



The bells are getting closer

Progress with faculty application, fundraising and publicity

As Ian Hay Davison reported at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 4 May, fundraising for the Christ Church bells restoration project is progressing at a healthy pace: as we go to press, more than £83,000 has been raised, so we're well on the way towards our target of £115,000.

The formal application (or "petition") for a faculty, the Church of England equivalent of planning permission, has been submitted, and we're expecting a decision within weeks. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) is in favour of the plan, which we're led to believe means that a faculty is not likely to be refused, though it's not impossible for specific conditions to be imposed.

Once a faculty has been received, we are hoping to be able to remove the old bells and frames quite quickly, and make a start on the work required to replace them, which includes quite a bit of work within the tower. Progress will of course depend on raising the funds necessary to complete the project, particularly the casting of new bells.

The fundraising appeal has been publicised in the *Bath Chronicle* (both in print and on the web), complete with a photo of Canon Angela in the bell chamber (evidently in the formal vestments traditionally worn by incumbents in dusty old towers...).

Meanwhile, the Buildings Working Group is collating and analysing the responses to its ideas for the west end of the building (the entrance porch, disabled access ramp and toilets) and

proposals for the reordering of the east end, which were on display on the Sunday of the AGM and the Sunday before. Discussion is continuing, and your feedback is vital to ensure that whatever is finally done accords with the wishes of the whole Christ Church community. Make your opinions known!



The Bath Chronicle photographed Canon Angela in the bell chamber, showing both the state of the bells and the scale of the job. Photo courtesy of Simon Conway, www.scioncreative.com

Freeing children from The Debt Trap

Children's Society highlights impact of family debt on children

As the Archbishop of Canterbury throws his support behind credit unions and other ways to relieve the growing problems of debt, the Children's Society has launched a campaign to help build a wall of support for families whose unmanageable debt is wrecking their efforts to bring up their children safely.

Problem debt is putting stress on family relationships, damaging children and trapping families in a downward spiral of borrowing,

according to a new report from The Children's Society and StepChange Debt Charity. A simple setback can push families into The Debt Trap, so the campaign highlights the need to protect children in particular from the impact of debt.

The report, backed by the Archbishop of York, lifts the lid for the first time on the devastating impact debt can have on children. The findings show that children are suffering worry and anxiety, falling victim to bullying and going without essentials as their families are trapped in problem debt.

The report is titled "The Debt Trap: Exposing the impact of problem debt on children". For details, read the Children's Society release at http://bit.ly/debt_trap



Churches Together in Bath

Margaret Heath writes:

Conscience prevailed, as now sole CTB rep for Christ Church I thought I should go to the CTB AGM rather than hear Melvyn speak on the Mystic Tradition. Ecumenical relations (though sadly not Inter-Faith) are mentioned in our mission statement and I think it important to show Anglican support. The present Methodist Chair, Executive Secretary and Secretary are due to retire and it would be good if Anglican volunteers could be found to replace them. Please think whether you could come forward or know anyone who might be another Christ Church rep.

CTB plans to be involved in, for example, the treatment of dementia, the care of the environment, end of life care. Father Bill, the Catholic Chaplain to the RUH as well as to Higher Education, deplored the cuts which have led to fewer hospital Chaplains. Gabriella Grace, CT in Somerset, had spoken on "Chaplaincy", suggesting there was scope for lay people to reach out as chaplains beyond the traditional areas, going to shopping malls

for example. This could be a valuable part of mission and training might be arranged.

There were only about ten people at the meeting, a majority Catholic and just Sarah Sheppard, John James and I as Anglicans. The plus side of this was we could have general discussion. Our Chair suggested that the demise of the Central Zone, or Area as they are now called, could be regarded as "Purpose fulfilled" rather than a sadness. We need to adapt and be flexible, or as Gaby said, "provisional". I was happy to hear my bee-in-bonnet of making Bath a Compassionate City was on the Executive agenda and that David Pendle had been invited to speak at the great Quaker gathering at Bath Uni this July.

As usual, there were opportunities for a nice drop of networking and the vibes were good. I really enjoy CTB but need a fellow enthusiast and CTB needs some Anglican officers. Do please reflect on this.

The North East area meets on 25 Sept in the morning and is happy for Christ Church rep or reps to join them. The next CTB AGM is 20 May 2015.

