



Christ Church Link

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Now for the west end

What is the Buildings Committee up to now?

**From Bob Siderfin, Chairman,
Buildings Working Group**

As the Pilot Scheme for the Chancel/Apse is now in progress – although we are carefully monitoring progress and making adjustments where necessary – we are moving on to developing the other building plans for Christ Church.

We believe that the next step should be to make the church more welcoming and attractive and also to make sure we comply with the relevant legislation. So we are focusing on the church entrance, facilities for wheelchair users (access ramp and loo) and the much-needed refurbishment of the Porch area.

This is where we would value your help. Although committee members are already widening our knowledge by visiting local churches that have been recently refurbished/re-ordered, many of you will soon be on holiday around the British Isles and it would be helpful if you would bring back pictures of church design details that you see and really liked and which you believe would be suitable for Christ Church. Please would you pick up any literature about any re-ordering work and take photos – both wide shots to show how it fits in and close-ups of details. Please also include the church name and contact details, so we can follow up your lead.

A particular area we are researching is the use of glass doors. While they would provide an excellent view of the Chancel from the Porch, there is the potential Health & Safety hazard

created by fitting them with clear glass. On the other hand a large etching would obscure the view! If you have not seen an etched glass panel, an example is shown below. If you find one you like, please take a photograph of it as suggested above.

Finally, I hope you enjoy your holiday/break and come back refreshed with new ideas for us to work on. Thank you in advance!

Bob Siderfin
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Etched glass doors at Barton St. David, Somerset



Friends & farewells

In the last month or so, we said farewell to Bishop Peter Price and his wife Dee (photos at left of the service in Wells Cathedral and afterwards) and to some friends here in Christ Church...



On Sunday 30 June we were able to say a proper thank-you to John and (in spirit) June Metcalfe, who moved away rather suddenly because of June's health. Canon Angela expressed our gratitude for the many contributions both John and June have made to Christ Church over the years, from John's 12 years as churchwarden to June's famous lunches, their pastoral as well as practical help to others in the congregation, lifts to those who couldn't get to church otherwise, and much more. Thank you, John and June!



On Sunday 21 July we farewelled David Wrigley after 19 years as our organist. He got not one but **two** cakes – one in church after the service (above) and another after lunch in the Lower Mews with about 70 of us, including some long-standing friends who returned for the occasion.

Photos above courtesy of the Diocese of Bath & Wells



By coincidence, we were visited on the day by Jennifer Daubeny, a direct descendant of Charles Daubeny, the first priest-in-charge of Christ Church. We were thrilled that she and her friends could join us for lunch.

Coming events

Put these in your diary now

“Seeds of Praise” with Pam Rhodes

What is it? Your chance to celebrate with the Mothers’ Union, with Pam Rhodes from BBC Songs of Praise

When is it? Thursday 5 September, 2:15pm

Where? St Stephen’s, Lansdown, BAI 5SX

What can I do? Tickets are £5 in advance from Pam Cavallini on 01225 310695 or e-mail pamelacavallini@sky.com, or

Pat Brocklebank on 01225 422755 or e-mail pbrocklebank@talktalk.net

Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis

What is it? Pick apples and enjoy the day in Janet Mahto’s garden in aid of Genesis Trust

When is it? Saturday 7 September

Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

What can I do? Come along at any time from 12 noon onwards, pick some apples, and make a donation for Genesis

The Bath Walk

What is it? Visit up to 14 of the churches, chapels and meeting houses in central Bath in a day, raising money for the FSCC (Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels) fund for the repair and improvement of historic churches and chapels

When is it? Saturday 14 September, starting 10:30am to 12:30pm, and finishing by 4pm

Where? Begin at Elim Pentecostal Church in Charlotte Street, then follow the route ending at St Michael’s Chapel within St John’s Hospital in Westgate Buildings, or decide your own route. Total distance is about two miles

What can I do?

- Sponsor Virginia Knight, who is doing the walk in aid of Christ Church and FSCC: she’ll have a form in church, or sponsor her at www.justgiving.com/Virginia-Knight-Bath-Walk
- Take part yourself – contact Angela Soboslay (Verger) for a sponsorship form, or
- Be here at Christ Church to greet visitors taking part. Volunteers are needed between 10am and 4pm – even if you can do just an hour, it will help. Contact Angela Soboslay

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia M. Ayers reports:

Following our successful May meeting, 12 ladies gathered on 20 June to discuss the future direction of the Christ Church MU group. Firstly, it was decided to hold Cake-Bakes, where individuals bake and sell cakes for the MU Wheels Appeal. The first of these was held on Sunday 7 July after the 10am Service, and more such sales will be held later on.

