pulteney Street. They were in a glove. They made it clear the Admiral was getting on well with his wife at that stage. It was also realised that being buried in a country church near Bath might be preferable to burial in the Abbey. Ralph Allen is buried at Claverton, for example, and the Woods at St Mary's Swainswick.

In his recent biography of Phillip, Michael Pembroke shoots down the suicide theory as a later fabrication. About a hundred years after Phillip's death a Miss Bowie claimed to have seen his ghost, and a journalist "laid out the fanciful story of the lately deceased Miss Bowie in all its improbable detail". The crumpled heap legend continued, but in fact Phillip



A 1789 portrait of Governor Phillip, "Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the Territory of New South Wales".

probably died in a bedroom.

Phillip does not appear to have been an ardent Christian but he was remarkable in the way he treated the convicts he took out in the 11 ships of the First Fleet and established a settlement where they had a second chance in life. Next year, two hundred years after his death, the Britain Australia Society is putting up a very attractive and educational memorial on that empty plot of land just north of the Assembly Rooms. There will be quite a "Phillip trail" including the Abbey memorial, this new memorial and St Nicholas, Bathampton.

In brief...

Who was Admiral Phillip?

Arthur Phillip (11 October 1738 – 31 August 1814) established the first European settlement in Australia. In May 1787 the First Fleet left Portsmouth under his command carrying almost 1,500 people in all – convicts, marines and crew. After a voyage of some eight months, the Fleet arrived at its designated destination, Botany Bay. Phillip, however, soon realised it was unsuitable – the soil was poor, with no supply of fresh water – and it was he who discovered the deep water harbour some eight miles to the north, named it Sydney Cove after the Home Secretary who had appointed him, and moved the fledgling colony there on 26 January 1788. The date is still marked as Australia Day.

The early years were very difficult, not least because no one among the settlers had any expertise in farming, building or crafts – the authorities had rejected Phillip's pragmatic request to include people with such skills to help establish the settlement. As the first governor of New South Wales, Phillip was noteworthy also for his compassionate – though firm – treatment of the convicts and (at least initially) enlightened approach to dealing with the aboriginal population, with whom there was inevitably some friction.

Phillip departed in 1792, his health affected by the poor diet and hard living conditions, but he left the colony on a firm footing: it had established farms at what is now Parramatta and the beginnings of a whaling industry at Norfolk Island; the early threat of famine was gone; and Phillip had laid the foundations of a civil society, not just a prison.

Phillip arrived back in Britain in May 1793, and retired on a pension. His health gradually recovered and in 1796 he went back to sea, holding a series of commands in the wars against the French. He retired with the rank of Admiral in 1805 and lived the rest of his life in Bath.

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia M. Ayers reports:

Our next monthly Corporate Communion will be in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 6 November at 10am, and will be followed by coffee. We do thank Angela the Verger very much for organising these services and refreshments for us.

I am happy to report that after all the publicity given to the MU Christmas Sales Bundle, I have sent off a total of 26 orders, mostly cards, but also including calendars and one diary, which was ordered as usual by one of my most faithful customers. These should have arrived by the time you read this magazine, so I do hope that everyone will be happy with their purchases.

This is the time of year when we give what we can to the Bath Women's Refuge, so we again say a very big thank you to all members of the congregation who contributed to our annual collection in October. In due course, I will produce a list of the gifts received, which I'll place on the MU Noticeboard. Incidentally, does everyone know about this essential publicity tool, which stands beside the right-hand pillar as you enter the church. Please do take the time to read the various items on it, which are sent to Margaret for display, and which are of interest to all our Group.



The newest member of the Christ Church family, Toby Michael Jones was born at home at 7:33pm on Thursday 3 October, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Our love and very best wishes to parents Sarah and Matthew, big brother Timothy, and Toby too!

Peace be with you...

Revd Charles Hatton considers why we react so differently to the Peace

I sometimes wonder how it is that words which speak of peace and goodwill can generate sentiments among churchgoers which are far from eirenic.

It all stems from the introduction of the Peace some years ago when the Church of England (and the Roman Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council) embarked on a process of liturgical renewal.

The response provided Richard Digance with the comic inspiration for a song entitled "Mrs Beamish". When the new vicar invites the congregation to share the Peace, Mrs Beamish turns to her neighbour and says:

"Don't you dare shake hands with me... or offer signs of peace.

You lay a finger on me and I'll send for the police.

Don't whisper 'peace be with you'. This is the C of E.

So bend the knee, say 'thou' and 'thee', and keep your hands off me!"

Thankfully, I have yet to encounter a Mrs Beamish in the congregations I have known, though I did have a small coterie of regulars in one church who tacitly established a "Peace free" zone around them.