Mothers' Union News: Cake Bake!

Sylvia Ayers writes:

Last July our newly-formed Group held the first of our MU Cake Bakes, which raised £61 for the MU Wheels Appeal. Well, now is the time for everyone to take part in our next effort, and maybe raise even more. We are again asking for home-made cakes to sell after the morning Communion Service, and also any plants you can grow or beg. Your gifts can be brought to church for sale at any time between now and Sunday 13 July – we hope to have something for sale every week. (And, of course, you are warmly invited to buy the cakes and plants as well, or make a donation to the appeal!)

The Wheels Appeal is to raise funds in support of the MU Community Development Coordinators (CDCs) who work within their own and neighbouring African communities, some of which are very isolated. They organise training and start projects that will provide relevant solutions to local needs. CDCs work within the community to help them identify and use the resources they already have, rather than relying on handouts. This means that the changes that result are much more sustainable, and families can take control of their own futures.

To carry out this vital work, the CDCs often have to travel long distances over difficult, dangerous terrain, and to spend long periods of time away from their own families. The money we raise for the Wheels Appeal, together with the funds raised by the Provincial MU, will go towards paying their salaries and travel costs. Let's see if we can beat our 2013 total and so ensure that they can continue to reach these isolated communities and thus transform many lives.

Our next Corporate Communion Service will be in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 4th June at 11am, when we hope the number in the congregation will be larger than that at the May service. The MU Prayer will again be used, after which we will enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and chat at the back of the church.

Confirmed in Christ Church



On Thursday 22 May, the Deanery Confirmation service was held in Christ Church. The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Peter Maurice, confirmed six candidates from a number of churches in Bath, including Caroline Bond from Christ Church. (That's her being confirmed by Bishop Peter in the photo below.) Congratulations to all six: Ross Alexander Elliott, Helen Harvey, William Ncube, Clarissa Notice, Matthew Prescott and particularly Caroline!



Dine Italian Style

A last-minute reminder: don't forget the Italian Evening to be held in the Lower Mews on Saturday 7 June at 7pm. It's a chance to enjoy a home-cooked Italian-style meal, fine Italian wines, and sociable company. Space is short, so numbers have to be strictly limited, but if you're lucky you should still be able to sign up on the list at the back of the church, or contact Judith Bishop.

Organ recitals this month in Wells Cathedral



Wells Cathedral is holding two interesting organ recitals very soon, which should be well worth the trip...

On Wednesday 4 June, at 7:30pm, there's the opening Summer Organ Festival Recital. Dr Stephen Cleobury CBE, Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge, will play JS Bach's Allabreve; CPE Bach's Sonata in A minor; Mozart's Fantasia in F minor and major; Mendelssohn's Sonata 2 in C minor; Hindemith's Sonata I; Schumann's Fugue no. 1; and Liszt Prelude and Fugue. Tickets are £10 (including a post-concert drink). For more details, you can phone 01749 672773.

On Sunday 8 June, from 4:30pm to 5pm, Matthew Owens (Organist and Master of the Choristers, Wells Cathedral) and Prebendary Elsa van der Zee (narrator) give the annual performance of Olivier Messiaen's Messe de la Pentecôte in the final of this year's Messiaen meditations. Admission this time is free, with a retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music. For details, phone 01749 674483.

Both recitals take place in Wells Cathedral. The website is wells cathedral.org.uk

Church Council

At the Christ Church Annual General Meeting on Sunday 4 May, Malcolm Wall and Alex Soboslay were re-elected as Churchwardens, Andrew Sillett and Brenda Wall were re-elected as Deanery Synod representatives, and three new Council members were elected to serve for three years. The Church Council for 2014-15 is therefore as follows:

Ex officio members

Canon Angela Townshend	
Priest-in-charge, chair of council	
Mark Elliott	Reader
Malcolm Wall	Churchwarden
Alex Soboslay	Churchwarden
Morny Davison	Deanery Synod rep
Andrew Sillett	Deanery Synod rep
Brenda Wall	Deanery Synod rep

Elected until 2015

Judith Bishop
Sarah Kerr
Bob Siderfin

Elected until 2016

Margaret Burrows
David Rawlings
Angela Soboslay

Elected until 2017

Judith Anderson
Matthew Jones
Sharon Rawlings

Co-opted

Rebecca Nicholson

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 10 June, and dates for the rest of the year will be set at that meeting. Council officers should also be elected or ratified for the year ahead.

