



Progress report

Where we are on the bell restoration works, and heating too!

Our builders have nearly completed the second phase of our bell restoration project. The open louvres in the bell chamber have all been blocked up, so the bells won't be as overwhelmingly loud in the immediate neighbourhood. A new sound-proofed floor is in place above the bell chamber, with sound control trap-doors which can be closed to keep the sound in for practice but when raised will let the bells' sound out at the top of the louvred openings.

Four of our five new bells were cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry on Thursday 18 September. (They couldn't all be cast at once because the furnace capacity isn't great enough.) The fifth will be cast in mid October. After tuning, the full ring of eight will then travel to the bell-hanger's in Bridport in Dorset to be fitted to their new frames.

The new bellframe and bells are due to be delivered to Christ Church at the start of December. The grillage (the main frame structure) will then be fitted into the bell chamber walls, but there won't then be time to install the bells themselves before Christmas and they might have to stay on display in the church until February, when the bell-hanger can return to fit them. They are likely to take up quite a lot of room at the back of the church and get in the way a bit at our busiest time of year, so your indulgence will be appreciated if an alternative solution can't be found. On the positive side, this should give us the opportunity to see the bells, and with luck to have them blessed and

dedicated before they go up into the tower – watch this space!

Meanwhile our ailing old boiler has been replaced and the heating system overhauled. The original plan was to install a split system with an additional boiler in the kitchen to serve the back of the church, the entrance lobby and the toilet area after they're refurbished, but this phase has been deferred until plans for the west end of the building have been decided: the heating engineer found that the work required would have meant a significant amount of damage to the carpet and flooring at the back of the church, so it made more sense to tackle this as part of a single programme of works at the west end.

That's the next item on the agenda. Watch for details of the proposals and information about how you can make your views known.



The sound control doors in the new floor above the bell chamber. When open, they let the sound of the bells out. Photo: David Kelly / Keltek Trust.

Great Bath Bake Sale

Calling all bakers! As part of the Great Bath Feast, Bath Abbey is hosting a bake sale with a difference and inviting people from Mary Berry's home town to join in.

On Saturday 18 October, tables filled with hundreds of cakes, cookies and bakes will line the Abbey's north aisle for the Great Bath Bake Sale. It will be the first time that the public will be able to show their support for Footprint, the Abbey's fundraising appeal driven by the need to save the historic floor from collapse. Two local food charities, Bath FoodCycle and FareShare, will also be represented and both will receive a share of the proceeds.

Taking place between 1pm and 4pm, the event will also feature hands-on bread-making workshops for children from Bath's famous Bertinet Kitchen. Donations of cakes, breads or any baked goods will be gratefully received on the morning of the sale, or just drop by to enjoy a selection of tasty treats.

For more details visit www.bathabbey.org/greatbathbakesale

Make churches Open to All

The Diocese of Bath and Wells is looking for people with personal, lived experience of any aspect of disability; professional experience of disability; carers or partners of people with disabilities, who would like to contribute to the work of Open to All.

Open to All seeks to help churches to be as accessible and inclusive as possible for people with disabilities, whether it is wheelchair-testing church buildings, advising on ways to include children with additional needs in worship, or explaining what it is like to experience church when you're on the autism spectrum. Volunteers are needed to help with carrying out access audits, looking at church life from the perspective of all kinds of disability. Full training will be given, and travel expenses paid.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Wendy Bryant, the diocesan Open to All Adviser, by e-mail at wendy.bryant@bathwells.anglican.org

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia Ayers writes:

At the meeting on Tuesday 16 September our autumn programme was discussed, and it was proposed that we enrol some new members, perhaps during a Sunday Service. We have a list of potential members, so it remains to fix a convenient date for this short ceremony.

Friday October 17th 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 it will be at Christ Church hosted by our MU Branch. It will be a Communion Service at 2.30pm, which Canon Angela will conduct, and as refreshments will be available after the service, we will need plenty of help.

On Wednesday October 22nd, we are all invited to Monkton Combe Junior School to meet the new MU Worldwide President, Lynn Temby. She will be there from 10am until 3pm, which should give us all the chance to hear her thoughts and perhaps to speak with her.