So what is it that so agitates otherwise amiable people – particularly now, when the French practice of kissing members of the opposite sex has become commonplace, even on first meeting?

In my experience, it is partly a reaction against the introduction of something new and unfamiliar (not that it's that new and unfamiliar now). It can also be resentment towards a perceived attempt at enforcing a kind of "chumminess" which can feel both artificial and unnecessary, especially in small communities where people hardly need introducing to one another anyway.

But is that what the Peace is for?

Sadly, the reason for its introduction has long been forgotten, if indeed it was ever



Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Bath & Wells

explained. In the New Testament we find exhortations to Christians to share a kiss of greeting – e.g. Romans 16:16 or 1 Peter 5:14. More pointedly, Matthew writes of Jesus' command to his followers to make peace with each other before bringing their gift to the altar (Matt 5:24). So the Peace is a reintroduction of a custom well-established in the early church.

Writers from both the second and third centuries attest to its inclusion as part of the Eucharist; thus Justin Martyr says this: "At the conclusion of the prayers we greet one another with a kiss."

The Peace, whatever gesture it is expressed in – a handshake, an embrace, or even blowing kisses – should convey the warmth of fellowship that characterises Christian community. It should be natural and sincere. And it should express our sense of oneness with each other and our oneness in Christ. As one commentator puts it: "better not share the Peace, than share it and not mean it".

But if we cannot bring ourselves to mean it, what does that say about the depth of the love and friendship for each other which Christ asks of his disciples?

**Revd Charles Hatton,
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Welcome to the latest edition of *In Focus*, a monthly newsletter from the Church of England. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *In Review*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

Church Commissioners: Green light for ethical bank

The Church Commissioners for England have joined a consortium of investors to create a leading challenger bank from 314 branches of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS).

The confirmation follows the decision of the board of RBS to favour the bid of a consortium which includes the Corsair Capital investment fund, Centerbridge Partners and the Commissioners to create a new bank with a focus on ethical standards and servicing the needs of retail customers and small and medium enterprises (SME).

The new bank, to be called Williams and Glyn's (W&G), will be a challenger in UK business and retail banking sector with a projected 5% market share of the SME and mid-corporate banking markets, and a 2% share of UK personal current accounts.

Andreas Whittam Smith, first estates commissioner, said:

"The Church Commissioners are excited to have the opportunity to be involved in creating a U.K. challenger bank operating to the highest ethical standards and giving consumers more choice. We are delighted that the Royal Bank of Scotland recognised the strengths of our bid and the consortium's vision, and have chosen the consortium as their preferred bidder."

The Church Commissioners for England are responsible for managing a well-diversified investment portfolio with the aim of producing returns to support the Church of England's work across the country.

Key facts on the Church Commissioners:

<http://churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchcommissioners/key-facts.aspx>

Pilgrim Course launched at Lambeth Palace

Pilgrim, a new Christian discipleship course for church congregations and groups of all traditions, was launched at a reception at Lambeth Palace.

Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey is published by Church House Publishing (<http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/pilgrim>) and is part of the Church of England's focus on spiritual and numerical growth.

Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell said:

"Pilgrim is a course for the Christian journey. For most people today, becoming a Christian is like a journey. We therefore need resources

that will help turn fellow travellers and interested enquirers into pilgrims. This is what Pilgrim sets out to do, and unlike other courses it includes discipleship and is deeply rooted in a long tradition of catechesis and nurture."

Assuming little or no knowledge of the Christian faith, Pilgrim can be used at any point on the journey of discipleship and by every tradition in the CofE.

Each stage features four six-session books accompanied by a leader's guide, with extensive, free video and audio resources to support every session online at:

www.pilgrimcourse.org

Chief Education officer responds to RE Ofsted

The Revd Jan Ainsworth, the Church of England's Chief Education officer has issued a statement in response to the publication from Ofsted Religious Education: Realising the Potential which says that schools and the government have failed to focus effectively on religious education.

"It is no comfort to us that Ofsted's detailed report on the state of Religious Education in this

country's schools confirms all the messages we have been giving the Secretary of State over the last two years. The Report places the blame for poor standards squarely on government policy."

Read more on the story at:

<http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/10/statement-on-ofsted-report-on-re.aspx>

Archbishop Justin meets freed Nigerian Archbishop

The Archbishop of Canterbury welcomed Archbishop Ignatius Kattey and his wife to Lambeth Palace after they were freed by Nigerian kidnappers.

Archbishop Kattey, who is Dean and Archbishop of the Niger Delta Province, was kidnapped near his residence in the

southern city of Port Harcourt. His wife, Beatrice, was seized at the same time and released hours later, but Archbishop Kattey was held for more than a week.

Read more on the story at:

<http://bit.ly/16d15p7>

News in Brief

Bishops' Office and Working Costs Published

The 2012 office and working costs of bishops in the Church of England have been published. Figures for individual bishops were first published, for the year 2000, in December 2001.