Canon Angela has agreed to reinstate the monthly Corporate Communion in the Christ Church Lady Chapel on the first Wednesday of each month. These will be held an hour earlier than before, at 10am, the next being on 7 August. We hope that all members of our congregation who are free in the daytime will join us for this short service.

Rather than hold too many meetings, we decided we should meet as a group only every two months. Our next meeting will be on the evening of Thursday 12 September, when a speaker will be asked to address us. As a future project, it was suggested that we could organise the filling of Christmas Shoe Boxes in the way that Bath Abbey already does. Further details of this project will be available in due course.

If members of this group feel drawn to become full MU members, an enrolling ceremony can be arranged either at the 10am Service or at Deanery level, probably at Combe Down. Of course, an annual fee is payable, normally in January, and members will receive "Springs" and other local literature and can also subscribe to the quarterly "Home and Family" Magazine. If you would like to become members, please let me know now. We do want to make our MU Group a really active one again!

Church Council

The members of Church Council for 2013-14 are as follows:

Ex officio members

Canon Angela Townshend	Priest-in-charge, chair of council
Mark Elliott	Reader
Malcolm Wall	Church warden, council treasurer
Alex Soboslay	Church warden
Morny Davison	Deanery Synod representative
Andrew Sillett	Deanery Synod representative
Brenda Wall	Deanery Synod representative, council secretary

Elected until 2014

Dylan Blackshear
Rebecca Nicholson
Martin Palmer

Elected until 2015

Judith Bishop
Sarah Kerr
Bob Siderfin

Elected until 2016

Margaret Burrows
David Rawlings Lay chair of council
Angela Soboslay

Council meetings are scheduled for the following dates. If you have any matter you'd like the Council to discuss, please let a member of Council know in good time so that it can be added to the agenda.

Tuesday 17 September 2013
Tuesday 12 November 2013
Tuesday 7 January 2014
Tuesday 25 February 2014
Tuesday 25 March 2014

The next Annual General Meeting for all those on the Christ Church electoral roll will take place on Sunday 6 April 2014.

Diocesan Message for August

“How welcoming is your church?”

**From The Venerable Nicola Sullivan,
Archdeacon of Wells**

How do you feel when you go to a new place for the first time? Probably most of us can remember our first day at school, the beginning of a new job or the move away from home. Anxiety, nervousness at doing or saying the wrong thing and the longing to find a friendly welcome and smile are probably common to most of us. I cannot imagine what it must be like to go to church for the first time, or after a very long time away, because it's always been part of my life. But when I'm on holiday and go to the local parish church I'm reminded that it probably requires great courage and resilience! Why? Because on the whole my experience has been – bluntly – that we Anglicans are not very good at welcome.

I'm spoilt as an Archdeacon. When I go to a parish, usually someone has been briefed to meet me, even carry my bags and make sure I get to the vestry and know what I'm doing. When I go to church on holiday (not in this diocese, of course!), my experience has been generally dismal... collecting books from a group of people chatting to one another and no doubt thinking theirs is a very friendly church, no indication as to where to sit – we all dread the embarrassment of being told we're in someone else's seat – and no one cheerily saying, “Good morning, welcome, are you a visitor? Good to see you.... Let me introduce you to so-and-so.” Frankly, I wouldn't want to go back to many of them as the experience felt more like gate-crashing an exclusive club than worshipping God with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I'm making a plea for us to look at the ministry of welcome. This is not a grand



Archdeacon Nicola at the farewell service held in Wells Cathedral for Bishop Peter Price.

initiative to recruit new congregation members; rather it is offering simple kindness, acceptance and hospitality to another human being. It does not have to be intrusive or cringe-making. It's better to risk getting it wrong and welcoming someone who you later discover has been coming to church for 40 years, than ignoring the stranger. The Letter to the Hebrews says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (13:2). Our faith is centred on a welcoming God who delights in all of us in joyfully gathering for praise and thanksgiving.

Yes, I could go on and encourage attractive notice boards, interactive websites, colourful welcome packs and quality refreshments... but the first step is small, and yet essential: a warm smile and greeting and ensuring the visitor is not ignored.

So, if you are away on holiday, try out the local church and see how its welcome rates. If you are in your own church over the summer weeks, look out for angels in disguise. Archdeacons are easier to spot.

Churches Together in Bath

Notes from the meeting of Churches Together in Bath on Tuesday 18 June in Christ Church Mews, chaired by Rev. Rachel Borgars.

It was lovely to be able to welcome the members to our newly renovated building. We are very grateful to Angela (Verger) for setting out the furniture and serving coffee and biscuits to our visitors, while Council was also meeting in the Vestry at the same time.

