



Christ Church Link

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Bounding around the foundry

We find the foundry fascinating, and see our bells in progress

On Thursday 9 October, a party of 25 of us from Christ Church enjoyed a tour of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. We saw how bells are cast (in moulds made of clay, sand, goat hair and horse dung!) and tuned (by having metal shaved out of them on a big turntable).

Our new bells are arriving on Monday 8 December, and will be dedicated on Sunday 21 December by Bishop Peter Hancock, who will be presiding on that day instead of our patronal festival on 23 November as originally scheduled.



Glimpses of our visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The two bells in the foreground of the picture above are two of our new bells, still to be tuned.

Improving access



We've been talking for some time about improving disabled access to Christ Church. Above is the latest architect's proposal for a ramp at the entrance. Watch for more details soon. Plans are due to be discussed by the Trustees and Council this month. Please make sure to let your views be known!

Pastoral care

Do you know anyone who has been taken ill or gone into hospital? With so much going on in all our lives, it is easy to overlook someone in our church community who unexpectedly has need of a visit or pastoral care.

If you know of anyone who would like a visit, please let Canon Angela know – or if you prefer, write their details on the slips provided at the back of the church. Just as importantly, if you feel able to visit people who are sick or in hospital, please contact Canon Angela.

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia Ayers writes:

Have YOU bought your MU Christmas Cards yet?? A colourful poster depicting them all is on the MU noticeboard, and, as with all good things, the early bird catches the worm. As usual, the cards come in packs of 10, so late ordering or a shortage of supplies may result in you missing out on a favourite choice. Do let Sylvia have your "cash with order" now if you would like to take advantage of our seasonal offer.

Both Canon Angela and Margaret would like to thank everyone for their support at the MU Indoor Members' Communion Service on October 17th, which ranged from welcoming our visitors to serving the refreshments, a task at which Angela (Verger) is particularly good! Both this and the meeting with our World-Wide President Lynn Temby at Monkton Combe School on 22nd, are very important events in the MU Calendar, so we thank everyone for their attendance and interest.

On Thursday 6th November, at 7.30pm, Robin Kerr will speak on the Role of Women in the Armed Forces, at our meeting in Christ Church Mews. We hope that this subject will be of interest to both men and women in the congregation! Our December Communion will take place on Wednesday 3rd, and we also feel we should hold an Enrolment Ceremony shortly.

An invitation has come to us from Mary Sumner House, the London Home of the MU, to "Celebrate with Us" by giving a Christmas gift to support our work with our linked African families and communities. The idea is that you send the MU a cheque for a specific cause, and in return you will receive a bookmark giving details of the chosen gift and a card to complete and send. Amounts range from £7 for Facilitators to purchase Bibles for their community, to £50 to help fund the ongoing Literacy Programme. Details of all the choices are on the shelf at the back of the church, so please see Margaret Burrows if you are interested.

Mothers' Union appeal for Bath Women's Refuge – see page 6.

Christmas postcard distribution

Sarah Jones writes:

You must have noticed that Christmas cards are already in the shops and super-organised individuals are telling you how much of their Christmas present shopping they have already completed. Matthew and I have been getting into the festive spirit by giving some thought to the distribution of this year's postcards which invite our neighbours to our Christmas services.

We are very grateful to those many members of the congregation who take the time to deliver postcards at Christmas and Easter. It forms a key part of our outreach to the local community. Even if people choose not to attend services in the church building, it is important that they know there is an active Christian community on their doorstep which seeks to serve all people in prayer and action.

In order to maintain this outreach, we do of course need people to push postcards through letterboxes and we are hoping to make it a bit easier for you to fit it into your other December activities this year. Instead of having the cards available on just one Sunday, we plan to have them printed and bundled into packs by Sunday 7 December (so also available on Sunday 14 December) and invite people to distribute their pack(s) at a time convenient to them between 7th and 17th December.