The next Annual General Meeting for all those on the Christ Church electoral roll will take place on Sunday 19 April 2015.

Bishop's Message for June

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

Dear Friends,

As I write this Jane and I are looking forward to moving to the diocese and to the Installation Service in Wells Cathedral on June 7. We will be sad to leave Hampshire, which has been our home for many years, but are excited about all that lies ahead. We are putting our trust in the Lord and asking him to guide and equip us.

My Installation will be Pentecost weekend. Let us use that as an opportunity to join together across the whole diocese to pray that we may all be filled and renewed by the Holy Spirit. The first disciples were more than a little shell-shocked when the risen Christ ascended into heaven, but that all changed on the day of Pentecost when the ascended Christ filled his disciples with the gift of the Holy Spirit. On that day the Church grew at a

tremendous rate – from 120 to 3,000 believers – and, contrary to popular belief, has not stopped growing since.

The Church is the most dynamic organisation which the world has ever seen. The world-wide Christian Church is growing faster today than ever before. It is said there are more Christians alive right now than have ever lived and died throughout the whole of history. In Africa alone the percentage of Christians has risen from 3% to 45% in just a hundred years. Yes, in the West the Church has been in decline for decades, but even here there are signs that this is changing. That is something to get out of bed for in the morning!

I addressed you as friends, which might sound a bit presumptuous, but I do look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you over the coming months.

With warm Christian greetings,
+ Peter Bath & Wells

Bishop to live in Palace in Wells after all

The announcement of the new Bishop of Bath and Wells in December was almost eclipsed by the Church Commissioners' controversial decision not to house him in the Bishop's Palace in Wells but outside the city. On 1 May, the Archbishops' Council upheld diocesan objections to the Church Commissioners' decision. When he takes office, Bishop Peter and his wife will now move into the Palace.

Bishop Peter commented: "I'm pleased that the Archbishops' Council brought things to such a swift conclusion. It's now time to look to the future and I can't wait to get on with the job. The Palace will be at the heart of my ministry as the place where I live, study, pray and work, alongside the Bishop of Taunton."

Read more on the diocesan website at http://bit.ly/bishops_palace



Bath Abbey to host Love Bath 2014

Love Bath is an ecumenical celebration with the aim of expressing the love of Jesus to Bath. Its goals are: to help bring Christians and churches together in the city into the reality of being One Church; to encourage the development of shared activities and events that help people in need, and that bring new life into local communities; and to encourage Christians to be



bold in sharing the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord, that he loves each and every person and wants them to know him.

This year's Love Bath is taking place at Bath Abbey on Sunday 22 June, with worship starting at 11:30am. The event will see people coming together from many of the city's churches, and the service will be shown on a large screen outside the Abbey so that people in the square can participate. Church leaders from many of Bath's churches will take part.

Following the service, from 12:30pm to 3pm, the Love Bath Party will be held in Kingston Parade (next to the Abbey), where a stage will be set up. There will be free food and entertainment for everyone who comes.

Hundreds of invitations to the Party will be given to shoppers and tourists. No tickets are required – just come as you are, and enjoy the party. You are encouraged to invite as many people as you can.

For more details, visit www.lovebath.org

This month's charity: Save the Children



Save the Children

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 8 June, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Save the Children.

Save the Children works in more than 120 countries to save children's lives, fight for their rights, and help them fulfil their potential. Its areas of activity include:

- **Education** – We help children who are missing out on school get an education.
- **Child Poverty** – We help tackle the poverty which harms a child's chances.
- **Healthcare** – We provide access to better healthcare to children worldwide.
- **Hunger** – We feed children and campaign against the causes of global hunger.
- **Child Protection** – We protect children who are in danger, exploited or neglected.
- **Emergencies** – When emergencies arise,

our teams respond quickly and do whatever it takes to save children's lives. In 2012 we responded to emergencies in 39 different countries – delivering life-saving food, water, healthcare, protection and education to 4 million children and their family members.