In November, our Corporate Communion Service will be in the Lady Chapel at 11am on Wednesday 5th. Attendance at this simple "said" service forms part of our commitment to the Mothers' Union, so if you are planning to be enrolled, this is a "must" if it is at all possible. The MU Prayer will again be used, after which we will enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and chat at the back of the church. Two of our "Angelas" give up their valuable time to take important parts in this service, so may we urge you to give up half an hour once a month to support them. Will we see you there, or will the congregation again consist of only "two or three gathered together" as has been the case at the last two services?

Our next Group meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th, at a venue to be arranged. Several speakers are being approached, so put the date in your diary and watch this space! Then, later on, we hope to put on some form of Christmas Activity. More details will come as soon as we have them.

Finally, Margaret Burrows sends huge thanks to all who provided flapjacks for the first-year students at Bath's universities at the beginning of their autumn term last month.

Church bell ringing record attempt

Can't wait for our bells to return? If you love the sound of bells, you'll be interested to hear that a Somerset church is attempting to break the world record for church bell ringing.

12 experienced bellringers from all over the country will meet on Saturday 11 October to ring more than 21,000 changes of a method called Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The existing record, set at Birmingham Cathedral in 1965, is 16,368 changes.

Ringling will begin at 7am and will take about 14 hours to complete – and the rules

say that each ringer must ring his own bell for the whole time without a break!

The venue is South Petherton Parish Church (TA13 5DQ, between Yeovil and Ilminster). The church will be open all day so that visitors can listen to the bells, enjoy the refreshments available, and watch the ringers via a video link. The church hopes to raise £20,000 by sponsorship, with proceeds being shared between Macmillan Cancer Support, the church and village groups. For details, visit www.southpethertonchurch.org.uk

Friends remembered

Last month we said farewell to two long-standing members of the Christ Church community. On 8 September, Canon Angela conducted a moving ceremony at Haycombe Crematorium for Dorothy Northover, who died on 27 August. On 18 September, Christ Church was the venue for a service of thanksgiving for the life of Adrian Pegg, who died on 2 September. Adrian was for many years our USPG rep and also ran the book stall in the Christmas Market which we used to hold in the Guildhall each year, as well as occasional book sales in church. Both Dorothy and Adrian will be missed, and our prayers are with their families and many friends.



Traidcraft Sunday

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

There's nothing like walking in someone else's shoes, as the saying tells us, to help us develop empathy and understanding for another person and their situation. And that's the thinking behind Traidcraft's "Meet the People" tours, trips enabling people to visit the farmers, craftspeople and other workers who produce the many products on offer in the Traidcraft catalogue and website, see fair trade in practice, meet the people whose lives are being changed and, as far as possible, "walk in their shoes".

Melvyn and June Matthews have been on two such tours, and our service on October 26th is going to be focussing on Traidcraft and will include a presentation by Melvyn and June about their experiences. There'll be a

Traidcraft stall after the service where we hope to have available some of the crafts on offer in the catalogue as well as the usual food items and cards.

It's that time of year when we start thinking about Christmas, so do consider buying some of your Christmas cards and gifts from Traidcraft, making the producers happy as well as the gift or card recipients! You could put together a fairly traded food hamper as a gift, or use Traidcraft fruit, nuts and sugar for a fairly traded Christmas pudding or cake. I can take orders, saving you post and packing costs – please take a catalogue from the stall or look at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk. If you'd like to learn more about the "Meet the People" tours look at; www.traidcraft.co.uk/get_involved/meet_the_people

Churches Together

Margaret Heath writes:

The CTB North East Area committee met at St Saviour's, Larkhall, in the morning of 25 September. We had a lay chair and another rep led the opening prayer. As it was my first meeting, I was welcomed. (I said I was coming home, as we used to belong to the zone, and the Rector murmured "prodigal daughter".)

In discussing absences we got onto the subject of strains on clergy. Rachel Forfars is still suffering from stress and off until at least Christmas. There was a strong feeling that clergy were too few and did too much. "Learn to say 'no'" was the cry.

Plans include a joint service at St Stephen's at 6.30pm on 30 November and carol singing at the Care Home in Larkhall at 10.30am on 20 December. Two from each church are asked to sing. I hope we can supply same.

David Pendle gave a report from the executive. The Open Christmas committee has already met. *More publicity needed.* We had only about 120 guests last year and can accommodate 180. 400 meals are prepared to feed guests, helpers and those at Julian House. BathCAN is going strong, and there is a community building conference at South Down Methodist Church Centre on Saturday 8 November 10am-4pm, £10 to include lunch. See the poster on our noticeboard and do take a poster if interested. There is a meeting at 10am at the YMCA on 29 October, to which all are welcome.