More information on Bishops' office and working costs for the year ended 31 December 2012 can be found at <http://bit.ly/1fUDpiE>

Church of England Welcomes Scout promise decision

The Church of England has welcomed the decision by the Scout movement to keep a "Duty to God" in its core promise and to introduce an additional alternative promise for those without a religious faith.

The Rt. Revd. Paul Butler, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, and the Church's lead Bishop on work with Young People said:

"I very much welcome this announcement by the Scout movement that God stays in the Promise."

For more on the story: <http://bit.ly/19MUtnq>

Chaplain to Speaker guest of honour at Women of the Year event

The Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons was one of the guests at a lunch celebrating Women of the Year. Each guest is invited in recognition of their personal contribution to society.

The Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin took up the role in 2010 which she combines with running a parish in Hackney, London Diocese.

In an interview available on the Church of England website, she calls for MPs to be better understood by the press and recounts a memorable meeting with the American President, Barack Obama.

The interview is available at <http://bit.ly/1hQEliJ5>

Meaningful Chocolate Advent calendar launch

The UK's only Fairtrade charity Advent calendar with a free copy of the Christmas story in the box on sale in Tesco stores across Britain and is set to raise £25,000 for the Children's Society.

The Real Advent calendar has a window for each day of December, behind which is a Belgian chocolate star and a line from the Christmas story.

"When you open the final, over-sized window, a chocolate star and a beautifully-illustrated, 24-page copy of the Nativity story is revealed," explains David Marshall, founder of the Meaningful Chocolate Company which makes the calendar.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said "The Real Advent Calendar offers a unique way to share the Christmas story while supporting The Children's Society and Fairtrade. I believe it will be widely welcomed by all. The Real Advent Calendar is a chance to educate, stimulate our thinking and do good."

The Advent calendar is the latest in a line of products from the company, following the success of the Real Easter Egg, launched in 2011.

For more information on Meaningful Chocolate:
<http://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk>

Energy Audit Report launched at College of Bishops

More than 40 bishops, including Archbishop Justin joined the Bishop of London and the Shrinking the Footprint team for a locally sourced environmental breakfast marking the launch of the energy audit report.

Initial results of the energy audit report, representing data from the last 18 months, shows that the Church estate is using between 611,877 and 1,018,774 tonnes of CO2.

Shrinking the Footprint has been running the national energy audit over the last year and a half to examine the financial cost and environmental

impact of Energy consumption in the Church of England. and the report is an essential first step to reducing energy consumption by benchmarking current carbon footprint.

A spokesperson for Shrinking the Footprint said: "While the margin of error is large as we get more data we can improve the accuracy and work towards our ambitious target of an 80% reduction by 2050.

Read the full report at www.shrinkingthefootprint.org

Church Commissioner celebrates Scrap Metal Bill

In a Church of England interview published today Sir Tony Baldry MP, Second Church Estates Commissioner explains what the new Bill means.

"The scrap metal business becomes the first business in the country that hasn't been in law allowed to deal in cash."

Anne Sloman, Chair of the Church of England's Church Buildings Council said: "The Council has worked hard with the Home Office to get this legislation on the statute book and we are grateful to Ministers and officials who have approached this problem with such determination. We believe it will be crucial in reducing the

scourge of lead theft which has scarred so many of our churches in the past few years and caused such grief to congregations and communities who work hard to keep our 16,000 parish churches in good condition. The numbers of thefts are already going down, but we cannot be complacent. Every church roof that is vandalised by thieves is one too many and we must all remain vigilant. But this legislation is a very important step in the right direction."

To listen to the interview: <http://churchofengland.org/media/1857199/tony%20baldry%20final.mp3>

Real talk about Christenings

This month Prince George will be christened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. There are more than 2000 christenings a week in the Church of England.

In interviews carried out for the Church of England website, parents, godparents and clergy talk about why baptism still has a place in the 21st century and how it is open to all.

“Christenings are more popular than ever with families. In 2011 baptisms in the Church of England increased by almost 5% to nearly 130,000 that year. Two thirds of

Christenings are for babies under one year, but there is a growing number of toddler and older children being baptised. Everyone is welcome to talk to their local church about having their child christened. It’s great to give thanks for new life, to be part of the worldwide church in a local community and to know God’s blessing,” said the Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects and Developments for the Archbishops’ Council

The resources will be available from the 17th of October at <http://www.churchofengland.org/weddings-baptisms-funerals/baptism.aspx>.

Church of England welcome at National Wedding show

The Church of England met hundreds of couples at their stand at the National Wedding show at Earls Court. Clergy were on hand to answer questions about church weddings and to hand out packs with more information.

The Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Archbishops’ Council Head of Projects and Development, said: “The Church of England conducts 1000 wedding

ceremonies each week. It’s great to be at the National Weddings Shows. Over the weekend we spoke to more than 700 groups - brides, grooms, bridesmaids, mums, dads, and friends - and heard a lot of good news stories. It’s a great place to show the welcome the Church of England offers.”

Read more about church weddings at www.yourchurch-wedding.org

Church marks International Credit Union day

In a personal letter being sent to all clergy, Archbishop Justin underlines a call to support credit unions, saying that the one million families who take out payday loans every month can end up in a crippling spiral of debt. “Our faith in Christ calls us to love the poor and vulnerable with our actions. That is why the Church must be actively involved in supporting the development of real lending alternatives, such as credit unions.”

Churches round the country are supporting International Credit Union (ICU) Day with bishops taking the lead signing up to and supporting local credit unions including a community CU pop-up session in London.

Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, director of the Church of England’s Mission and Public Affairs Division said: “The credit union sector is extremely well placed to offer real choice about how people manage their money. Credit Unions aren’t just for hard pressed communities – all sorts of people could use credit unions to save and to take out loans at manageable interest rates. Archbishop Justin is calling on churches all over the country to work with their local credit unions – and the Church of England is working with the Church of Scotland so that our response runs, literally, from Lands’ End to John O’Groats.”

Read more about credit unions at: www.churchofengland.org/creditunions

Christ Church calendar Nov. 2013

Nov	1	Fri	<i>All Saints' Day</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	2	Sat	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i>
	3	Sun	<i>All Saints</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	6	Wed	10am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	8	Fri	<i>The Saints and Martyrs of England</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	10	Sun	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	11	Mon	Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:30pm
	12	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting 7:40pm
	15	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	17	Sun	<i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>
	22	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	24	Sun	<i>Christ the King</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Sung Eucharist: guest preacher Bishop Peter Maurice
	29	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	30	Sat	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
Dec	1	Sun	<i>Advent Sunday</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong

Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the "Magazine Editor" pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to magazine@christchurchbath.org. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for November 2013

Friday	1	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	2	For Christian unity
Sunday	3	For Angela our Verger
Monday	4	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	5	For our own personal ministry
Wednesday	6	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Thursday	7	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Friday	8	For the unemployed
Saturday	9	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Sunday	10	For Angela and Ned
Monday	11	For the Trustees of Christ Church, meeting tonight
Tuesday	12	For prisoners and prison workers
Wednesday	13	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Thursday	14	We give thanks for the beauty of creation
Friday	15	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Saturday	16	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Sunday	17	For the appointment of a new organist at Christ Church
Monday	18	For our armed forces and police
Tuesday	19	For those who care for the sick
Wednesday	20	For our future plans for the church building
Thursday	21	For the appointment of a new bishop for our Diocese
Friday	22	For victims of violence
Saturday	23	We give thanks for our blessings

Sunday	24	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Monday	25	For the Queen and heads of state
Tuesday	26	For the elderly
Wednesday	27	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Thursday	28	That we may have the gift of joy
Friday	29	For the mentally ill
Saturday	30	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy

Long-term Prayer List

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

Kay Clark
 Rachel Sillett
 June Metcalfe
 May Palmer
 Cyril Selmes

Ken Austwick
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Rowena Hall

Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.

Christ Church Link

This magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month. Please send any contributions of news and articles by the 15th of the preceding month to the editor, Alex Soboslay, or by e-mail to magazine@christchurchbath.org

Rotas for November 2013

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 Nov All Saints	Morny Davison Daniel 7:1-3,15-18	David Bishop 2 Thessalonians 1	Margaret Heath Luke 6:20-31
10 Nov Remem- brance	Brenda Wall Job 19:23-27a	Alex Soboslay 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-end	Martin Palmer Luke 20:27-38
17 Nov 2 before Advent	Emma Elliott Malachi 4:1-2a	Janet Mahto 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Anthony Ridge- Newman Luke 21:5-19
24 Nov Christ the King	Margaret Burrows Jeremiah 23:1-6	Judith Anderson Colossians 1:11-20	Morny Davison Luke 23:33-43
1 Dec Advent Sunday	Jane Fletcher Isaiah 2:1-5	Andrew Sillett Romans 13:11-14	Richard Gabe Matthew 24:36-44

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
3 Nov	Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Revd Ciff Burrows
10 Nov	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Canon Angela Townshend
17 Nov	Brenda Wall, Jane Fletcher	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
24 Nov	Andrew Sillett	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Canon Angela Townshend
1 Dec	David Rawlings, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Canon Angela Townshend

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About Christ Church



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on a Sunday morning, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir. New singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Home Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
On the second and fourth Sunday of every month
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually the first Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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