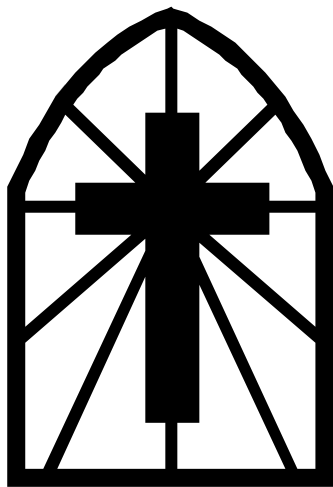


CHRIST  
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October 2004

**CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD**  
**DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion, Junior Church & Crèche
First Sundays & Festivals	Choral Evensong and Sermon at 6.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5)

*There is amplification to assist the hard of hearing*

**MID-WEEK SERVICE**

11.00am Thursday	Holy Communion
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**CHOIR**

Junior Choir Practice	Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Adult Practice	Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

*New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360*

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS**

By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

*Chris and Angela, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.*

**What happened to "The Sign"?**

The editor received thousands of enquiries from one or two people about the absence of our popular supplement "The Sign". It had to do with a break down in the usual delivery arrangements during the holiday period. The supplement returns this month and we have managed to get the back number to satisfy our eager readers.

## Forum...



On the face of it, Autumn is a funny kind of beginning. Everything around us tells of the end of summer. The leaves turning; the days shortening. And yet autumn is a time of new beginnings.

In schools and colleges, of course, it's the start of the new academic year. In politics, it's the party conference season and talk is of the prospects for the new Session and the next Election. In many businesses (mine is one) autumn is about planning and budgeting.



I started at my first school on my 5th birthday, which falls in September. For years I associated birthdays with conkers. I also remember kicking my way through fallen leaves in Sefton Park in my first week at university. My wife and I were married one October Saturday and the wedding photos show the autumn colours.

So, what on the face of it seems like the end of something is often the beginning of something else.

My Aunt Anne spent her last years in a residential home and fortunately her friends and family visited her regularly. Her vicar faithfully brought her Communion. On the last such occasion before she died (aged 94) she thanked him and said 'When my friends visit me and you bring me the Sacrament I feel surrounded by love, as a great tree is surrounded by autumn leaves.' She knew she was facing a beginning and not an end.

The church is right to mark this season as the start of the Christian Year. Soon we shall be counting down the Sundays before Christmas.

We know that the apparent ending of the year is more than the round of the seasons - the out breath to be followed by an in breath. The rhythm of creation reminds us of the Creator himself - 'the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the End.'

The verse of a hymn we sang one Sunday morning last month sums this all up very well:

'To all life thou givest to both great and small  
 In all life thiou livest the true life of all.  
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
 And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee.'

Let us pray for God's blessing on all autumn beginnings - university courses, marriages, jobs or whatever. And if we haven't got any particular new beginnings planned for ourselves this year, perhaps autumn is after all a good time to make a start on something. You could call even it turning over a new leaf!

*Christopher Graham*

## **Blooming marvellous** ***Long-serving florists retire***



People who visit Christ Church often comment on the lovely floral displays, particularly on special occasions. For more years than they care to remember, Dorothy Twissell and Margaret Silver have arranged flowers and, even more importantly, co-ordinated the provision of flowers and helpers week by week by looking after the flower rota. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude for the service they have given and which, all too often we have taken for granted.

Sadly, Dorothy and Margaret have decided that the time has come for them to retire. They will set aside their scissors and oasis on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. This means that we must find two other people to take on this work which contributes so much to the visual and spiritual atmosphere of our church. If there are two or even three people who would be willing to take on this essential job they should lose no time in speaking to Margaret or Dorothy who would be only too willing to give them all the help and guidance they would need.

Someone must take on this task since, as we all know, church flowers are more than just blooms and foliage.