We also know that some people have certain streets which they prefer to do. We will therefore have a sign-up sheet available in church from 2 November so you can put your name down for your favourite areas in advance. If you want to help with the distribution but won't be in church on 7th or 14th December, let us know and we will try and arrange a way to get the relevant packs of postcards to you.

Thank you for your help.

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15

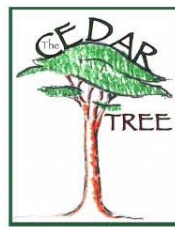
Award for Marcus

If you remember Marcus Braybrooke, Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church in the 1980s, you'll be delighted to hear that he was last month presented with a lifetime achievement award from a Hindu charity.

As the *Oxford Mail* reported, "The lifetime achievement award from the Sri Ramanuja Trust celebrated his years of campaigning for better communications between Hindus and Christians." Read more at http://bit.ly/Marcus_award. Marcus is President of the World Congress of Faiths, Co-founder of the Three Faiths Forum, and formerly Executive Director of the Council of Christians and Jews. He has written more than 40 books on world religions and Christianity.



Help nurture the Tree



Julian Road Bath

Can you spare a few hours to help at the Cedar Tree café (Friday 10:45–1:45)? After five years, Keri Chivers needs a well-deserved break from running the Cedar Tree, so a small team is needed to continue this important part of our outreach to the local area.

Cedar Tree customers really rely on the warmth of welcome and the fellowship they find here. If you are able to offer some time to help (it wouldn't necessarily be every week, or on your own), then please contact Canon Angela or Keri after the 10am service on Sunday or e-mail keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org

Talking point

A view from the organ loft

**By Richard Babington,
Church Organist and Assistant
Vergers, Saint Patrick's Church,
Patrington, East Yorkshire**

When learning the organ, I was told that music before the service should be quiet and contemplative to assist the congregation to prepare themselves for the service. The amount of chatter that goes on in many churches these days renders any quiet music the organist plays almost inaudible. As far as a concluding voluntary is concerned, an organist at Salisbury Cathedral once wrote: "The first note of the concluding voluntary is like a starting pistol for the congregation to rise noisily from their seats and rush for refreshments or the exit doors!"

However, in Denmark, where I lived and worked for a while, music before and after the service was an integral part of worship. To start a service, a bell sounded nine times (3x3), at which stage the priest entered and sat in his place. The congregation fell silent and the organist played a short piece of quiet music (preludium). This provided the congregation with a period to prepare for the service. At the end of the service, the priest again sat down and the congregation

listened to the concluding voluntary in silence (postludium). As for applause afterwards: never! After that, the congregation left the church and quite often continued socialising at a meal in the church hall. This pattern of worship is still true today at the Danish Seamen's Church in Hull, where Rosemary and I attend as often as we can and I am one of the organists.

If you want to hear exhibitionism from the organist, you need to visit churches in Europe. I worked in Holland for a while and used to attend church in Dordrecht. There, the organist was also the carillonneur. Not only did he play the organ and produce elaborate play-overs of hymns, he would accompany them with a variation of harmony for each verse as there was no choir. During the sermon he would disappear from the organ loft to play the carillon. As I could understand very little of the sermon due to the resonance in the building and my Dutch being rather limited, I used to listen to the carillon instead. In Denmark, in the larger churches, the organist would often "dress up" the introduction to a hymn to such an extent that it almost became like a "Name that Tune" competition.

At the churches where I play in East Yorkshire, some members of the congregation sit and listen before and after the service. Sometimes there is applause or comment at the end of the concluding voluntary, but at other times, the noise of chatter as members socialise over a cup of coffee at the back of the church almost overwhelms all but the loudest music. This can be very frustrating, especially when you have spent a long while practising a piece of music.