Each representative gave news of their church. The wife of the Rector of St Saviour, after 9 months of ME and permanent tiredness, had experienced healing at a healing meeting at the Forum and had been much better for two weeks. Other reports included mention of Home Groups for study, prayer groups, plans for development (loo at Charcombe), worrying cracks at St Stephen's and their need to raise £50,000. I mentioned we were getting Karen Armstrong.

We stopped at noon, having covered a lot of ground. Our next meeting is 8 January at Claremont. As with so many committees nowadays, there is a need for some younger members. Come and join us!

Coming events

Remembrance Sunday: Fauré Requiem

What is it? A devotional performance of Fauré's Requiem, sung by Wells Cathedral Choir, interspersed with War Poetry.

When is it? Sunday 9 November, 3:00pm

Where? Wells Cathedral

Tickets? Admission free; retiring collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral Music. For details, visit wellscathedral.org.uk

Understanding Islam

What is it? An intensive three-day course led by Dr Chris Hewer, designed to give an appreciation of the inner dimensions of Islam and the way that it shapes the lives of Muslims, as well as the outer manifestations of Islam as a religion. Put simply, if we are to engage with our Muslim fellow citizens, then we need to understand something of their world view, beliefs, practices and the history of relations through the centuries.

When is it? Tuesday 11 November, 9:00am

Where? Ammerdown Conference and Retreat Centre, near Radstock, BA3 5SW

For details & bookings: <http://ammerdown.org/Understanding-Islam-2014>

Welcoming foreign students

International students come to British universities with minds open to new ideas and insights of their own to share. Sadly, they may experience culture shock, loneliness and even racist abuse. But a homely welcome is available through HOST. A one-off day, weekend, or Christmas visit to a volunteer host brings mutual understanding, changed perceptions, as well as fun and laughter – and this makes a lasting personal contribution to international kindness. HOST needs more

invitations all over the country, so see how

you can enjoy this opportunity

at www.hostuk.org,

or call 020

7739 6292.



Bishop's Message for October

"It rained and rained and rained and rained and..."



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

I don't know what you did on Bank Holiday Monday, but I was taking part in the Annual Raft Race in Wells. And, my word, did it rain. It was so wet you couldn't tell who had fallen off their raft into the moat and who were simply spectators. It was such a shame, as so much work had gone into organising it.

I felt particularly sad for the stallholders, most of whom were volunteers who had come to raise money and support for various local charities. As the rain poured down they were

forced to seek shelter under trees and gazebos. There were lots of good causes represented, with a wide range of charities, all of which do a fantastic job in different ways. It made me realise again just how fortunate we are in this country to have so many charities which together provide vital support, advice, care or assistance to millions of people each week. Most of that amazing work would not happen without volunteers playing their part and giving their time.

The same is true in the church. We are so richly blessed with dedicated people who give so generously of their time, maintaining our churches and ensuring that they are open and welcoming; overseeing church finances and safeguarding; serving on committees or as a school governor; working with children and young people; praying; taking services; preaching; visiting and caring for people. The list is endless. In many of our smaller churches, however, it is not always easy to get people who will serve as churchwardens, treasurers or church officers and sometimes the "turn" on the coffee or flower rota seems to come round somewhat too often.

So let me use this article to encourage everyone to ask the question: "Is there something else that I could do to support my church and to play my part in serving my local community?" If there is, I am sure your offer to help will be warmly received.

With warm Christian greetings

+ Peter Bath and Wells

Bishop of Taunton announces retirement



The Rt Rev Peter Maurice, Bishop of Taunton, has announced that he will retire at the end of August 2015, just after his 64th birthday. He and his wife Liz will move to Maidstone in Kent.

“In the summer of 2015 I will have been ordained for over 40 years,” he said in a statement. “My time in the diocese has been immensely rewarding, both as Archdeacon of Wells and the last eight years as Bishop of Taunton. I have felt truly challenged and fulfilled. I will miss the colleagues with whom I have worked so closely, as well as the clergy and other friends that I have got to know and love.”

We have welcomed Bishop Peter to Christ Church on several occasions. He presided at our patronal festival last year on Sunday 24 November, and dedicated our restored lanterns. We will all wish him well in his retirement.

This month's charity: Us

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 12 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Us (formerly USPG).

