



Christ Church Link

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In the works

An update on the bell restoration and tower works, and more

The second phase of our bell restoration project is making good progress. The builders are well advanced in blocking up the louvres in the bell chamber, which will make the bells less loud in the immediate neighbourhood, and have installed the new sound-proof floor at the top of the bell chamber. A trap-door in this will let the bells' sound out when open but remain closed for practice.

In late August our valiant volunteers hauled the old tenor bell frame up to the new floor. It's thought that parts of the frame date from as early as 1801, so it's being kept for its historical interest.

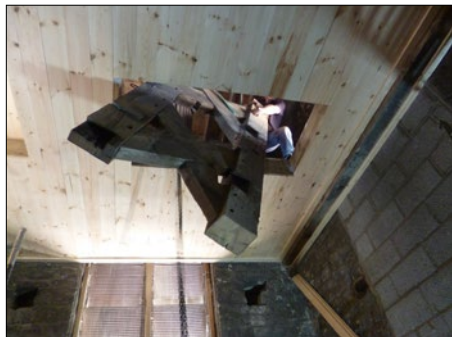
Whitechapel Bell Foundry is making ready to cast five new bells for us. Four of these are sponsored by generous benefactors and will have inscriptions commemorating their loved ones; the inscription on the fifth is to be decided by the Christ Church community, and

views are being canvassed at services. Please contact Canon Angela soon if you haven't yet contributed your views.

The foundry has graciously offered to host a special tour for us one evening in early October, and we hope to organise a coach to take us there and back. If you're interested, contact the vergier or one of the churchwardens for details.

Meanwhile we've had confirmation that one of our old bells, once it has been refurbished, will be shipped to a new home in the church of St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill, in the western suburbs of Sydney, Australia.

Finally, we've petitioned for a faculty (the Church of England counterpart of planning permission) to replace our ailing boiler and heating system, and if all goes well the work will get under way this month – and be completed before the cold weather sets in!



The old tenor bell frame is hauled up to its new home. The open louvres in the centre of this picture will be blocked up like those at the right.



Above the new floor. The arches will remain open, letting the sound of the bells out when the trap-door is open. Photos: David Kelly / Keltek Trust.

Iraq: pray, act, give

Local Bishops encourage support

In a summer that has been so full of terrible scenes on the world stage, the plight of refugees in Northern Iraq has been just one of many tragedies. But among the communities devastated by the rise of ISIS are the ancient Christian communities of Iraq, particularly in Mosul and Qaraqosh.

The Church of England has taken a very public stand in drawing the attention of the UK government to the plight of our brothers and sisters, and our local Bishops are calling on every church in the diocese to consider what we can do to help all the refugees and victims of the appalling violence.

They urge us to pray, act and give:

- use the Church of England's dedicated resources to pray, and to share these resources as widely as possible;
- display the "N" poster (pictured);
- write to our MPs about offering more humanitarian support and even asylum to victims;
- give as much as we can afford in aid.

The poster uses the Arabic letter "N", which has been daubed on the homes



of Christians (often called "Nasrani" – that is, "Nazarene" – in Arabic) in Mosul to identify them as targets for persecution or execution. This symbol has been picked up around the world as a way in which we can identify with those from all religious and ethnic communities who are being targeted.

For more, see http://bit.ly/bath_iraq

Celebrate 20 years of women's ministry

You'll be well aware by now that 2014 marks 20 years since the first ordination of women



The "class of '94" celebrate with the Archbishop of Canterbury at St Paul's Cathedral in May.

as priests in Britain. Bath and Wells will be celebrating on Saturday 27 September at 10.30am in Wells Cathedral with an informal gathering to which everyone is welcome.

Women priests from the "class of '94" will explore past, present and future, and share their experiences of how things have changed in the past 20 years. All guests are being invited to dress in bright colours to reflect the celebratory theme.

Those present will also enjoy live music, song and interactive art, and drinks will be provided after the service so that all can raise a glass to celebrate.

Home Group

The first meeting of the Home Group for this term will be on Thursday 18 September. This term's theme is "Temple Theology: Familiar Texts through an Ancient Lens".