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Bishop's Message for November

Remembering Jesus now



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

We are in the season of “remembering”. On November 1st and 2nd we celebrate the double feast of All Saints and All Souls with a particular focus on remembering our loved ones who have died. A few days later there is the opportunity, perhaps especially for children, to remember, remember the 5th of November, and they will celebrate with bonfires and fireworks, probably not knowing why! Then, a week or so after that, the poppy takes centre stage as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and given their lives in the service of their country, with a particular poignancy this year as we mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I.

But why do we remember? Is it not

more important to put the past behind us and move on? Certainly there is a danger that our remembering becomes rather too focused on the past, and that we become very nostalgic both about people and events and see them, as it were, through rose coloured glasses.

But that isn't the way that people of faith are invited to remember. Each and every week, for those of us who come to church to break bread together, we are invited, in the words of Jesus to “do this in remembrance of me”. This is not an invitation to go back in time and try and remember Jesus as he was. Rather it is an invitation to bring our memory of him into the present and in so doing to bring the love, the compassion and the forgiveness that was so much a part of his life into the way we live our lives. In other words, to make all that he meant to his disciples then real for us now.

A couple of verses from Lucy Whitnell's poem “Christ in Flanders” speak into that reality for me especially in this anniversary year.

*Now we remember; over here in Flanders –
(It isn't strange to think of You in Flanders) –
The hideous warfare seems to make things clear.
We never thought about You much in England,
But now that we are far away from England
We have no doubts, we know that You are here.*

*Though we forgot You, You will not forget us –
We feel so sure that You will not forget us,
But stay with us until this dream is past.
And so we ask for courage, strength, and pardon –
Especially, I think, we ask for pardon –
And that You'll stand beside us to the last.*

+ Peter Taunton

Woodbine Willie: a voice we still need to hear



At St John's Church, Batheaston, on Saturday 22 November, you'll be able to discover the extraordinary story of Revd Geoffrey Anketell Studdart Kennedy, First World War Army Chaplain, poet and social activist.

Studdart Kennedy earned his nickname by giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. As the *Church Times* explains: "His talent for addressing the troops on a colloquial level

earned him their love and devotion. His battlefield experiences had convinced him that the usual canned responses of clerics were totally inadequate. He tried to answer their doubts in a series of dialect poems. Through the voices of serving soldiers, and their grieving mothers and wives, he attempted to do justice to the fears and questions voiced by the troops he met in the trenches." *Rough Rhymes of a Padre* was published in 1918. For more about the man and his impact in his times, read the *Church Times* article at http://bit.ly/woodbine_willie.

The day at St John's runs from 10am to 3pm. It includes a keynote address from Studdart Kennedy's grandson, with original film footage; a workshop on peace-making for our time; World War I poetry; a chance to bring photos and share war memories; tea and coffee on tap, and a shared lunch of soup and rolls. Watch for a poster with more information at the back of the church.

This month's charity: Women's Refuge

Sylvia Ayers writes:

In November the Mothers' Union ask for your help with our Women's Refuge appeal. If you think you can donate something, please would you let us have it during the next two weeks? There is an ongoing need for practical items, e.g. light bulbs, scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing machine and dishwasher powders, washing-up liquid, household cleaners, soap, toilet rolls, cloths, dusters, polish, etc. If you use it at home, they need it too! Also required are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. Our congregation has always supported the Bath Women's Refuge, so we look forward to receiving your offerings, and send very many thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

In addition, Bath Women's Refuge is our Charity of the Month this month. This means the loose collection in the plate on Sunday 9 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Bath Women's Refuge.

Bath Women's Refuge provides a means of escape from domestic abuse for women and children. These include a safe house, and also children's services and resettlement and tenancy sustainment services. In 2013-14, they report, "we received 249 referrals and gave support to 36 families in our safe house and 45 in resettlement. We also gave advice and information to many more."

The safe house can accommodate up to eight families at a time, and families can stay for up to six months. Most arrive with only what they could quickly pick up from their homes during their often hurried departures, hence the need for practical items.

