



The bells leave the building

Removal of bells, fittings and frame successfully completed

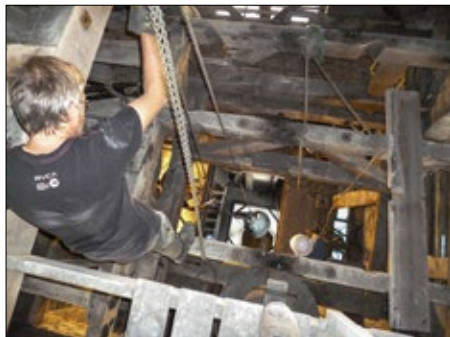
The first phase of our bell restoration project is complete. The old bells and bell frame have been removed, and the builders have started work in the bell chamber to block up the open louvres and install a new sound-proof floor, these being the key elements in the new system to control the loudness of the bells in the immediate neighbourhood.

With the help of our sterling team of volunteers, the bell-hanger removed all eight bells in mid-July. The largest bell, the tenor, is cracked and will be melted down. The Keltek Trust, a charity that arranges exchanges of bells, has found new homes for all the rest (assuming they're confirmed to be sound). One looks likely to go to Sydney, Australia!

The work party collected up all the old fittings and other scrap metal, and was able to send a total of half a ton of metal for recycling, adding a handy £65

to our appeal. Resounding thanks to our gang of volunteers for all their work: Morley Bray, Phill Butler, Roger Button, Ian Smith and Dave Kelly!

Thanks to the splendid fund-raising effort spearheaded by Ian Hay Davison, we will have enough money to cast five new bells and install a full set of eight bells (by December, if all goes to plan). We are hoping to arrange an outing to the bell-foundry, though it might not be possible to see our new bells actually being cast. Please let the verger or one of the churchwardens know if you're interested in coming. ▶



The electric chain hoist broke down with the first bell, so all the bells, fittings and frame parts were lowered by hand. Photos: Dave Kelly / Keltek Trust.

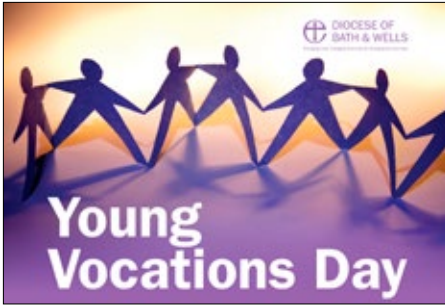


The bells have left the building...



1 The bell chamber looks vast now that it's empty! The new sound-proof floor will go roughly at the level of the beam you see at the right. **2** Having been lowered from the tower, the old bells await collection. Each has its destination chalked on its side. **3,4** The foundry sent a lorry with an impressive hydraulic arm that simply reached in the front door and lifted each bell out in turn. When the final bell was lifted, it was manually struck – not as part of a ritual (or even a superstition); its sound was recorded so that the church in Sydney interested in that bell can hear it! **5** The weight has to be distributed evenly for the trip to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.





Synod votes yes to women bishops

On Monday 14 July all three Houses of the General Synod of the Church of England voted in favour of legislation to enable women to become bishops. Women were first ordained as priests by the Church of England in 1994.

The previous vote on the question of women bishops in November 2012 failed when the vote in the House of Laity, though in favour, fell just six votes short of the required two-thirds majority. The House of Bishops and the House of Clergy achieved the required majority both then and now.

The legislation to allow women to become bishops will now go before parliament's Ecclesiastical Committee for approval and may become law as soon as November.

The Bishops of Bath & Wells and Taunton warmly welcomed the news, saying, "We could not be more delighted with the result. After the trauma of the last vote and the damage it did to the public's perception of our Church, we can now move forward knowing that this is the path the Church has decided to take."

Details of the voting, and statements made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, can be found at <http://bit.ly/womenbishops>.

For a timeline of the process towards women bishops since 2000, see <http://bit.ly/XfxaP9>. For "some thoughts on the history of Anglican women's ministry" by Canon Angela, see the May 2014 issue of *Christ Church Link*.