Those who wrote our Scriptures were all familiar with the rituals and traditions of the Hebrew Temple, destroyed by Titus in 70AD. We are not. Canon Simon Tatton-Brown will lead us on an exploration of these texts in the light of Temple Theology and recent study of long-forgotten traditions. The text for the first meeting is "And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom" (Mark 15:38), and we'll look at the Temple as the boundary between heaven and earth.

Meetings will take place every fortnight (so the second will be Thursday 2 October, then 16 October, and so on). Meetings will be at 7:30pm 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.

Copies of the programme for the rest of the term, with the dates of the meetings, are available at the back of the church.

CTB news

When the Central Area of Churches Together in Bath was disbanded in early 2014, Christ Church decided to join the North East Area. Our CTB rep Margaret Heath writes:

My introduction to the north east area was not at a meeting but a service. Representatives of the churches in the area met at Woolley for a Celtic evensong, followed by refreshments. It was a beautiful summer evening and the church looked lovely, and there must have been about 40 there. I at once felt among friends and met key people whom I shall see at the next meeting.

I am still hoping that someone will join me as a Christ Church rep on CTB. It's a valuable ecumenical link with other churches in our area, and could be a worthwhile part of our mission. CTB plans to be involved in, for example, the treatment of dementia, the care of the environment, and end-of-life care.

Commemorating World War I

Churches across the country held a wide range of events and activities to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in August.



Among these was a candlelit vigil in Bath Abbey on the night of Monday 4 August, drawing upon the remark made on 4 August 1914 by Sir Edward Grey, Britain's foreign secretary of the day, that "The lamps are going out all over Europe". The vigil began with hundreds of candles, which were extinguished one by one until the final candle was blown out at 11pm, the moment of Britain's ultimatum to Germany.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has also launched a Schools Remembrance Project in support of the Royal British Legion's Centenary Poppy Campaign. Church schools in the diocese all received a packet of seeds, so they could grow a patch of poppies to commemorate those who lost their lives in the First World War.

Seeds could be planted in early June to flower around now, or planted now to flower in April-June 2015.

More information and resources can be found on the diocesan webpage at <http://bit.ly/1oqWRSA>

The CofE WWI commemoration page is at www.churchofengland.org/ww1



Mothers' Union news

Sylvia Ayers writes:

Last month we reported that in July we raised £106 for the 2014 MU Wheels Appeal, so once again we must say thank you to those who brought or bought cakes for us.

Our next Corporate Communion Service will be in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 3rd September at 11am, when we once again urge all members of the congregation to join us for this simple but moving "said" service, which lasts less than half an hour. The MU Prayer will again be used, after which we will enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and chat at the back of the church. A fortnight after this, Canon Angela will hold a meeting at her home, at which everyone is welcome, especially all our MU members and supporters. This will be on Tuesday 16th September at 7:30pm, when we hope to plan our autumn programme and to discuss possible new members' enrolments, so we do hope for a good attendance at this friendly meeting.

Margaret Burrows has once again agreed to distribute MU Cookbooks to the first-year students at the beginning of the Universities' autumn term. She will be at Bath Spa University on Wednesday 24th September, and at the University of Bath at Combe Down on Friday 26th. In 2013, she gave away 3,000 cookbooks, and with the prospect of a similar number this year, she would very much appreciate help with the distribution. This is also the occasion when she gives out flapjacks to the students, and for these she will also rely on congregational help. If you can make a tray of these delicious sweets for her, please bring them to her on the Sunday before the distribution days, and she will be eternally grateful for your help.

Looking forward to next month, Friday 17th October is the date of the Bath Deanery MU Indoor Members Service. This is held annually in different churches in the Bath Deanery, and this year our Christ Church MU members have been asked to host the event. It will be a Communion Service at 2:30pm, which MU member Canon Angela will conduct, and more details will be available in next month's magazine.

Coming events

Lectures: "The Ageing Agenda"

What is it? Wells Cathedral Autumn Lectures. The first is "Memories are Made of This" by Prof. Steven Rose on Tuesday 9 September. The second is "Enjoying Life in the Departure Lounge" by journalist David Winter on Tuesday 16 September. The third is "Growing older: opportunity and challenge for the spiritual journey" by Dr Harriet Mowat on Tuesday 30 September. All start at 7:30pm. *Where?* Wells Cathedral
Tickets? Admission free, no booking required.