The United Society (Us) is a church-based charity working in direct partnership with Anglican Churches around the world. According to its website, “How we work looks different according to the culture and context of our church partners:

- In Zimbabwe, we initiated a national programme to tackle HIV stigma so more people will come forward to receive counselling and treatment.
- In Myanmar, we are supporting a programme to take healthcare into isolated rural communities.
- In South Africa, we have developed a

programme to provide church leaders with practical development skills.

“Our programmes have a deep impact because they are run by local churches that are embedded in the communities they serve – communities that have often been overlooked. We don't give handouts, which can create dependency. Instead, we support the development of local skills and the empowerment of communities, leading to change from within.

“While our programme partners are predominantly Anglican, we work ecumenically and with other faith communities for the benefit of all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender or sexuality.”

The charity was founded in 1701 by Revd Thomas Bray to export the traditions of the Church of England to expatriates who had settled in North America. The work grew over the decades, so that eventually it was working with churches in many countries and continents. By 1965 it had become USPG, and in 2012 it changed its name to United Society, to be known as Us. “Our new name,” it says, “is rooted in the gospel. It is a reminder that God's love is for all of us – Jesus' promise of a full life is for every person in every community. We are all part of 'us'.”

For more details about the work, aims and governance of Us, visit www.weareus.org.uk



In Focus

Vigil of Hope and Trust for Peace

Archbishop Sentamu holds week of Prayer at York Minster

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu held an eight-day long fast and prayer at York Minster for peace around the world

During the Vigil, Archbishop Sentamu said prayers each hour between 6am and 6pm for all people around the world affected by conflict, and prayers were said especially for the peoples of Afghanistan, Chad, The Central African Republic, Egypt, Gaza, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and the West Bank.

Archbishop Sentamu issued a statement immediately following the close of the Vigil with Bishop Mouneer Anis, the Bishop of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, and President Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Archbishop Sentamu said:

“Fasting and praying has been a real

blessing to me as have many people who attended and participated in prayer. People came from across our Global Village. I was strengthened in my prayers by the presence of Bishop Mouneer Anis, the President Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East who has been staying with me and he decided to join the prayers for peace in a world filled with mistrust, anger, hatred, the loathing of the other who is different from us and the misplaced trust in militarism”.

A video of the prayers said by Archbishop Sentamu is available at:

bit.ly/ABVvigil

More details about the Vigil, including the full statement by Archbishop Sentamu, is available at:

bit.ly/ABVvigilreflections

Reflections on shared conversations process

In a podcast interview Canon David Porter, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Director of Reconciliation, and the Revd Malcolm Brown, Director of Mission and Public Affairs, talk about the process of shared conversations that has flowed from the Pilling report prior to the College of Bishops of the Church of England gathering for its annual residential meeting.

The College has conducted shared conversations over two days in small groups with the discussions remaining confidential, mirroring

the wider proposed process.

In an interview recorded ahead of the meeting of the College David Porter and Malcolm Brown recognised that whilst a uniform view on the issues was highly unlikely, the potential for the Church to model a different and more Christ like way of disagreement would be crucial.

Listen to the interview here:

bit.ly/sharedconversationsinterview

For more information:

<http://bit.ly/pillingreport>

UNISON and Church of England reach landmark agreement to bring living wage to all schools

UNISON, the UK's largest education union, and the National Society, which promotes and resources Church of England schools, have reached a landmark agreement that paves the way for all Church of England schools to gain Living Wage accreditation.

The Church of England's nearly 4,700 schools are committed to paying the living wage but this new implementation plan will provide the means for all support staff to receive it by turning the schools into Living Wage employers. The schools are being given a step-by-step implementation plan produced

by the union, covering both directly employed and contracted out staff to help them win Living Wage accreditation.

The agreement follows a motion that was passed by the General Synod, which recognised that 'the widening gap between rich and poor harms all of society and that paying a Living Wage lifts people out of poverty'. It agreed to strongly encourage all Church of England institutions to pay at least the Living Wage, as recommended by Church Action on Poverty.

For more information:
bit.ly/livingwageschools

Lead bishops for Environment and Church buildings

Two new lead bishops have been announced to lead the Church's work on Environmental Affairs and Church Buildings and Cathedrals.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, accepted the invitation of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to become the Church of England's lead bishop for Environmental Affairs, and the the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge, has accepted the Archbishops invitation to become the Church of England's lead bishop for cathedrals and church buildings, both with immediate effect.