The charity was founded almost 100 years ago. After the First World War ended, Britain kept up a blockade that left children in cities like Berlin and Vienna starving. Tuberculosis and rickets were rife. Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy Buxton decided that direct action was needed as well as campaigning, and so The Save the Children Fund was set up at a public meeting in London's Royal Albert Hall in May 1919. It was not expected to be a permanent organisation, but it was called on to deal with emergency after emergency.

The charity says that of every £1 it receives, it spends 88p to benefit children, 11p to raise the next £1, and just one penny on governance and other costs.

For more visit www.savethechildren.org.uk

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.

In Focus

Guidance on challenging homophobic bullying in Church schools launched

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a report from the Education Division of the Church of England “Valuing All God’s Children: Guidance for Church of England Schools on Challenging Homophobic Bullying.”

The guidance, which has been given to all Church of England schools, provides 10 key recommendations which should be adopted by schools in combating homophobic bullying as well as sample policies for primary and secondary Church schools. Published by the Church of England Archbishops’ Council Education Division, the guidance involved consultation and involvement with a number of Church of England schools with existing good practice.

Speaking at a Church of England Secondary School at Trinity Lewisham Archbishop Justin said that the publication of the guidance fulfilled a pledge he made last July when addressing the Church of England’s General Synod.

“Less than a year ago I set out my concerns about the terrible impact of homophobic bullying on the lives of young people and I made a public commitment to support our schools in eradicating homophobic stereotyping and bullying.

“Since then an enormous amount of work has gone into producing this guidance so that commitment can be turned into action. I am extremely grateful to all those who have worked so hard to produce it and I particularly want to thank the schools and young people who have contributed.

“Church schools begin from the belief that every child is loved by God. This guidance aims to help schools express God’s love by ensuring that they offer a safe and welcoming place for all God’s children. This is a task we are called to share and I know it is one our schools take immensely seriously. I commend this guidance as a contribution to that work.”

The full report is available at:

<http://bit.ly/1iIKi20>

CUF release Poverty Sunday resources

The Church Urban Fund has launched a new set of resources for Poverty Sunday which takes place on June 22nd.

The campaign, which is calling on the Church to reflect on issues of poverty in this country and how it might respond, has developed new resources including a tool to look at poverty in your parish, and details of how churches can support CUF.

Online resources include:

-How does poverty affect your local area? Find out about poverty near you by using our online poverty look up tool.

-Poverty impacts every aspect of people’s lives. You can find out how we define poverty and how we respond.

Further resources including prayers and sermon outlines will also be available on the Church Urban Fund website, at:

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/get-involved/act/resources/poverty-sunday>

Archbishop Sentamu backs new ‘Debt Trap’ report

A new report backed by the Archbishop of York identifies the effect that debt is placing on family relationships, damaging children and trapping families in a downward spiral of borrowing.

The report lifts the lid on the devastating impact debt can have on children. Their findings show that children are suffering worry and anxiety, bullying and going without essentials as their families are trapped in problem debt.

Two and a half million children live in families with problem debt, who are behind on £4.8 billion of household bills and loan repayments. A further five million children are in families that are struggling to keep up with repayments and risk falling behind.

The report coincides with The Children’s Society’s launch of ‘The Debt Trap’ - a campaign lifting the lid on the massive impact of debt on children’s lives.

The Archbishop of York said:

“Parents living in poverty face incredibly difficult choices. What is to come first? Heating your home or putting food on the table? Many choose to go without themselves so they can provide the basics for their children. Parents want to make the best choices for their family, but low wages, expensive child-care and inflexible jobs make this very difficult.

The report is available at: <http://bit.ly/T1HGb5>

Key UN leader speaks on climate change at St Paul’s Cathedral

Christiana Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UN framework convention for climate change, has given the key note speech at an event which took place at St Paul’s Cathedral.

The event entitled ‘Building the Will for Action’ brought together the UN, churches, investors, security experts and environmentalists to highlight the importance of collective action on climate change.

The event was organised by St Paul’s Institute in conjunction with Shrinking the Footprint, the Church’s national environmental campaign, the Church Investors Group and Charities, Churches and Local Authorities (CCLA).

Christiana Figueres shared her views on the key challenges faced and highlighted what faith communities, the City and the UK at large can do to help.

Christina Figueres said:

“Dear friends, for the first time in history we human beings now have the power to alter the physical foundations of life on this planet. But as ever throughout history we also have the responsibility to set the ethical foundation of our global society. We have done this with slavery and with apartheid. It is time to do it with climate change.”