After an opening prayer, a new member was welcomed from St. Mary's North Parade, who are still awaiting the appointment of their new minister. The Central Zone Treasurer reported that she had sent off a donation of £200 towards the expenses of the Good Friday Cross Walk.

The rest of the meeting could be subtitled "Where do we go from here?" Several members pointed out that events started in the past by the Central CTB have now been taken over by other groups, leaving us with the need to redefine our position in the community. It was realised that if the CTB is to continue, big changes must be made. Therefore, we decided to use each of the three meetings held in the year to plan specific public events, inviting speakers for each one. In October, arrangements will be finalised for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service which is being held in Bath Abbey. In January we will discuss our participation in the Cross Walk Service in Abbey Churchyard, and at

the June meeting, we will arrange an open air summer event.

On 14 September during Bath Heritage Weekend, the Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels are holding their annual sponsored "Ride and Stride". Normally this entails cycling and walking in the Somerset countryside, visiting as many churches as possible, but as it will be held in hilly Bath this year, it will be a walking tour only. The participants visit as many churches as they can, and at each venue hear about its history from the local parishioners. The walk starts at the Elim Pentecostal Church at 10.30am and ends at St. John's Hospital at 4pm, and all are welcome to join in at any point.

Information was also given about the new "Bath Christian Network", who say that they are "Serving the City, and not organising the Church." This is a parallel organisation with a wider remit than that of the CTB, whose members will be able to attend meetings or take part in any event which may interest them personally. A Civic Conference will be held on 28 September to establish how Church and Community can best work together.

The next meeting of this committee will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 October 2013 at the Argyle United Reformed Church, when the Christian Unity Service will be discussed.

**Margaret Heath and Sylvia M. Ayers,
CTB Representatives**

IN FOCUS

Welcome to this special edition of *In Focus*, highlighting the recent General Synod meeting at York University. Do check out *In Review*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN GIVES FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

“We live in a time of revolutions. The trouble with revolutions is once they start no-one knows where they will go. As the Synod meets, we are custodians of the gospel that transforms individuals, nations and societies. We are called by God to respond radically and imaginatively to new contexts - contexts that are set up by revolutions.

The revolutions are huge. The economic context and position of our country has changed, dramatically. With all parties committed to austerity for the foreseeable future, we have to recognise that the profound challenges of social need, food banks, credit injustice, gross differentiation of income - even in many areas of opportunity - pressure on all forms of state provision and spending: these are here to stay. In and through the church we have the call and potentially the means to be the answer that God provides. As Pope Francis recalled so memorably, we are to be a poor church for the poor. That means both provision and also prophetic challenge in a country that is still able and has the resources to reduce inequality - especially inequality of opportunity and life expectancy.

The social context is changing radically. 59%

of the population called themselves Christian at the last census, with 25% saying they had no faith. But the YouGov poll a couple of weeks back was the reverse, almost exactly, for those under 25. If we are not shaken by that, we are not listening.

The cultural and political ground is changing. Anyone who listened, as I did, to much of the Same Sex Marriage Bill Second Reading Debate in the House of Lords could not fail to be struck by the overwhelming change of cultural hinterland. Predictable attitudes were no longer there. The opposition to the Bill, which included me and many other bishops, was utterly overwhelmed. There was noticeable hostility to the view of the churches. I am not proposing new policy, but what I feel now is that some of what was said by those supporting the bill was uncomfortably close to the bone. Lord Alli said that 97% of gay teenagers in the UK report homophobic bullying. In the USA suicide as a result of such bullying is the principle cause of death of gay adolescents. One cannot sit and listen to that sort of reality without being appalled. We may or may not like it, but we must accept that there is a revolution in the area of sexuality, and we have not fully heard it.”

Read the full text at

archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5098/archbishop-justins-presidential-address-at-general-synod

WOMEN BISHOPS LEGISLATION RESTARTED

General Synod has reaffirmed its commitment to women bishops and called, less than a year after the previous proposals were rejected, for new draft legislation to be introduced. It will be considered by the Synod in November 2013, with the aim of reaching the stage of Final Approval in July or November 2015.

This was the first time Synod members had met since November 2012, when the previous draft legislation narrowly failed to secure the requisite majority in the House of Laity, despite enjoying the support of 73% of the Synod's members overall.

The Synod reached its decision at the end of a day's debate, after its members had devoted much of an early day at Synod to facilitated discussions on the options available.