For an analysis of the significance of the vote by Robert Pigott, BBC News religious affairs correspondent, visit www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-28300618.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells will be celebrating 20 years of women serving in the priesthood at a service in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 27 September.

Aged between 16 and 30? Ever felt God's call and wondered about ministry in the Church of England? The Diocese of Bath and Wells is holding its first Young Vocations Day on Saturday 11 October to help young people think about their calling and the prospect of ministry in the Church of England.

If you're aged 16–30, you'll be able to speak to those who have taken this step and discover how the selection process works, explore both ordination training and the many other alternatives to ordained ministry, with those already in church leadership.

The morning will be spent at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, thinking about how we discern God's call, and the afternoon will be a chance to see what life is like at Trinity College, Bristol.

For more information contact the Diocesan Young Vocations Advisor, Jeremy Putnam, on 01275 844137 or register online at <http://bit.ly/1na9ctn>

Mothers' Union news

The Mothers' Union bring-and-buy cake sale last month raised a huge £106 in aid of the 2014 MU Wheels Appeal. This total is over 50% more than we raised in 2013, and the money will go to support the MU Community Development Coordinators (CDCs) who work within their own and neighbouring African communities, some of which are very isolated. Many thanks to all those who bought cakes, and to those who provided them!

With so many members away in August, there will not be a communion service on the first Wednesday of this month. Normal service(s) will be resumed next month!

Home Group dates

Next term, the Home Group will meet on the following dates (all Thursdays):

18th September
2nd October
16th October
30th October
13th November
27th November
11th December

Meetings will be at Janet Mahto's house (Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU), except for the two in November – the venue for these two is to be confirmed. Further details will be coming soon. Please put these dates in your diary.

Discuss Assisted Dying

Bath Central United Reformed Church is hosting a series of "Community Conversations" to bring people together to discuss important issues of our times. The first is at 7pm on Friday 19 September at Bath Central United Reformed Church in Argyle Street on the topic of Assisted Dying.

Assisted Dying is a controversial and complex question. In the United Kingdom, it is illegal. But some people believe that we should have the freedom to choose when and how we die, as in assisted suicide. Some do not support this view for medical, ethical or religious reasons. Others are unsure of where they stand.

The evening will start with presentations by Sophie Pandit from Dignity in Dying and Dr Nigel Rawlinson. After a break for tea, coffee and home-made cakes, there will be an hour for open discussion. The evening ends at 9pm.

Entry is free, but the organisers would like some idea of numbers, so please sign up on the list at the back of church by Friday 12 September if you are interested.

• *More than 20 church leaders, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, have issued a joint statement opposing Lord Falconer's Assisted Dying Bill. Read it on the archbishop's website at <http://bit.ly/assisteddyingstatement>*

Coming events

Candlelit Vigil marking WWI

What is it? Drawing upon Sir Edward Grey's famous remark that "The lamps are going out all over Europe," Bath Abbey will be marking the centenary of the start of the First World War with a Vigil Service. The Abbey will be lit with hundreds of candles, which will be extinguished one by one until the final candle is blown out at 11pm – the moment of Britain's ultimatum to Germany. The Vigil will include music, memoirs of Bath residents, scripture and poetry.

When is it? Monday 4 August, 10pm – 11pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Tickets? Tickets are free and available from Bath Box Office, or visit www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/events/

Summer Organ Festival Recital

What is it? The final recital of Wells Cathedral's 2014 Summer Organ Festival is given by Jonathan Vaughn, Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral: Guilmant Sonata no 1 in D minor; Whitlock Fantasie Choral no 1 in D flat; Ireland Villanella; Reubke Sonata on the 94th Psalm.