The full transcript of Christiana Figueres’ speech can be found at: bit.ly/T5YddX

A video of the event is available at: bit.ly/1IClqg7

Keep up to date with the Church’s work on Responsible Credit and Saving

The latest newsletter for the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Task Group on Responsible Credit and Savings is now available.

The newsletter includes up to date information about the Church’s support for Credit Unions and information about forthcoming events.

To sign up to receive the newsletter, contact: polly.taylor@churchofengland.org

New CofE website for WW1 commemoration

The Church will be launching its own website to bring together resources and stories to commemorate the centenary of World War One. It will act as a source of information and includes suggested orders of service provided by the Liturgical Commission for commemorative events including a service at a War Memorial.

The website will explore the church in World War One, and launches with an interview with the renowned broadcaster and writer Kate Adie

who talks about the role of church women in the war. She explains how women coped with losing the breadwinner in the family at a time when they had very few rights.

She describes how women weren't permitted to take the collection or hand hymn books out in churches before the war but as men went off to war and the congregations became predominantly female, this changed.

You can find the website at:

www.churchofengland.org/ww1

Poppies planted in Churches and Church Schools for World War One commemoration

Tens of thousands of poppy seeds have been sown by schoolchildren, junior soldiers, civic leaders, clergy, faith groups and community organisations as a joint act of remembrance to mark the centenary of the First World War.

In Leeds, letters home from a Leeds Pal who joined Kitchener's Call to Arms were read out at a poppy planting ceremony in a city centre park. Schoolchildren, civic and faith leaders joined the new Bishop of Leeds for the newly created Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, who blessed the proceedings.

Bishop Nick said: "A century is not a long time, but only 100 years ago the world fell apart in the most violent way. This simple act of growing poppies reminds us of our past and is a very visual way of pledging ourselves to serve together in the future."

Hundreds of packets of seeds have been sent to every church and church school by church leaders in the diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales and everyone is being urged to plant their poppy seeds this week to mark their identity as a Diocese together and remember all those who lost their lives in the Great War.

News in brief

Success for Church House Publishing app

Church House Publishing, the official publishing company for the Church of England, celebrated the success of Reflections for Lent 2014, which was the most popular paid for book app on iTunes during Holy week.

More details can be found at:

www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/our-apps

#Eastermeans reaches 29 million

Around 29 million people were reached by the latest C of E twitter campaign #Eastermeans.

Official figures from Twitter showed over 20,000 tweets sent over the Easter period, in the week leading up to Easter Day, using the hashtag #Eastermeans.

The campaign has sought to engage with users of Twitter and the Christian meaning of Easter and continued on from the successful #christmasmeans campaign.

Cathedrals Grant fund now open for applications

The Church of England and Catholic Church in England are delighted to be able to join with the Government in launching the application process for the cathedral repairs fund announced by the Chancellor's Budget.

In the Budget, the Chancellor committed £20m to be available over the next two financial years. Cathedrals are powerful symbols of our shared history, and will be natural focal

points for reflection and remembrance, as the nation comes together to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

The first round of applications is open now through a dedicated online application form which can be accessed from the Church of England's ChurchCare cathedral grants pages:

www.churchcare.co.uk/cathedrals/funding-and-grants

Seven new Bishops announced

Seven new Bishops, including the Diocesan Bishop of Liverpool and Bishop in Europe, have been announced.

Four Suffragan Bishops were confirmed on Friday 2nd May, with 10 Downing Street releasing the appointments of the next Bishops of Barking (Peter Hill) and Colchester (Roger Morris) in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and the Bishops of Whitby (Paul Ferguson) and Selby (John Thomson) in the Diocese of York.

The following week saw the announcements of the next Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, Robert Innes; the next Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, and the next Suffragan Bishop of Grimsby, David Court.

Details of the announcements including biographies can be found at:

bit.ly/1fzG3eE

bit.ly/1qFjwBN

bit.ly/RU4M2g

Communications Training

Upcoming courses:

5th June

Working with the Media

If you want to get your church or group in the news, this course is for you. You'll learn how national and local broadcast and print media work and how you get your stories on air or in print. You'll learn how to write snappy press releases that get picked up and what to do when stories break. We'll also look at doing interviews for radio/tv and newspapers and you'll be interviewed by a BBC journalist.