Organ recital in aid of flood relief

What is it? Jonathan Vaughn, Assistant Organist of Wells Cathedral, will give an organ recital in aid of the Somerset Community Foundation's Flood Relief Fund. Pieces include works by Elgar and Wagner, and his own arrangement of the March from "The Dam Busters". *When is it?* Sunday 14 September, 4:30pm
Where? Wells Cathedral
Tickets? Admission free; retiring collection for flood relief. For further information on the series, visit somersetorganists.org/whats-on

Community Conversation

What is it? A discussion about Assisted Dying. For details see last month's *Christ Church Link*. *When is it?* Friday 19 September, 7pm
Where? Bath Central United Reformed Church, Argyle Street
Tickets? Please sign up at the back of church.

"The Armed Man" & choral classics

What is it? A fundraising concert for Wells Cathedral featuring a programme of popular choral classics including Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace". *When is it?* Saturday 27 September, 7:00pm
Where? Wells Cathedral
Tickets? £10 to £25, available from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office and at the door. For details call 01749 672773 or visit the website at wells cathedral.org.uk

Christ Church Harvest Supper

When is it? Saturday 4 October. Details to follow, but put the date in your diary now!

Bishop's Message for September

Fact, feeling and future



**From the Rt Revd Peter Maurice,
Bishop of Taunton**

Towards the end of July the Archdeacon of Wells and I were involved in the “travelling” licensing of Jane Twitty, priest in charge to some of the parishes around Langport. One of the parishes in her care is Muchelney, a village very much in the news during the winter floods. During the licensing, we drove along roads that had been impassable to us when we visited at the end of January. The fields which had become lakes in the winter months were now not only dry but filled with bales of hay that had been harvested. On the surface at least the restorative power of nature had got to work.

However, it would be a huge mistake to imagine that life on the Levels has returned to normal. There are many people, particularly in Moorland, who have yet to reclaim their homes, and the long-term effects of the flooding, particularly on people’s livelihoods and emotional well-being, will be felt for some time to come.

It was with this thought in mind that earlier this year I commissioned a

report on the floods. “Fact, feeling and future” was published in August and offers a snapshot of the impacts and implications for the affected parishioners of Somerset. The purpose of the report is to inform policy and practice locally and nationally and to serve as a reminder that whilst the waters have abated, people on the Levels still need our help. Although the floods impacted on a relatively small part of the Diocese, those affected were deeply grateful for the practical and prayerful support of friends from across the Diocese and beyond. It gave to all of us a deeper understanding of what it means for us to say that we are “The Body of Christ.”

You are likely to be preparing for some kind of Harvest celebration over the next few weeks. As you do, please will you continue to pray for those communities still recovering from the floods and that God will continue the work of restoration and renewal.

+ Peter Taunton

Churches played a vital role in the relief effort to support communities cut off or otherwise affected by the Somerset floods of 2013-14. The aim is that by implementing the report's recommendations, the diocese and its churches can respond even more quickly and effectively to floods of this scale, and mitigate their devastating impact. Read more at <http://bit.ly/1mZdDZD>.

DOROTHY NORTHOVER As we go to press, word has just reached us that Dorothy Northover, a long-standing member of the Christ Church congregation, has died. Her funeral is at 2:30pm on Monday 8 September at Haycombe Cemetery. Our prayers go out to her family. May she rest in peace.

Concerts coming this month

The Boyan Ensemble of Kiev perform “Sacred Chants and Songs of Ukraine”, combining the splendour and spiritual drama of the Eastern Orthodox tradition, plus songs from the rich folk culture of Ukraine. Concerts take place near Bath in the coming month:

• **Bristol:** Tuesday 30 September, 7:30pm at St George's, Great George Street (off Park Street), BS1 5RR. Box Office: 0845 40 24 001, www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk

• **Bradford-on-Avon:** Thursday 2 October, 7:30pm at St Margaret's Hall, BA15 1DE.