The work of the Refuge, however, goes further: "While families are with us they are given support with safety, benefits, legal options, housing and child custody." When they move on, they are offered resettlement support for up to six months to enable them to rebuild their lives and settle into their new communities.

In Focus

Work together and be innovative says rural school report

Small rural primary schools must form effective partnerships and collaborations if they are to survive into the future and continue to be a vital part of rural community life, says a new report published by the Church of England.

Working Together, released by the Church of England's National Education Office, says that they are one of the state's last remaining points of contact with rural communities and they have a key role in rural life. But it warns that the days of the individual autonomous small school are numbered as they face financial challenges particularly with likely changes to the way schools are funded.

The Church of England is responsible for more than 50% of the 4146 small rural schools in England (with less than 210 pupils) as 200 years ago it set out to offer education to all when the landscape was very different.

The report points out the benefits of collaboration with other schools, creating formal partnerships and shares case studies from around the country where this has successfully been done. It also notes that few rural schools have the capacity to convert to academy status

without support - and says the Church of England already has support structures in place with diocesan Multi Academy Trusts (MATs).

It also suggests proactively using parts of the school building for other services including post offices, community centres, nurseries and holiday clubs.

The report faces hard questions and sets out helpful checklists for governors and Diocesan Boards of Education to map a way forward for their rural schools. It states that there is still a government presumption against closure, saying any cases must be strong "and in the best interests of the overall education provision for an area."

The Rev Nigel Genders, the Church of England's Chief Education Officer, said: "This report is about suggesting a range of collaborative and innovative ways forward for these schools, which clearly have a key role in rural life, while not shying away from the difficult questions."

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

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**

Harvest flourishes in a digital age

Nearly a thousand churches have listed their services and suppers online at www.aharvestnearyou.com - a new seasonal initiative launched this year by the Church of England.

From church services on farms and allotments to suppers in church halls and community centres, the tradition of harvest is alive and well and is being welcomed by communities across the country. Details of the services also show that an increasing number of churches and schools are donating their non-perishable harvest goods to foodbanks

Many supported the national British Food Fortnight, BFF - using the hashtag #HarvestFever - which encourages community

organisations and schools to learn more about UK food and support British producers.

In a CofE interview, Canon Dr Jill Hopkinson, the Church of England's National Rural officer said:

"Having the opportunity to say thank you is really important. We have harvest services on farms, allotments and a traditional harvest supper can be a ceilidh, it could be a concert. There are a whole range of things that give people from the wider community the chance to join in what is a time of celebration."

Full interview with Jill Hopkinson at:
bit.ly/harvestnearyou

Archbishop encourages rural leaders at Germinate conference

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called for a "brave" and "radical" approach to rural ministry in a welcoming address at a conference for church leaders working in the countryside.

Archbishop Justin delivered words of encouragement to nearly 300 lay and ordained church leaders and congregation members from major denominations active in rural areas, at the Germinate conference in Coventry.

Rural ministry is not more difficult than any other ministry, but is very often more

complicated, Archbishop Justin said in a video message to the conference.

The Bishop of Shrewsbury, Mark Rylands, in a key note address, told the conference that shared leadership was crucial for the future of rural ministry.

"If mission is more about discerning God's direction, then prayer needs to be our first and primary activity and shared leadership is crucial," he said.

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

Next Bishop of Guildford announced

The Rt Revd Andrew Watson, has been announced as the next Bishop of Guildford.

Bishop Andrew is currently the Bishop of Aston in the Diocese of Birmingham, where he has taken a lead on helping churches transform lives and communities and on encouraging younger people to explore faith in Christ. He also has a strong global interest, chairing the national Panel for World Mission and the Anglican Communion drawing together views

from Anglican churches and mission agencies worldwide.

Bishop Andrew said: "It is both exciting and deeply humbling to be invited to serve the people of Surrey and North East Hampshire, and to lead the Church of England in mission across the Guildford Diocese."