*A job description appears on page 15 of the magazine.*

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# Church Calendar for October

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**Oct 3 Sun HARVEST FESTIVAL AND GIFT DAY**

3.00pm Choral Evensong

**7 Thurs** 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

**9 Sat** 2.00pm Holy Matrimony - Matthew Jones and Sarah Martin

**10 Sun THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**14 Thurs** 11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

**16 Sat** 10.00am Mothers' Union Bring and Buy  
12.00pm in aid of the Women's Refuge

**17 Sun THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

**18 Mon** ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

**21 Thurs** 11.00am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion followed by lunch

**24 Sun THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**28 Thurs** SIMOND AND JUDE, APOSTLES

11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

**31 Sun ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

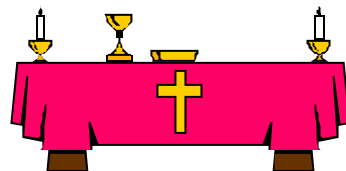
6.30pm Choral Evensong for All Souls

# Service Rota for October

	8 am	10 am	Evening
		Celebrant	Leader
		Preacher	
<b>Oct 3</b>	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge with Junior Church	Rev Sandy Munday Mr Mark Elliott
<b>10</b>	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Sandy Munday Rev Cliff Burrows	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>17</b>	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge Rev Sandy Munday	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>24</b>	No service	Rev Cliff Burrows Dr Cyril Selmes	No service
<b>31</b>	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge Rev Cliff Burrows	Rev Antony Claridge

## Thursday Services at 11.00 am

<b>Oct 7</b>	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>14</b>	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>21</b>	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>28</b>	Rev Antony Claridge



# Laity Rota for October

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	Junior Church	
	<b>10</b>	Mrs S Ayers	Miss S Hiscock
	<b>17</b>	Mrs E Elliott	Miss J Wright
	<b>24</b>	Mr R Gabe	Mr C Munday
	<b>31</b>	Junior Church	
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	Mr B Pont	Mrs A Kemp
	<b>14</b>	Mrs P Adelman	Mrs S Jones

## Chalice Assistants

<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
	<b>10</b>	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin
	<b>17</b>	Mrs M Burrows	Mr C Graham
	<b>24</b>	Rev S Munday	Dr C Selmes
	<b>31</b>	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin
	<b>14</b>	Mrs M Burrows	Mr C Graham

## Intercessors

<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	Junior Church
	<b>10</b>	Mr B Pont
	<b>17</b>	Dr D Marles
	<b>24</b>	Rev C Burrows
	<b>31</b>	Junior Church
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	Mr C Graham



## Sidespeople

	8am	10am	
<b>October</b>	<b>3</b>	Mr C Tilling	Mrs M Silver
	<b>10</b>	Miss E Iden-Hart	Mr & Mrs Ayers
	<b>17</b>	Mr A Jones	Dr D Marles
	<b>24</b>	Mrs D Twissell	Mrs J Bunkin
	<b>31</b>	Mrs B Hayward	Mr & Mrs Metcalfe
	<b>31</b>	Mrs B Hayward	Mrs C Tanner
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	Miss E Hewlett	Mrs A Charman
	<b>7</b>	Miss E Hewlett	Mrs J Ferguson
	<b>14</b>	Mr C Tilling	Mrs T Claridge
	<b>14</b>	Mr C Tilling	Mr & Mrs Olney

# Lectionary for October

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Harvest Festival and Gift Day</b>		
	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Revelation 14.14-18	John 6.25-36
<b>10</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	No reading	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
<b>17</b>	<b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	Genesis 32.22-31	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5	Luke 18.1-8
<b>24</b>	<b>The Last Sunday after Trinity and Bible Sunday</b>		
	Isaiah 45.22-25	Romans 15.1-6	Luke 4.16-24
<b>31</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>		
	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1.11-23	Luke 6.20-31
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>		
	Job 19.23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17	Luke 20.27-38

## News from Reverend John Fenning

I thought you may like to know that on October 10th 1964, I was licenced a Lay Reader in Wells Cathedral by the then Bishop, Edward. On October 10th this year, being a Sunday, I shall be celebrating forty years in the ministry of the Church as both Reader and Priest.

As a "son" of Christ Church, you may consider it appropriate to remember me in your prayers on that day. It was in Christ Church that I preached my first sermon on the Sunday after the licencing. The 'Vicar' at the time was Revd John H. Williams. According to my records, the anthem sung at Matins that day was "Let thy merciful ears, O Lord" by Weelkes. For the anthem at Evensong the choir sang "Sunset and Evening Star" by Parry, (which hymn I have asked to be sung at my funeral)

My kind regards to all at Christ Church, Revd John.