Tickets: Wiltshire Music Centre, 01225 860100, www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk.

For more about the ensemble and other venues, see the notice at the back of the church or visit www.vocalclassics.co.uk/boyan

Even closer to home, the CitySound Choir of Bath presents a concert titled “Shine the Light” at 7:30pm on Friday 26 September in St Swithin's church, The Paragon. Tickets cost £10 (or £25 for a family ticket). For details, look for the poster and flyers at the back of the church, or waylay Simon Tatton-Brown.

This month's charity: WaterAid



The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 14 September, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to WaterAid.

Roughly one in ten of the world's population, 748 million people, don't have access to safe water. 2.5 billion people don't have access to adequate sanitation. And more than 500,000 children die every year from diarrhoea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation. That's over 1,400 children a day. Half the hospital beds in developing countries are filled with people suffering from diseases caused by poor water, sanitation and hygiene.

Without safe water or sanitation, people are trapped in a cycle of poverty and disease. WaterAid is a charity founded in 1981 which works globally for long-term, sustainable solutions to this crisis. WaterAid explains: “To transform lives, we deliver taps and toilets, campaign for change and build the skills of local people. We work with local partners to help communities access safe water and sanitation. And we use our experience and research to influence decision-makers to do more to provide these vital services.

“By working with local partners we are able to invest in the future of local

communities so that they can continue the good work. This is an essential part of our work as we believe it is the most progressive and sustainable approach.

“We reached over 200 people an hour with safe water in 2013-14. For every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of at least \$4 is returned in increased productivity” particularly because women and children no longer have to collect and carry water from long distances away.

Of every £1 it received last year, WaterAid says it spent 77p on delivering services to those in need, 22p on fundraising, and 1p on governance.

For more on the organisation, what it does and how it is run, visit www.wateraid.org/uk/



Young girls in Sanankoro village, Mali, practise good hygiene by washing their hands in clean water from their new water points. Photo: WaterAid/Layton Thompson

In Focus

Pray. Act. Give.

Church responds to Iraq Crisis

The Church of England is calling on its members to pray, act and give to those suffering in Iraq under the actions of ISIS.

The Archbishop of York issued three prayers for Mosul (page four) and the third of these can be used for all those fleeing persecution across the country.

Churches are being encouraged to act by download a poster and to display it in homes, churches and noticeboards to display their support for all religious minorities fleeing persecution.

The poster uses the Arabic letter, “N”, which has been daubed on the homes of Christians (often called ‘Nasrani’ in Arabic) in Mosul to identify them as targets for persecution or execution. This symbol has been picked up around the world as a way in which the Church can identify with those from all religious and ethnic communities who are being targeted by ISIS. The Church is committed to championing freedom of religion and belief worldwide as a fundamental and internationally recognised human right.

The Archbishop of Canterbury issued a statement on the situation in Iraq. In the statement, the Archbishop said “It is extremely important

that aid efforts are supported and that those who have been displaced are able to find safety. I believe that, like France, the United Kingdom’s doors should be open to refugees, as they have been throughout history.”

Churches and individuals are also being encouraged to write to their local MPs urging them to press the Government to increase Britain’s humanitarian efforts for all those affected by the crisis and to ask for asylum to be granted to a fair number of those who will be unable to return to their homes.

Finally, donations can be made to the Anglican Diocese for Cyprus and the Gulf which is part of the Church network functioning alongside the Kurdish authorities in the absence of the normal international relief agencies. The immediate need is funds for food, and further priority is to providing accommodation for those sleeping in schools or even in the streets.

Further resources including the ‘We Are N’ poster (left), the Archbishop of Canterbury’s statement and the Archbishop of York’s prayers are available at:
www.churchofengland.org/iraq

WW1 centenary commemorations begin with Abbey service

Churches and communities around the country have begun commemorations for the centenary of WW1, including Westminster Abbey which marked the outbreak of the war with a mass extinguishing of candles during its commemoration service.

For more information and background on special services, worship resources and further interviews about the impact of World War One, visit:

www.churchofengland.org/ww1/

September

Welcome to the latest edition of *In Focus*. 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.