When is it? Wednesday 6 August, 7:30pm

Where? Wells Cathedral

Tickets? £10.00 (including a post-concert drink), available from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office and at the door. For details call 01749 672773 or visit wells cathedral.org.uk

"From Time to Time"

What is it? A celebration of the Book of Common Prayer through words and music including Handel's "Come unto him" and Stanford's "Te Deum" performed by the talented trio of "In Voice and Verse": actor Lance Pierson, Soprano Belinda Yates and pianist Heather Chamberlain. Sponsored by Friends of Bath Abbey in support of the Footprint project (for details of which, see last month's *Christ Church Link*).

When is it? Thursday 4 September, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Tickets? £15 (includes programme and refreshments), available from Bath Box Office or visit www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/events/

Bishop's Message for August

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

Dennis Lillee, the Australian fast bowler, once hit a batsman on the leg. Although he was given out, he remained at the crease and Lillee forcibly insisted he must go. The batsman replied: "Dennis, I'd love to go, but I daren't move. I think you have broken my leg." Moving isn't always easy, and although Jane and I have only been here a short while we are already feeling settled and at home. Thank you to everyone for making us so welcome since we arrived.

The batsman's words "I daren't move" got me thinking about how we as Christians and we as a Church also often find moving difficult. There have been so many changes in society, in attitudes and in technology in recent years, the development of IT being an obvious example, that I am sure there are times when we wish it would all slow down and we want to say "I'm not moving". But the gospel calls us to

move in all sorts of ways. Our spiritual lives should not be allowed to become stagnant or static. God is always drawing us and inviting us into a deeper relationship with him.

He also calls us to move outwards and move onwards in loving service to our families, neighbours and the communities where we live and work. I am being challenged at the moment by the words of 1Peter: "Be eager to do good." As we open our lives to God the Holy Spirit, may he find us eager and willing to keep moving in our journey of discipleship as we follow Jesus and seek to make him known to other people.

Michelangelo, one of the greatest artists and sculptors of all time, once said: "Lord, grant that I may desire more than I can accomplish." That may be a bit more than some of us can pray, but let's all be praying: "Lord, keep me moving."

With warmest best wishes,
+ Peter Bath and Wells

Priests and deacons ordained at Wells Cathedral

On the weekend of 28th-29th June, the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, Rt Revd Peter Hancock, and the Bishop of Taunton, Rt Revd Peter Maurice, ordained ten new priests and

nine new deacons at services held at Wells Cathedral. Glastonbury was soggy for the music festival but Wells stayed bright and sunny for the occasion!



The ordinands processed through the grounds of the Bishop's Palace to the cathedral.



Above: the ordinands pictured with both bishops. Photos courtesy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Diocese promotes Somerset credit union

Last year the Archbishop of Canterbury announced that he wanted the Church of England to provide alternatives to payday lenders and drive them out of business. The Diocese of Bath & Wells has now joined forces with Somerset Savings and Loans, the credit union for Somerset, to promote membership of the union and the benefits to the local community and economy.

Credit unions are mutual organisations, meaning that their members – rather than shareholders – share in the profits. Savers are encouraged to see opening a savings account with a credit union as an investment in their community, providing capital with which loans are made to other members. Somerset Savings and Loans has around 2,000 members,

with around £1.5m on deposit and almost £1m on loan. The union offers savings accounts such as NISAs, Bonus Bonds and Instant Access accounts, while personal loans of up to £10,000 are made to people from all over Somerset for the usual variety of purposes, including cars, holidays and home improvements. Anybody living or working in Somerset or North Somerset can join.

The Diocese is currently encouraging people to invest a small sum each month in their local credit union. Depositors' monies are safe because they are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme should anything untoward happen. Anybody tempted by payday lenders is also encouraged to consider a credit union loan instead: the top rate of interest is 26.8% APR rather than the 5,000% APR charged by payday lenders.

Visit www.somersetsavingsandloans.org.uk or www.somersetsupersavers.org for more information, or phone 01275 390650.



This month's charity: Mentoring Plus

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 10 August, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Mentoring Plus.