In his new role Bishop Nicholas will work with the Mission and Public Affairs department of the Archbishops' Council and also with the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division on

the Church's Shrinking the Footprint campaign. He will also Chair the new Working Group on the Environment established by General Synod in February 2014.

Bishop John Inge will become the lead bishop for cathedrals and church buildings. He will support the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division, ChurchCare, and all who help to maintain the Church's 16,000 parish churches and 42 cathedrals, with their architectural glory and wonderful array of treasures, which have such huge potential for worship and community use.

More details about the work that each bishop will be doing can be found at:
www.churchcare.co.uk

New HR Director for NCIs

The Archbishops' Council has appointed Hannah Foster as the new HR Director for the National Church Institutions as successor to Su Morgan who left to become HR Director for Essex University earlier this year.

For more:
bit.ly/cofehrrdirector

Yorkshire bishops announced

The Queen has approved the nominations of the Revd Canon Toby Howarth and the Revd Jonathan Gibbs to the Suffragan Sees of Bradford and Huddersfield in the newly created diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

bit.ly/nextbbradford
bit.ly/nextbphuddersfield

Archbishop Justin joins multi-faith peace vigil for Iraq

Archbishop Justin stood with other faith leaders in solidarity with the people of Iraq.

Archbishop Justin joined faith leaders and representatives from faith-based NGOs for a vigil showing solidarity with the people of Iraq and affirming the message that #WeAreAllHuman.

Archbishop Justin joined Imam Ibrahim Mogra, Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner and Ayatollah Dr Sayed Fazel Milani at the vigil

outside Westminster Abbey by the Innocent Victims Memorial.

Speaking at the vigil, Archbishop Justin said he joined the other faith leaders in “unreservedly” condemning the way that minority faith communities are being “wiped out” in ISIS-controlled areas.

For more information about the vigil:
bit.ly/ABCpeacevigil

Archbishop Justin invites young people to spend year praying at Lambeth Palace

Archbishop Justin is opening up Lambeth Palace to adults aged 20-35 to spend a year living, praying and studying together as a radical new Christian community

Launching in September 2015, the Community of St Anselm will gather a group of adventurous young adults from all walks of life, hungry for a challenging and formative experience of life in a praying community.

The Community will initially consist of 16 people living at Lambeth Palace full-time, and up to 40 people, who live and work in London, joining part-time. The year-long programme

will include prayer, study, practical service and community life.

Members of the Community will live in a way the ancient monastics would recognise: drawing closer to God through a daily rhythm of silence, study and prayer. But, through those disciplines, they will also be immersed in the modern challenges of the global 21st century church.

A video about the community can be found at:
bit.ly/yearingodstime

For more details:
www.stanselm.org.uk

Journalist with “Insight, Experience and Commitment” joins Communications team

Martha Linden has joined the Church of England Communications team at Church House, Westminster bringing 16 years of experience working as a national journalist.

During her 16 years working at the Press Association Martha organised the agency’s coverage of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to England in 2010 and was the only journalist to interview Lord Rowan Williams of Oystermouth when he announced he was stepping down as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Martha takes up the post of Senior Media Officer focusing on the CofE’s work on parliamentary and public affairs, assisting those involved with work across a broad range of issues including banking reform, foodbanks, prisons, medical ethics, international affairs and domestic policy. She will also be working on media for the Church Urban Fund, a Church of England charity dedicated to tackling poverty.

For more:
bit.ly/11R51cv

Church Urban Fund back pioneering listening project

Listening is crucial first step to tackling poverty, shows new national pioneering project.

Networks of relationships with family, friends and others in the community are vitally important to people struggling to make ends meet, a pioneering church project in Birmingham supported by Church Urban Fund, the Church of England's poverty charity, has found.

Volunteers from Hodge Hill Church in East Birmingham, a partnership between the Church of England and the United Reformed Church, were trained to carry out a listening exercise, conducting in-depth conversations with people in their community to find out how they get by.

Church Urban Fund (CUF) said it hoped the success of the project would inspire similar exercises within Church of England dioceses.

The findings showed relationships were a key asset, providing support to people on low incomes in their day-to-day living and when shocks such as redundancy and sickness came along.

The process was carried out using the Listen Up! Project designed by Sheffield Diocese and Church Action on Poverty. The project helps church groups to hold in-depth conversations with people in their community aimed at understanding their livelihoods and the way they use the resources at their disposal to sustain a living. The programme aims to have a transformative effect both on people living in poverty and on church congregations by forging new relationships.