New Chair of the Board of Education

The Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway has accepted the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to be the lead bishop for Education.

The role includes chairing the Church's national Board of Education and the National Society Council as well as negotiating with government departments and ministers. He will take up the post in the autumn succeeding the Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard who is retiring at the end of October.

Bishop Stephen shares how his time at a church secondary school in south London provided his early Christian formation and equipped him to go to university — the first in his family to do so. “It is an immense privilege to be asked to take on this role, especially as education continues to be such a key issue in our society.”

Watch an interview with the Bishop of Ely at:
bit.ly/leadbishopseducation

A Harvest Near You

Churches across the country are being encouraged to support Bring Home the Harvest campaign part of British Food Fortnight (20 September - 5 October), which encourages community organisations and schools to learn more about UK food and support British producers.

To mark the fortnight churches can add their harvest events to the newly created www.aharvestnearyou.com, a database to publicise and share celebrations including harvest suppers and church services.

Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, the Church's national rural officer, said: “Harvest Festival is not just a quaint tradition carried on by the rural church but an opportunity in the modern world

to reconnect with food, farming and the countryside. Harvest Festival is also a time to have fun in praising God and to share food together.

“All churches wherever they are should plan to have a harvest festival celebration, publicising it as widely as possible including through the new database. This is also a good opportunity to get involved in the Love British Food events and draw young people and the wider community into the important debate on food and have some fun at the same time.”

Find out more at:
www.aharvestnearyou.com

Commissioners sell Pollen Estate stake

The Church Commissioners have sold their stake in the Pollen Estate for £381m, making it their largest single property sale undertaken.

Joseph Cannon, Chief Surveyor of the Church Commissioners said: “As we expected, the depth and calibre of international interest in the Estate was impressive, with a range of buyers showing a strong interest in the Commissioners' majority holding. The Church

Commissioners are an endowment charity committed to supporting the ministry of the Church, particularly in areas of need and opportunity.

“The sale of our interest, which has been built up since we first invested in the Estate more than 50 years ago, is part of that commitment. We are very pleased to have sold to Norges Bank Investment Management and The Crown Estate who see the long term value of the Estate.”

New stats show record levels of giving

Parishes across the country raised a record amount of £929 million in 2012 to fund the Church's ministry and mission across the country according to latest statistics.

Parishes raised these funds from a combination of investments, legacies and donations despite the reduced gift aid rates. The figure represents an increase on £916m in 2011.

In addition to funding the work of the Church at a parish, diocesan and national level, Parish Churches also continued to give generously to other organisations donating more than £46m to

other charitable organisations, exceeding the £43.3m raised by Children in Need.

The statistics also show that after three years of deficits, parishes have successfully reduced their expenditure and encouraged more giving, to reach a break-even point in 2012. After adjusting for inflation, the data show that expenditure increased between 2002 and 2009 but has been steadily declining since.

**Find the full financial statistics at:
bit.ly/financestats12**

Pensions Board annual report published

The Pensions Board has published its full Annual Report and Accounts for 2013, showing investment returns have done better than their targets.

In 2013, the Board focused on the retirement services offered to clergy. The valuation of the Clergy Pension Scheme was completed with only a small increase in the contribution rate, and no changes to the benefits package offered to clergy.

A consultation on the CHARM rental housing scheme was also launched. The results and changes arising from that consultation have also been announced.

Dr Jonathan Spencer, Chairman of the Pensions Board, said:

“During 2013, we worked closely with our partners in the dioceses and others to complete the clergy pension valuation in a timely manner. This partnership is important to us and, along with delivering a professional high quality service to our customers, is at the centre of our values.”

**The report can be found at:
bit.ly/pensionsreport13**

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Church House Publishing celebrates 100,000 app downloads

The Archbishop of York is amongst those celebrating the success of five apps published by Church House Publishing (CHP), reaching a landmark 100,000 downloads across 140 countries.

To mark this accomplishment, CHP has published an infographic to celebrate the landmark number of Christians now praying and reading their Bible on the go - wherever they are in the world - from Scarborough beach to Ephesus, from the East Coast of the USA to the daily commute.