For more information:
bit.ly/guildfordannouncement

Archbishop of York hails “great success” of Pilgrim Course

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has hailed the success of the Pilgrim Course, which has launched new material.

Two new books and films have been released as part of the second stage of Pilgrim. The ‘Grow’ stage is designed to deepen churchgoers’ faith and understanding of Christian teaching, and the first of the books in the series now available cover the Creeds, or shared beliefs of the church; and the Eucharist, covering teaching on Holy Communion.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said: “I’m so thrilled that the Pilgrim Course has been a great success this past year and is being used so much across the country. Finding out about the Christian faith is the most important thing that anyone can do and I urge anyone who hears about the course to give it a go.”

The Pilgrim Course, which is published by Church House Publishing and has sold

more than 40,000 books in its first year, is the Church of England’s national discipleship programme commissioned by the House of Bishops.

The course was created to support the Church’s goal of “spiritual and numerical growth in the church” which was highlighted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in his first Presidential Address to the General Synod in July 2012.

Billed as offering an approach of “participation, not persuasion”, Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey is published by Church House Publishing. Assuming little or no knowledge of the Christian faith, Pilgrim can be used at any point on the journey of discipleship and by every tradition in the Church of England.

For more details about the Pilgrim Course:
www.pilgrimcourse.org

News in Brief

Archbishop re-opens Palace in Southwell

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu visited Southwell to officially re-open the Archbishop’s Palace, home to some of his predecessors.

The refurbished Palace, largely financed by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1.3m, was the former residence of the Archbishops of York, and Charles 1st used the Palace during the Civil War.

Read more at:
bit.ly/abysouthwellminster

Statement on Shared Conversations on Scripture, Sexuality and Mission

A statement has been released in response to the council of Reform who “expressed its dismay that the objectives of the ‘shared conversations’ on Scripture, Sexuality and Mission had been changed”

Part of the statement read, “the objectives of the Shared Conversations on Sexuality, Scripture and Mission were set out in June 2014 by the Bishop of Sheffield in GS Misc 1083. These objectives remain unchanged. No new objective has been added.”

The statement is now available at:
bit.ly/sharedconversationstatement

Archbishop Justin visits Church of Ireland

The Archbishop of Canterbury visited the Church of Ireland, meeting with leaders, congregations and their local communities.

Archbishop Justin, accompanied by his wife, Caroline, saw reconciliation projects and other Anglican churches in their communities in Belfast, Armagh and Dublin.

The Archbishop began his visit by joining with Irish bishops at the historic peace wall dividing the Protestant Shankill from Catholic Falls in West Belfast.

Speaking at the wall, the Archbishop said: “One of the key things in any process of reconciliation is persistence and perseverance, it is always an incredibly long-term process.

He joined Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, and Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor, in visiting the peace wall at Cupar Way.

From there the Archbishop travelled to East Belfast to see the work of Willowfield Parish Church. For many years the church been strongly committed to its local community, which still carries many scars from the 30 years of the Troubles.

Later he visited the Dock Café, an ecumenical community-building project in the Titanic Quarter that aims to provide a gathering point for different traditions, and donned an apron to brew some Belfast tea. On Thursday evening the Archbishop preached at Armagh Cathedral.

The Archbishop then travelled to Dublin, where met with clergy and city representatives at St Patrick’s National Cathedral. There he saw the Cathedral’s ‘Lives Remembered’ exhibition, which calls attention to the brutality of conflict and pays tribute to all whose lives have been touched by war and violence.

Read more about Archbishop Justin’s visit at: bit.ly/abcirelandvisit

Bishop says caring for environment is “central” to Christian living

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam has spoken about the importance of caring for the earth, which should be at the heart of the life of the church.

In an interview available on the Church of England website, the new Bishop for the environment set out his thoughts on how the church can be good stewards of the earth, and how engaging with the public debate on climate change needs to begin with a commitment to prayer.