One man, who had suffered a stroke, told interviewers of how he had under gone benefit sanctions after being assessed as fit for work and left without benefits for six weeks. He fell into severe financial hardship after applying for a payday loan online. By the time he reached the Open Door centre, he had hardly eaten for a week.

**The full report can be seen at:
www.cuf.org.uk/listenup**

Signs of God - training in sign language for Churches

87 representatives gathered for a week-long Summer School supporting the work of the Committee for Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled People to learn about using British Sign Language in church settings.

Students ranged from beginners at level 1 up to Qualified Interpreters, from people learning Sign Language just for fun, to those who use it every day in their professional work as teachers or church leaders. Those who were of a high

enough standard worked as "Intern Interpreters" during the week in order to receive monitoring and constructive feedback on their skills.

Signs of God runs the Summer School every two years – the next will be in 2016. If you have Sign Language Interpreters or signers in your Church and would like them to receive some support and training, visit the website to see what else the organisation has to offer:

www.signsgod.org.uk

iTestify video testimonies

The idea is simple - short, video testimonies of up to 3 minutes.

Recorded on your phone or tablet and sent to us here we would hope to build a site of faith stories to inspire and encourage.

**For more information about how to get involved, including contact details:
bit.ly/1phXwGm**

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2014

Oct 1 Wed 11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

2 Thu Home Group meeting, 7:30pm
Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:40pm

3 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

4 Sat Harvest Supper, 7:30pm

5 Sun *Harvest*
4.30pm Choral Evensong

9 Thu Whitechapel Bell Foundry visit, 1:30pm

10 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

12 Sun *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Tue Christ Church Council meeting 7:40pm

16 Thu Home Group meeting 7:30pm

17 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
Bath Deanery Mothers' Union Communion, 2:30pm

18 Sat *Luke the Evangelist*

19 Sun *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

24 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

26 Sun *Last Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

28 Tue *Simon and Jude, Apostles*

30 Thu Home Group meeting 7:30pm

31 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

Nov 2 Sun *All Saints*
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 October 2014

Wednesday	1	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
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Thursday	2	For the elderly
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Friday	3	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
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Saturday	4	For those who work in education
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Sunday	5	For Mark our Lay Reader
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Monday	6	For our armed forces and police
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Tuesday	7	For understanding between different faiths
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Wednesday	8	We give thanks for family and friends
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Thursday	9	That we may be open to encounters with God
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Friday	10	For the unemployed
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Saturday	11	For Bible scholars and theologians
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Sunday	12	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
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Monday	13	For farmers
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Tuesday	14	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
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Wednesday	15	For the ministry of our Junior Church
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Thursday	16	We give thanks for our blessings
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Friday	17	For those who use and run food banks in Bath and elsewhere
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Saturday	18	For adoptive and foster families
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Sunday	19	For Angela our priest-in-charge
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Monday	20	For those who work in medicine
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Tuesday	21	For all who produce written materials for Christ Church
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Wednesday	22	That we may have the gift of joy

Thursday	23	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Friday	24	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	25	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Sunday	26	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Monday	27	For those who work in the transport industry
Tuesday	28	For good relationships between the nations
Wednesday	29	For Us and other Christian charities
Thursday	30	We give thanks for the beauty of creation
Friday	31	For those who work in dangerous conditions

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
 Nadja Druke
 Denise Erlandsen
 Martin Palmer

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

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Rotas for October 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
5 October Harvest	Sarah Cade Isaiah 5:1-7	Judith Anderson 2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Alex Soboslay Luke 12:16-21
12 Oct 17th after Trinity	Janet Mahto Isaiah 25:1-9	Andrew Sillett Philippians 4:1-9	Judith Bishop Matthew 22:1-14
19 Oct 18th after Trinity	Richard Gabe Isaiah 45:1-7	June Matthews 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Daphne Radenhurst Matthew 22:15-22
26 Oct Last after Trinity	Brenda Wall Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	David Bishop 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Jane Fletcher Matthew 22:34-end
2 Nov All Saints	Margaret Burrows Revelation 9:7-end	Morny Davison 1 John 4:1-3	Mark Elliott Matthew 5:1-12

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
5 October	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
12 Oct	Jane Fletcher, Lewis Boyd	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Canon Melvyn Matthews
19 Oct	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
26 Oct	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Revd Cliff Burrows
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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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