## **One World Week - 17th - 24th October**



One World Week began in 1978 as a one-off initiative in the UK to encourage action on and understanding of global issues. It was such a success that it has continued, expanding in terms of depth of issues explored, number of people involved and the number of countries where groups take part.

Groups and individuals plan events in their local area designed to:

- ◆ raise awareness about what's going on in the world, near and far away.
- ◆ take action to overcome poverty, promote justice and work towards sustainability.
- ◆ celebrate the good things about one diverse yet interconnected world.

This year, One World Week takes place from 17th to 24th October. In Bath, there are various events planned for One World Week that may be of interest to you. These include an International Evening at the City of Bath College on 16th October, a memorial lecture at Prior Park College on 19th October, and "Green Light on Bath"; a lecture at Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution on 25th October. All events listed start at 7.30 pm.

There is also a OWW Service organised by Bath Unitarians at Friends' Meeting House on 17 October at 6 pm. For further information, there is a One World Week website at [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org).



The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours, called Area Wardens. These Area Wardens have volunteered to do the neighbourly things we used to do for each other when we lived closer together. When the need arises, they are prepared on request to:

- make friendship visits or telephone calls
- do shopping at times of illness or infirmity
- offer or find sources of advice
- handle occasional non-specialist odd jobs

All areas in which church members live are covered by the Friends in Deed scheme. If you need or know of someone else who needs help, you should in the first instance contact the Friends in Deed Co-ordinators, Jane Fletcher (01225 463758) and Yvonne Morris (01225 425555). They will then get in touch with the Area Warden best able to provide the help that is needed.

**“Meet Up” Monday - Mine’s a Pint!**

At the recent Church Council meeting, we discussed the benefits of working together in smaller groups, for the purposes of worship, prayer, and socialising.

More news later on the further ramifications of this discussion, but here’s the first new initiative...

Following on from the success of the HR Group for young people, on the first Monday of every month, the adult (18+) population of Christ Church is cordially invited to meet together in a local pub. There’s no upper age limit, and transport can be arranged.

The traditional term for a gathering of young people in Gloucestershire villages – it might be on the village green, at the inn or simply under a tree – was a “meet up”. Research reveals that the term was also prevalent in Yorkshire except that up there it was a “meet oop”.

The first Meet Up will take place in the Hare and Hounds pub at the top of Lansdown on Monday 4 October from 8pm onwards. If you need a lift, tell Nicky Gladstone. Otherwise, please just turn up. It’s hoped that this will be an opportunity to meet socially outside church, and will provide a form of welcome and outreach to all members of the community, new or long-standing, twenty-something or... not. See you there!

**Lay Ministry at the Altar*****Chalice assistants***

The appointment of chalice assistants ( the people who offer the cup at the Eucharist) is traditionally on the recommendation of the incumbent and by approval of the Bishop of the Diocese. We need more people to undertake this important lay ministry. Anyone who feels they might contribute in this way should see Antony, in confidence, as soon as possible.

***Servers***

In addition to chalice assistants, our priests need the help of servers at the Eucharist. The beauty and order of the Eucharist depends on this kind of help. Readers are invited to volunteer for this work which would be organized on a rota with each person on duty once per month. Full training will be given.

**B**efore the restoration, England suffered brutal civil war, regicide, invasion and tyranny. Charles II may have scandalised his elders by flaunting his mistresses and bastard children, but he could justifiably say that the Puritans had had their shot and now he intended to find a little enjoyment in his life.

To this end, not only did he allow and encourage the theatre, but was emboldened to permit, indeed to insist upon, female roles being played by actresses.



### A Film Review Stage Beauty Richard Eyre



Stage Beauty, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from his own play, begins on the eve of Charles' edict. Don't look for historical accuracy, but many of its characters are well known. Charles II is shameless, yet with a moral purpose; seeking pleasure for political ends. Nell Gwynn, genuinely caring of Charles, manipulates him for her own ends. Charles, regally, submits.