The Archbishop of York said: "The official CofE apps - especially the free Daily Prayer app launched earlier this year - are a fantastic resource at the touch of a button. I use the apps regularly whilst I am travelling, and they make it easy to join in the prayer of the Church anytime. I even used the app on a recent overseas trip to Ephesus

and Cairo, so didn't need a suitcase full of books with me - marvellous!"

The Ven Christine Hardman, Archdeacon emeritus of Southwark said she had found the Daily Prayer app invaluable on her 2,500 mile cycle trip this year, along the East coast of the United States. "I used the app each day as not only did it supply the Bible readings but also the prayers so I didn't need any books."

The Daily Prayer app released earlier this year is free to download. It is the fifth app to be released by the CofE and complements existing apps including Reflections for Daily Prayer, Sunday Worship and the Lectionary of Services for the Church of England.

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

Archbishop of York issues prayers for Mosul

Holy God, your Holy family was driven into exile and many holy innocent boys were massacred, we hold before you today the suffering people of Mosul. **Amen**

Lord, in this city where Christians and Muslims have lived together for over 1400 years, we pray for healing, peace and restoration. Bring light out of this present darkness and hope from despair that guided by your Holy Spirit, all your children may find a new way forward together based on your love for us all. **Amen**

Hold in your loving arms, all those who have been caught up in this conflict. We pray for those forced to flee their homes, all who have lost friends, family and possessions and who now face an uncertain future. Bless our Christian brothers and sisters who have seen the destruction of their churches and communities and for our Muslim neighbours who have also experienced destruction and suffering. **Amen**

These prayers are also available at:
www.archbishopofyork.org

Christ Church calendar Sept. 2014

Sep	2	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting 7:40pm
	3	Wed	11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	7	Sun	<i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4.30pm Choral Evensong
	12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	14	Sun	<i>Holy Cross Day</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	16	Tue	Mothers' Union meeting, 7:30pm
	18	Thu	Home Group first meeting, 7:30pm
	19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	21	Sun	<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	28	Sun	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	29	Mon	<i>Michael and All Angels</i>
Oct	1	Wed	11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	2	Thu	Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:40pm
	3	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	4	Sat	Harvest Supper, 7:30pm
	5	Sun	<i>Harvest</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 September 2014

Monday	1	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	2	For our own personal witness
Wednesday	3	For our plans for the church building
Thursday	4	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Friday	5	For Keri and the Cedar Tree
Saturday	6	For victims of natural disasters
Sunday	7	For Angela and Ned
Monday	8	For all at school
Tuesday	9	For Christian unity
Wednesday	10	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Thursday	11	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives
Friday	12	For the homeless
Saturday	13	For peace
Sunday	14	For Angela our Verger
Monday	15	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday	16	For the local Deanery Synod
Wednesday	17	For the mentally ill
Thursday	18	For our Home Group, meeting tonight
Friday	19	For those who lack food or water
Saturday	20	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Sunday	21	For Mark, Keith and the choir
Monday	22	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	23	That we may have grace to love

Wednesday	24	For the Mothers' Union
Thursday	25	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Friday	26	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	27	For those who live or work in care homes
Sunday	28	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Monday	29	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	30	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

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 September 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
7 Sep 12th after Trinity	Virginia Knight Ezekiel 33:7-11	Jane Fletcher Romans 13:8-end	Morny Davison Matthew 18:15-20
14 Sep Holy Cross Day	Margaret Heath Numbers 21:4-9	Georgina Bowman Philippians 2:6-11	Sylvia Ayers John 3:13-17
21 Sep St Matthew	Penny Edwards Proverbs 3:13-18	Rebekah Cunningham 2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Lewis Boyd Matthew 9:9-13
28 Sep 15th after Trinity	Rosanne Gabe Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end	Rowena Hall Philippians 2:1-13	Malcolm Wall Matthew 21:23-32
5 October Harvest	Sarah Cade Isaiah 5:1-7	Judith Anderson 2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Alex Soboslay Luke 12:16-21

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
7 Sep	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Canon Angela Townshend
14 Sep	Jane Fletcher, Lewis Boyd	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Martin Palmer
21 Sep	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
28 Sep	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Georgina Bowman
5 October	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott

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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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