Mentoring Plus is a local charity that connects young people facing significant life challenges with mentors from their local community. It describes its mission as "changing the lives of vulnerable children and young people in Bath and NE Somerset". It does this by matching young people "one to one with a trained adult volunteer mentor. A mentor helps a young person build self

esteem, to cope with emotional difficulties and behaviour issues, to increase their happiness and wellbeing and to choose a positive path."

Young people

may be referred to Mentoring Plus with a range of risk factors, such as:

- In care or care leavers
- Excluded or at risk of exclusion from school
- Engaging in anti-social behaviour
- Known to have experienced abuse or domestic violence
- Inappropriate users of alcohol and drugs
- Suffering with mental health issues

Mentoring Plus also provides professional mentoring support to local schools, helping children and young people struggling with school or friendships feel happier, more engaged with school and more able to cope.

The year-long mentoring programme includes mentor training, introductory activities for young people, careful ongoing support and supervision, and access to a range of fun and skills-building activities. The charity recently marked 15 years of working in Bath and NE Somerset. For more details about Mentoring Plus and what it does, visit www.mentoringplus.net



Nearly 1000 ordained as Deacons and Priests

Between Pentecost and Michaelmas this year, nearly 1000 men and women are being ordained to minister in churches across the country.

Coming from a wide range of backgrounds including the Army, banking, social media consultancy and racecourse management, new deacons and priests are celebrating their new roles as "Reverends" within the Church of England.

As part of the ordination service, the new priests and deacons are addressed by a Bishop of the diocese in which they will serve who will say: "They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love.

They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who

are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible."

The Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft, Chair of the Church of England's Ministry Council, said:

"The ordination of nearly a thousand new deacons and priests in this season is a remarkable gift to both the Church and our nation. These deacons and priests will between them make an extraordinary contribution to the lives of communities across the land, in service, in leading God's people in worship and through inviting others to follow Christ.

"It is a huge encouragement to see so many women and men in every age group responding to God's call to ordained ministry".

For more on the story:
bit.ly/1000newrevs

Commissioners confirm Wonga exit

The Church Commissioners for England have announced that their indirect investment exposure to Wonga in their venture capital portfolio has been removed, and that the Church Commissioners no longer have any financial or any other interest in Wonga.

"The terms ensure that the Church Commissioners have not made any profit from their investment exposure to Wonga.

"At no time have the Commissioners invested directly in Wonga or in other pay day lenders. The indirect exposure of the Commissioners through pooled funds represented

considerably less than 0.01% of the value of Wonga.

"The Church Commissioners estimate that if they had had to sell their entire venture capital holdings they might have lost £3-9m to remove the exposure to Wonga, which was worth less than £100,000. The Commissioners are pleased that another way forward has been agreed given their fiduciary duties to clergy pensioners and to all the parts of the Church they support financially.

See full announcement at:
bit.ly/wongaexit

Women Bishops given final approval

General Synod has given its final approval for women to become bishops in the Church of England.

The vote on the Measure to admit women to the episcopate was carried by the required two-thirds majority in each of the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity.

The voting results were as follows:

House of Bishops: Yes 37 No 2 Abstentions 1

House of Clergy: Yes 162 No 25 Abstentions 4

House of Laity: Yes 152 No 45 Abstentions 5

As a result, the first woman bishop could potentially be appointed by the end of the year.

The vote comes 18 months after the proposal was last voted upon in November 2012 when the proposal failed to achieve the required two thirds majority in the House of Laity.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

Jim Wallis urges Synod to consider Common Good

Rev Jim Wallis, President and Founder of the US Christian community Sojourners, made a presentation to General Synod on 'the Uncommon Good' on the afternoon of Saturday 12th July.

During the presentation, he shared personal reflections on his work with Sojourners, and called on Synod and the Church as a whole to

"Today is the completion of what was begun over 20 years with the ordination of women as priests. I am delighted with today's result. Today marks the start of a great adventure of seeking mutual flourishing while still, in some cases disagreeing.