At the opening of the film, the actor Ned Kynaston (*Billy Crudup*), is adored by all. He, the most beautiful Desdemona of his generation, is to be the biggest victim of the King's coming pronouncement. Already, his dresser *Maria* (*Claire Danes*) is attracting the publicity due to him with her illicit *theatrical* performances, *at which she is* smothered each night at the hands of the Moor with Kynaston's own props, *wearing his own gowns*.

To Kynaston, actresses are a joke, untrained and unworthy upstarts, degrading his profession, but they are his undoing and his downfall. His *raison d'être* is rejected as meaningless *and he begins to question his identity*.

Kynaston performs desperately before the King, looking for a new self in male roles, but he dissolves repeatedly into feminine gestures, voice and manners. The King steps over his fading form and, taking the stage, amuses the court by playing the lady to pretty Nell's leading man.

Kynaston retreats within himself, in turns despised, pitied and, crushingly, forgotten. Around him, the boldly drawn characters weave their confident paths. Richard Griffiths dons wig and tights, and as Sir Charles Sedley molests all who come within reach. Samuel Pepys (*Hugh Bonneville*) appears wherever celebrity – royal or theatrical – is found, forever scratching on his notepad. Kynaston's dresser basks in the light that was his. He no longer exists.

Having almost hidden him from our sight, the film starts the search for Kynaston. That he never fully finds himself gives strength to the character, the film, and the viewer. *Stage Beauty* will be released on DVD at the end of October.

David Marles

## Churches Together in Bath Update

*More dates for your diary, as arranged at the recent meeting*

**The Peace Column** to mark the reconciliation between the people of Bath and Braunschweig was dedicated during the Harvest Festival at the Abbey on September 19th, and will be displayed there **until October 10th**, before being taken to Germany for presentation at the Dom.

Reverend John Rackley from Manvers St Baptist Church is going to Israel between 18th and 25th October to visit Christian Aid partners. On **November 2nd at 7.30pm**, Churches Together in Bath will hold a public meeting at Manvers Street, to hear of his experiences and perspectives. Plans are also being considered for a major public meeting on the Israel-Palestine situation in the New Year. Watch this space for further details.

Churches Together in England will hold a gathering at Grantham from **November 5th to 7th**, which the Rev Roger Nunn will attend. Your prayers are particularly asked for the success of this meeting.

**RoadPeace** was formed in 1982 to give practical and emotional support to the relatives and victims of road accidents. They offer help to those involved in court cases, and give advice on their legal rights. Demos are often held, where the names of those killed are recalled, and a RoadPeace banner is placed at the roadside instead of flowers, which often fade too quickly. The **2004 RoadPeace Service will be held at St Mary's Bathwick at 6pm on November 21st**, when special prayers will be said for loved ones who have lost their lives in these accidents. All are welcome to attend the service.

*Sylvia M Ayers, Joint CTB Representative*



Challenging Cancer and  
Leukaemia in Childhood

### Christmas with CLIC Coffee Morning

Variety of Christmas and handmade gift stalls

**Saturday 13th November 11-1pm**

**£1.50 including coffee**

**At Pratts Hotel  
South Parade, Bath**

## **Mothers' Union News**

Owing to unforeseen circumstances our MU Coffee Morning for the Women's Refuge has now been moved one week later to Saturday 16 October. It will be held in Church from 10am - 12 noon, and we invite everyone to bring us at least one item, and enjoy our delicious coffee and biscuits. There is an on-going need for cleaning materials, eg light bulbs, scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing machine and dishwasher powders, washing-up liquid, cloths, dusters, polish etc, and also basic items such as tinned goods, pasta, coffee, tea and sugar. If you use it at home, they need it too! So, we invite everyone to bring at least one item, and depending on what is received, the Branch may also be able to make up some little parcels of luxury items as special Christmas gifts. We are sure that everyone will support this worthwhile endeavour. If you can donate something for our Appeal, but cannot come on the 16th, please would you let me have it beforehand, as we want to send them as many items as we can from their regular "wants" list.