11th June

Visual Liturgy Live

Visual Liturgy Live is a unique and powerful service planning software package that provides everything you need to create inspiring, refreshing and well-planned worship. Spend a day learning how this powerful tool works and how to produce your own Order of Service in our IT training suite. Previous course members say it'll save them days over a year!

For more details and booking info: <http://www.churchcommstraining.org>

Christ Church calendar June 2014

June 1 Sun *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
4.30pm Choral Evensong

4 Wed 11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

6 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

7 Sat Italian Evening, Lower Mews, 7pm

8 Sun *Pentecost*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 Tue Christ Church Council meeting 7:40pm

11 Wed *Barnabas the Apostle*

13 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

15 Sun *Trinity Sunday*

19 Thu *Corpus Christi*

20 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

21 Sat Grant and Julia's wedding 12:30pm

22 Sun *First Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

24 Tue *Birth of John the Baptist*

27 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

29 Sun *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

July 2 Wed 11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

3 Thu *Thomas the Apostle*

4 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

6 Sun *Third Sunday after Trinity*
4.30pm Choral Evensong

Prayer Cycle for June 2014

Sunday	1	For our Junior Church
Monday	2	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	3	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
Wednesday	4	For those recently confirmed at Christ Church
Thursday	5	That we may be pure in heart
Friday	6	For the homeless
Saturday	7	For Peter our new Bishop
Sunday	8	For Angela our Verger
Monday	9	We give thanks for family and friends
Tuesday	10	For the Church Council, meeting tonight
Wednesday	11	For the mentally ill
Thursday	12	For those who teach
Friday	13	For those who have suffered from recent flooding
Saturday	14	For our government and politicians
Sunday	15	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Monday	16	For farmers
Tuesday	17	For those who care for the sick
Wednesday	18	For all who produce written materials for Christ Church
Thursday	19	We give thanks for the beauty of creation
Friday	20	For those who work in dangerous conditions
Saturday	21	For Sylvia and the Mothers' Union
Sunday	22	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Monday	23	For the local Deanery Synod

Tuesday 24 That we may be open to encounters with God

Wednesday 25 For the elderly

Thursday 26 For Mark our Lay Reader

Friday 27 For those who suffer as a result of terrorism

Saturday 28 We give thanks for our blessings

Sunday 29 For our Junior Church

Monday 30 For those who work in the transport industry

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
David Ough
Ned Townshend

Sarah Dack
John Osborne
Joyce Fairburn
David Slater
Celia and Trevor Shears
Val Curtis
Andy Quoran-Evans
Hector and Iona Maclean
Heather, Rachel and Simon Fox
Alicia Angel Murray

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 June 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1 June 7th in Easter	Alex Soboslay Acts 1:6-14	Janet Mahto 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	David Bishop John 17:1-11
8 June Pentecost	Martin Palmer Acts 2:1-21	Andrew Sillett 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	June Matthews John 7:37-39
15 June Trinity	Emma Elliott Isaiah 58:1-9a	Daphne Radenurst 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Brenda Wall Matthew 5:13-20
22 June 1st after Trinity	Margaret Burrows Jeremiah 20:7-13	Jane Fletcher Romans 6:1b-11	Mark Elliott Matthew 10:24-39
29 June St Peter	Virginia Knight Acts 12:1-11	Morny Davison 1 Peter 2:19-end	Margaret Heath Matthew 16:13-19
6 July 3rd after Trinity	Lewis Boyd Zechariah 9:9-12	Sylvia Ayers Romans 7:15-25a	Penny Edwards Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
1 June	Lewis Boyd	Morny Davison, Andrew Sillett	Margaret Heath
8 June	June Matthews, Keri Chivers	Iain Barrowman, Rowena Hall	Revd Cliff Burrows
15 June	Andrew Sillett, Bob Siderfin	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards
22 June	Brenda Wall, Janet Mahto	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Mark Elliott
29 June	David Rawlings, Jane Fletcher	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	June Matthews
6 July	Clive Tilling, Lewis Boyd	Morny Davison, Andrew Sillett	Canon Angela Townshend

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

About Christ Church

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

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

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

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

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

As well as worship on 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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