The challenge for us will be for the church to model good disagreement and to continue to demonstrate love for those who disagree on theological grounds. Very few institutions achieve this, but if we manage this we will be living out more fully the call of Jesus Christ to love one another. As delighted as I am for the outcome of this vote I am also mindful of those within the Church for whom the result will be difficult and a cause of sorrow.

For more information on the motion and Amending Canon:

bit.ly/wbmotion

bit.ly/wbcanon

see how the Common Good is the "highest of Christian principles"

The presentation in full is available at:

bit.ly/uncommongood

You can also listen to an interview with Rev Jim

Wallis about 'The Uncommon Good' at:

<http://bit.ly/jimwallis>

Church House Publishing launches two books at Fringe event

Two new books, on the Common Good and Assisted Dying were launched at a fringe event on Monday lunch.

The books, 'Anglican Social Theology', and 'At the end of the day', contain pastoral and theological reflections that provide insights into the Church's positions on

the Common Good (see above) and Assisted Dying.

The books are published by Church House Publishing, the official publisher for the Church of England, and are available at:

www.chpublishing.co.uk

Next stages on safeguarding legislation

The Draft Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure – to make provision about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; and to amend the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 - was introduced by the, Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, Chair of the Churches National Safeguarding committee. The motion that the Measure be considered for revision in committee was overwhelmingly approved by Synod.

In his speech to Synod, Bishop Paul said:

“Members of Synod, we have made far too many mistakes in the past in relation to safeguarding. This package of proposals is before you today as

part of how we wish to do everything reasonably possible to avoid making those mistakes in future. We must not be complacent.” In July 2013 Synod voted to work on legislative and non-legislative changes to tighten procedures which had been identified following the Chichester commissaries safeguarding reports.

Bishop Paul’s speech is available at:

bit.ly/paulbutlerspeech

The draft Measure that was approved for revision in committee is available at:

bit.ly/safeguardingmeasure

Clergy robes, baptism and other items of business

Rev Christopher Hobbs, (London) brought a Private Members Motion on clergy robes which he described as “a modest proposal that where the bishop and the church council agree, robes need not be worn”. He said that this was the case in many churches and wanted it reflected in Canon law. Members supported the motion to introduce draft legislation to amend the law relating to the vesture of ministers.

Synod also agreed to move forward on a new version of the baptism service “expressed in accessible language”. The motion was originally brought by Liverpool Diocese in 2011 and the House of Bishops then asked the Liturgical Commission “to prepare material to supplement the

Common Worship Initiation provision”. This has now been successfully piloted in more than 500 parishes and Synod voted to send the texts for revision in committee.

The 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta was recognised by Synod as an important opportunity for churches to celebrate the Charter’s principles “which established that the English Church and all our citizens shall live in freedom”. An amendment to the successful motion brought by Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) also encouraged churches to seek to increase the number of people voting.

For all General Synod business see

bit.ly/julysessions

Synod affirms support for Armed Forces

Rt Rev Nigel Stock, Bishop of Lambeth and the newly installed Bishop to the Forces introduced a motion to affirm the Church’s support for the Armed Forces.

Following his speech, Philip Fletcher opened the debate saying:

“The provision of pastoral and spiritual care to the Armed Forces Community needs to become a shared responsibility involving both the Chaplains to the Armed Forces and the wider Church.”

More information on the motion is available at:

bit.ly/armedforcescov

New retired clergy housing scheme announced

The Church of England Pensions Board has published the outcome of its review of rental housing for retired clergy, following a consultation process which took place last year. The publication summarising the consultation results and the Pensions Board's decisions is available below.

The main changes to the rental scheme are: that clergy will be able to start looking for a retirement property much earlier; they will be able to choose

their future home from a large pool of high quality properties in the certain knowledge of what the costs of each property will be, and they will pay a subsidised rent based on the value of the property they choose. None of these changes will take place before 1 April 2015.

More details can be found at:
bit.ly/charmconsult

18 Church of England cathedrals to receive money for 'essential repairs'

ChurchCare, the buildings division of the Church of England, has welcomed the announcement of £4.7 million in grants for 22 English cathedrals from a government-sponsored fund set up to support vital repairs.