The MU Indoor Members' Holy Communion Service for St Luke's Day will be held on the 18th at 11am at All Saints' Church, Weston, so we do hope that some members will be free to attend. Our own Autumn Corporate Communion will be held on October 21st, also at 11am, and will be followed by a "Metcalfe" lunch. At present, the date for our AGM is Tuesday, November 9th, although this may change. Confirmation of this date will be in the November magazine. See you there!



*Sylvia M Ayers (MU Secretary)*

## **All Saints and All Souls at Christ Church**

At Christ Church we shall celebrate All Saints at the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. In the evening there will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones at the Evensong of All Souls.

From Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October you will be able to record the names of those you wish to remember at All Souls. If you cannot find the sheet, simply speak to one of the church wardens or telephone Antony (01225 427462) and leave a message.



At the service each person will be remembered by name and a candle lit in his or her memory.

## Spotlight...on the work of Christian Aid around the world

Christian Aid's purpose is to expose the scandal of poverty and to contribute to its eradication. It strives to be prophetic, challenging the systems and processes that work against the poor and the marginalised.



From the very earliest days of its existence work was based on the conviction that local people in poor countries are in the best position to understand the causes of their poverty and how to combat it. Christian Aid is committed to working with local church and non-church organisations and provides them with grants to support their work. These organisations are called *partners*. The term is not used lightly. Almost 60 years of experience has encouraged the charity to aspire to genuine partnership with others and strive to embody a spirit of equality, transparency, trust, cooperation and mutual respect in all relationships.

Experience has also shown that the response to poverty and injustice is more effective when working with networks and alliances of like-minded organisations. For this reason, Christian Aid is a part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) at home and Action by Churches Together (ACT) internationally.

Christian Aid responds to emergencies and helps communities during and after disasters occur. Disasters increase in number and severity each year and it is usually the world's poor and marginalised who are most vulnerable. As each disaster differs so too does the Christian Aid response. Initial assessment of the needs of affected people, combined with a good understanding of why people are vulnerable to disaster, assists in the design and implementation of effective emergency response programmes.

**Rapid Onset Emergencies:** Christian Aid has responded to rapid onset emergencies, such as the 2001 earthquake in Gujarat, India and the 2002 volcano eruption in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. Such disasters strike suddenly and with very little warning, often inflicting significant structural damage and affecting a population's ability to support itself. Christian Aid supported programmes to assist those who lost their homes and provided them with food and temporary shelter and help to rebuild their lives.

**Slow Onset Emergencies:** Warning signs of the drought in Southern Africa were clear in late 2001. Christian Aid had time to prepare country partner to help reduce the impact of food shortages on communities in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Angola, Swaziland and Lesotho. As well as providing

immediate food aid, seeds were distributed so people could plant crops for the following harvest. Christian Aid also spoke out to highlight the relationship between food shortages and the impact of HIV/AIDS on southern African communities.

**War, conflict and civil strife:** These factors either directly lead to emergencies or exacerbate existing community vulnerabilities. Christian Aid was already responding to drought and years of conflict in Afghanistan when the coalition, led by the United States, began ousting the Taliban. As the situation escalated, Christian Aid rapidly assessed and expanded its programmes to assist suffering Afghan communities. During the run up to the 2003 conflict in Iraq, Christian Aid spoke out about the possible humanitarian consequences of war and worked to ensure local partner organisations were ready to respond.

**Forgotten emergencies:** The number of disasters rises each year. Some are high profile but many others go largely unnoticed by the media, decision-makers and the general public. In Ethiopia over 10 million people faced starvation in 2003. Christian Aid supported a local partner organisation to run a camp for internally displaced people and provide basic services including water, sanitation and food distribution. Christian Aid has spoken out about the need for long term solutions for Ethiopia, a country where chronic food insecurity means several million people rely on food aid every year.

Each year, Christian Aid responds to disasters that do not hit the headlines but devastate those affected. In 2001, following an earthquake in Peru, Christian Aid supported local agencies to provide food aid, shelter, the reconstruction of houses and the distribution of livestock, seeds and tools. In 2003, Christian Aid responded to large floods in Assam, India and to a nutritional crisis in Haiti.

Thank you for your support.

*Jenny Wright*

## **Situation Vacant : Church flower team leader**

You would need to:

- ☼ Make provision for church decorations at major festivals and co-ordinate the flower arranging team.
- ☼ Draw up and ensure cover for weekly rota.
- ☼ Oversee the flower fund.
- ☼ Liaise with providers for weddings and funerals.