Bishop Nicholas said: “This is about spirituality - it’s about how we are with God, with one another and how we care for the earth. Spirituality is so central to what it is to be a Christian and that’s the right place to begin to think about the an issue like caring for the environment. It’s part of who we are ... and how we live.”

The interview is now available at: bit.ly/salisburyinterview

Church backs new climate change and investment project

The Church of England is one of 12 global institutional investors backing a new project to study how climate change will impact the investment landscape.

The Church’s Ethical Investment Advisory Group and the three national investing bodies

are supporting the project as part of a group concerned about climate change and its investment implications.

Read the full release and background to the project at: bit.ly/merceroject

Christ Church calendar Nov. 2014

Nov	2	Sun	<i>All Saints</i> 4.30pm Choral Evensong
	5	Wed	11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	6	Thu	Mothers' Union meeting (open to all!), 7:30pm
	7	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	8	Sat	<i>The Saints and Martyrs of England</i> Seasonal Wine Tasting, Lower Mews 7pm-9pm
	9	Sun	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	13	Thu	Home Group meeting, Lower Mews 7:30pm
	14	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	16	Sun	<i>Second Sunday before Advent</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	20	Thu	Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:40pm
	21	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	23	Sun	<i>Christ the King</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	25	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting 7:40pm
	27	Thu	Home Group meeting, Lower Mews 7:30pm
	28	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	30	Sun	<i>Advent Sunday</i>
Dec	3	Wed	11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	7	Sun	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 4.30pm Choral Evensong

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

Prayer Cycle for November 2014

Saturday	1	For carers
Sunday	2	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Monday	3	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	4	For those who care for the sick
Wednesday	5	For those who travel
Thursday	6	For the work of Genesis
Friday	7	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Saturday	8	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Sunday	9	For vocations to the ministry
Monday	10	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	11	For our own personal ministry
Wednesday	12	For those on the rota and Sarah who draws it up
Thursday	13	For the Fairtrade movement
Friday	14	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Saturday	15	For Matthew who manages the website
Sunday	16	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	17	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	18	For the work of Julian House
Wednesday	19	For the lonely and depressed
Thursday	20	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Friday	21	For the homeless
Saturday	22	That we may have the gift of patience
Sunday	23	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church

Monday	24	For the work of the emergency services
Tuesday	25	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
Wednesday	26	For the Church Council
Thursday	27	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Friday	28	For those who are unable to keep warm
Saturday	29	For prisoners and prison workers
Sunday	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
 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
 Louise and family

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 November 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 Nov All Saints	Margaret Burrows Revelation 7:9-end	Morny Davison 1 John 4:1-3	Mark Elliott Matthew 5:1-12
9 Nov Remembrance	Sylvia Ayers Wisdom 6:12-16	Virginia Knight 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end	Margaret Heath Matthew 25:1-13
16 Nov 2nd before Advent	Katie Garner Zephaniah 1:7,12-end	Penny Edwards 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Georgina Bowman Matthew 25:14-30
23 Nov Christ the King	Lewis Boyd Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24	Rebekah Cunningham Ephesians 1:15-end	Rowena Hall Matthew 25:31-end
30 Nov Advent Sunday	Sarah Cade Isaiah 64:1-9	Rosanne Gabe 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Malcolm Wall Mark 13:24-end
7 Dec 2nd of Advent	Alex Soboslay Isaiah 40:1-11	Janet Mahto 2 Peter 3:8-15a	Judith Anderson Mark 1:1-8

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
2 Nov	June Matthews, Janet Mahto	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Penny Edwards
9 Nov	Katie Garner, Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Mark Elliott
16 Nov	Jane Fletcher, Lewis Boyd	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	June Matthews
23 Nov	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Canon Angela Townshend
30 Nov	Brenda Wall, June Matthews	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Katie Garner
7 Dec	Janet Mahto, David Rawlings	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Rebekah Cunningham

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THE CHURCH
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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 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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