Culture Secretary Sajid Javid announced that the first phase will provide 18 Church of England and four Roman Catholic cathedrals with grants worth between £15k and £500k for repairs ranging from urgent work to stained glass windows through to roofing and electrical projects.

The Cathedrals will receive £4.7 million of money made available as part of the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund. Further grants from the £20 million Fund will be awarded over the rest of the two year programme.

More on the story can be found at:
bit.ly/cathedralgrant

A full list of the Cathedrals receiving grant money is available at:
bit.ly/grantrecipients

News in Brief

Archbishop Justin joins faith leaders in statement opposing Assisted Dying Bill

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has joined more than 20 British faith leaders calling for Lord Falconer's Assisted Dying Bill not to be enacted.

In a joint statement published ahead of the House of Lords debate, faith leaders said that if passed the Bill would have "a serious detrimental effect on the wellbeing of individuals and on the nature and shape of our society."

The full statement is available at:
bit.ly/assisteddyingstatement

10 million rely on church community support according to new research

New research conducted for the Church Urban Fund, CUF, shows that 10 million adults a year in England use community services from churches. This is more than half of all those who access these services. The wide range of support includes food banks, luncheon clubs and night shelters along with relationship courses, financial advice and access to computers and the internet.

Read the full report at:
bit.ly/goodneighbours

Christ Church calendar August 2014

Aug 1 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

3 Sun *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*
4.30pm Choral Evensong? To be confirmed

6 Wed *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

8 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

10 Sun *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Thu Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:40pm

15 Fri *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

17 Sun *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

22 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

24 Sun *Bartholomew the Apostle*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

28 Thu *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo*

29 Fri *Beheading of John the Baptist*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

31 Sun *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

Sep 5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

7 Sun *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*
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 August 2014

Friday	1	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	2	That we may be stewards of creation
Sunday	3	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	4	For the Fairtrade movement
Tuesday	5	For the work of the emergency services
Wednesday	6	For all in hospital
Thursday	7	For vocations to the ministry
Friday	8	For the unemployed
Saturday	9	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Sunday	10	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Monday	11	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	12	For good harvests
Wednesday	13	For those on holiday
Thursday	14	For victims of violence
Friday	15	For our neighbours at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Saturday	16	That we may have the gift of hope
Sunday	17	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Monday	18	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	19	For the lonely and depressed
Wednesday	20	For those on the rota and Sarah who draws it up
Thursday	21	For the Queen and heads of state
Friday	22	For countries in conflict
Saturday	23	For prisoners and prison workers

Sunday	24	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Monday	25	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	26	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Wednesday	27	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
Thursday	28	For our Church Council
Friday	29	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Saturday	30	For children and their families
Sunday	31	For our diocese of Bath and Wells and for Peter our new Bishop

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
 Heather, Rachel and Simon Fox
 Katharine

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.

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Rotas for August 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 August 7th after Trinity	No reading	Andrew Sillett Romans 9:1-5	Richard Gabe Matthew 14:13-21
10 August 8th after Trinity	No reading	David Bishop Romans 10:5-15	June Matthews Matthew 14:22-33
17 August 9th after Trinity	No reading	Daphne Radenurst Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Martin Palmer Matthew 5:21-28
24 August St Bar- tholomew	No reading	Emma Elliott Acts 5:12-16	Brenda Wall Luke 22:24-30
31 August 11th after Trinity	No reading	Margaret Burrows Romans 12:9-end	Mark Elliott Matthew 16:21-end
7 Sep 12th after Trinity	Virginia Knight Ezekiel 33:7-11	Jane Fletcher Romans 13:8-end	Morny Davison Matthew 18:15-20

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
3 August	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Canon Melvyn Matthews
10 August	June Matthews, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Margaret Heath
17 August	Jane Fletcher, Lewis Boyd	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Revd Cliff Burrows
24 August	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards
31 August	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Mark Elliott
7 Sep	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Canon Angela Townshend

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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

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

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



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