Introducing the debate, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who chaired the Working Group set up by the House of Bishops to advise on new legislative proposals, said, "I believe that option one, together with a mandatory mediation process

and including as it does a declaration or, possibly, Act of Synod deserves to be taken very seriously as a means to provide the basis for securing the necessary majorities in the lifetime of this Synod."

The House of Bishops had recommended that draft legislation be prepared on that basis described as 'option one' in the report of the Working Group. That involved:

- a measure and amending canon that made it lawful for women to become bishops;
- the repeal of the statutory rights to pass Resolutions A and B under the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993, plus the rescinding of the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993; and
- arrangements for those who, as a matter of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests, set out either in a declaration from the House of Bishops or in a new Act of Synod.

Accepting the proposal made by the House, the General Synod passed the motion, by 319 votes to 84.

SYNOD INVITES GOVERNMENT TO RE-OPEN BIG SOCIETY TALKS

A motion calling for a "renewed settlement between the state, the churches and civil society", and for "close attention to the impact of welfare cuts on the most vulnerable, and for support for those not in a position to support themselves" was approved by General Synod.

Mission and Public Affairs Council chair Philip Fletcher, who authored the *Welfare Reform and the Church* report, said, "We don't claim ... that the whole responsibility for the welfare of our citizens should fall on the shoulders of the state. On the contrary, we would welcome a properly thought-through settlement between the state and the voluntary structures of society, including the Church, as a way of building up communities and promoting neighbourliness."

Welfare Reform and the Church recognises that no structure for ensuring the welfare of all

citizens is perfect and that reform is a continuing necessity. It notes that the balance between state and voluntary action has become distorted and records that contrary to the apparent direction of policy in the early days of the Coalition, "three years on we have seen very little of The Big Society in policy or practical terms".

Unpacking the concepts of fairness, generosity and sustainability, the report also looks at public perceptions of welfare, pointing out that "the distinction between 'strivers' and 'scroungers' has entrenched harsh attitudes towards those whose benefits are being targeted for cuts". It agrees that welfare dependency is a problem that "cannot be ignored" but argues that a "society which allows large numbers of its citizens to live in poverty is unlikely to be sustainable". The motion was clearly carried (331 for, 1 against, 7 abstentions).

SAFEGUARDING APOLOGY AND TIGHTEN PROCEDURES COMMITMENT

General Synod voted to acknowledge and apologise for past safeguarding wrongs. It also voted to endorse work on legislative and non-legislative changes to tighten procedures which have been identified following the Chichester Commissaries interim and final safeguarding reports.

Opening the debate, the Rt Revd Paul Butler, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, Chair of the Churches National Safeguarding Committee, said, "We cannot do anything other than own up to our failures. We were wrong. Our failures were sin just as much as the perpetrators sinned. By failing to listen or act appropriately we condemned survivors to live with the harm when we should have been assisting them into whatever measure of healing might be possible."

The motion - that Synod accordingly acknowledges and apologises for past wrongs and

seeks endorsement from the Synod for legislative and non-legislative progress to be made during the period of this Quinquennium - was debated.

The motion, as amended, was subsequently overwhelmingly carried (360 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

In a follow up to the Commissaries' reports the Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote, "It is right, therefore, that the General Synod should receive an account of the actions that the House and the Council have put in hand, have an opportunity to comment on the next steps, and be able to identify with the apology that we wish to offer unreservedly for the failure of the Church of England's systems to protect children, young people and adults from physical and sexual abuse inflicted by its clergy and others and for the failure to listen properly to those so abused.

GO-AHEAD FOR THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

A draft reorganisation scheme that will see the creation of a new Diocese of Leeds, serving West Yorkshire and The Dales, and replacing the current Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield was passed by Synod.

The new diocese will come into existence on a day to be set by the Archbishop of York after the scheme has been confirmed by Her Majesty the Queen. Synod also approved a resolution establishing a Vacancy in See Committee for the new diocese, so that the process for appointing the first Bishop of Leeds could begin.

Professor Michael Clarke, chair of the Dioceses Commission, welcomed the conclusion. "Synod's historic decision confirms the Commission's judgement that the radical creation of a new

diocese centred on Leeds offered the best way of meeting the mission challenges facing the Church in West Yorkshire."

In addition to the Bishop of Leeds, the new diocese will be served by four area bishops of Bradford, Huddersfield, Ripon and Wakefield.

The Cathedrals of Bradford, Ripon, and Wakefield will serve the new diocese. There is provision for Leeds Minster to become a pro-cathedral in the future if the Bishop of Leeds so directs.

So as to be more in sync with civic boundaries existing archdeacon and deaneries will be reorganised under the scheme and a small number of parishes will transfer to neighbouring dioceses.

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SYNOD IN BRIEF

POVERTY PILGRIMAGE

A 'Poverty Pilgrimage', highlighting the plight of those living in poverty, was waved off by Archbishop Sentamu. Departing from York, it visited 14 major communities before being welcomed by MPs at Westminster

ORIENTAL ORTHODOX

His Grace Bishop Angaelos of the Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches in the UK addressed Synod on the dedication of three days of prayer for Egypt.

These three days, in mid July, represent the end of the Fast of the Apostles for Coptic Orthodox Christians and the beginning of the month of Ramadan for Muslims. "We invite every Egyptian and all our friends in the United Kingdom to join us in prayer for the sake of the many millions whose lives are now affected in Egypt," said Bishop Angaelos.

QUINQUENNIAL CHALLENGES

The Rt Revd Steven Croft, the Bishop of Sheffield

opened the debate on progress made on three challenges identified for the five year term of Synod. The themes of "contributing to the common good", "facilitating the growth of the Church", and "re-imagining the Church's ministry" were pinpointed by in 2011.

NEW CLERGY CREDIT UNION

Archbishop Justin helped launch a new credit union for clergy and church staff, as part of efforts to boost credit unions in all communities. He was first to sign the register of a new credit union for clergy and church staff in England and Scotland.

Archbishop Justin, who has praised credit unions work in deprived areas, helped launch the Clergy Mutual Credit Union at a fringe event.

NEW FACES

The Synod welcomed the Ven Cherry Vann, Archdeacon of Rochdale, as the new Prolocutor for the clergy of the York Province and approved the appointment of Dr Jacqui Philips as Clerk to the Synod.



SYNOD CATCH UP

Links to all the major speeches and press releases on Synod's debates can be found on www.churchofengland.org

Watch and listen to all of Synod's debates via these two links

Watch again

channel.vbrick.com/churchhouseconf/Index

Listen again

churchofengland.org/media-centre/media-library/general-synod-audio-file

Christ Church calendar August 2013

Aug 2 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

4 Sun *Tenth Sunday after Trinity*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

6 Tue *The Transfiguration of our Lord*

7 Wed 10am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

8 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

11 Sun *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

15 Thu *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

16 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

18 Sun *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

23 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

24 Sat *Bartholomew the Apostle*

25 Sun *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

28 Wed *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo*

29 Thu *Beheading of John the Baptist*

30 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

Sep 1 Sun *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

2 Mon Safeguarding training, 7pm

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

Prayer Cycle for August 2013

Thursday	1	For the elderly
Friday	2	For those who lack food or water
Saturday	3	For our working groups for buildings and liturgy
Sunday	4	For Christian unity
Monday	5	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday	6	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Wednesday	7	That we may be pure in heart
Thursday	8	For our diocese and the appointment of a new Bishop
Friday	9	For those who are finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	10	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	11	For Angela our priest-in-charge
Monday	12	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	13	For all who produce written materials for Christ Church
Wednesday	14	For the Queen and all heads of state
Thursday	15	For our neighbours at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Friday	16	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Saturday	17	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
Sunday	18	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Monday	19	For those on holiday
Tuesday	20	For the appointment of our next organist
Wednesday	21	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives
Thursday	22	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Friday	23	For all who face tragedy

Saturday	24	That we may have the gift of faith
Sunday	25	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	26	For good harvests
Tuesday	27	For children and their families
Wednesday	28	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Thursday	29	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Friday	30	For victims of violence
Saturday	31	We give thanks for the beauty of creation

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

Margaret Warren
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Andy Quarren-Evans
 Louise Taylor
 Rowena Hall
 John Piper

Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.

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Rotas for August 2013

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 August Trinity 10	Mark Elliott Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23	Margaret Burrows Colossians 3:1-11	Rowena Hall Luke 12:13-21
11 August Trinity 11	Penny Edwards Genesis 15:1-6	Judith Bishop Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Bob Siderfin Luke 12:32-40
18 August Trinity 12	Matthew Jones Jeremiah 23:23-29	Rebekah Cunningham Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2	Margaret Heath Luke 12:49-56
25 August Trinity 13	Jane Fletcher Isaiah 58:9b-14	Sylvia Ayers Hebrews 12:18-29	Rosanne Gabe Luke 13:10-17

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
4 August	Janet Mahto, David Rawlings	Margaret Heath, Morny Davison	Cliff Burrows
11 August	Jane Fletcher, Bev Pont	Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver	Rebekah Cunningham
18 August	Andrew Sillett, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
25 August	Bob Siderfin, Brenda Wall	Janet Mahto, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards

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Hospitality Angela Soboslay



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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