This is a nice job for two to share. If you're interested, please speak to Angela or Chris.

# Prayer Cycle for October

- Fri* 1 Let us pray for those whose purpose in life is hatred and the imposition of cruelty on others
- Sat* 2 For David, our Treasurer
- Sun* 3 On our Gift Day, let us give thanks to God for all that we have
- Mon* 4 For those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life
- Tue* 5 For those awaiting the results of medical tests
- Wed* 6 For all doing voluntary service overseas
- Thur* 7 For those who are unhappy or frustrated in their job
- Fri* 8 For Tom and Cyril our readers, and Sarah's ministry at Batheaston  
For Mark as he trains to become a reader.
- Sat* 9 For Sarah and Matthew as they get married, that God will bless them in their new life together
- Sun* 10 For the Rev John Fenning, as he celebrates forty years of ministry in the Church, both as a Reader and as a Priest.
- Mon* 11 For the work and witness of our branch of the Mothers' Union
- Tue* 12 For all parts of the world where there is conflict, that God's peace may be known
- Wed* 13 For the work of the Children's Society, and for Jenny Wright, our Children's Society Representative
- Thur* 14 For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi
- Fri* 15 For children who have to operate as carers for members of their family
- Sat* 16 For the homeless; for the work of Shelter and Genesis
- Sun* 17 For our Sidespeople at both the 8am and 10am services
- Mon* 18 For journalists and all those who work in the media, that they will be mindful of their responsibilities both to those whom they inform, and those about whom they report
- Tue* 19 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations



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- Wed 20** For those who work for the Emergency Services
- Thur 21** For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens
- Fri 22** For those facing new challenges at work or at home
- Sat 23** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us
- Sun 24** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Mon 25** For those mourning the death of loved ones: for those mourning the death of a child or children
- Tue 26** For God's guidance for our Parliament and Government
- Wed 27** For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed
- Thur 28** For those mourning the loss of a spouse or partner, that they will know God's comfort
- Fri 29** For our Church Council and Agenda Setting Group
- Sat 30** For respect and concern for our environment
- Sun 31** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity
- November**
- Mon 1** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop
- Tue 2** For our clergy team and their families
- Wed 3** For Emma as she prepares our weekly Notice Sheet
- Thur 4** For Church's mission to those with any form of physical or mental handicap
- Fri 5** For Mark our Director of Music, David our Organist, and the Choir
- Sat 6** For success in the struggle against the distribution of drugs
- Sun 7** For the Trustees of Christ Church; for Yvonne, their Chairman
- Mon 8** For our colleagues, in particular any who are difficult to work with
- Tue 9** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them
- Wed 10** For Sylvia and Chris, our Churches Together in Bath representatives
- Thur 11** For young people in prison for whatever reason; for all who work with them
- Fri 12** For those who work behind the scenes to assure the smooth running of our church

## From the Church Register...

### Holy Baptism

5 September      Jacob James Summers

### Renewal of Marriage Vows

11 September      Martin and Christine Gapper

## Have you heard?

**Mark Elliott** has been accepted for training as a Reader. We are all delighted, and pledge our support as Mark prepares for this new ministry with us.

**Ali Dudley** has a new job. After many years at Oldfield School, she joined Beechen Cliff School at the beginning of this term as a teacher of Music.

**Cyril Selmes** was genuinely surprised when he was called forward at the 10am Eucharist to receive a book token and the applause of the congregation. This was to mark the completion of the challenge he set himself to read every word of the Bible. Not only this but Cyril also wrote a monthly commentary for our magazine. The final article appeared in the August edition. We look forward to further interesting pieces in *Christ Church Challenge* and to Cyril's return to his beloved topic in the pulpit on Bible Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**Matthew Jones and Sarah Martin** hope that church members will join them for a drink and a piece of cake after their wedding in Christ Church at 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup> October. We are grateful to Matthew and Sarah for this kind invitation, and wish them well for their Big Day!

**Laurie Ferguson** is feeling very much better after a brief and unexpected stay in hospital. He is still awaiting an operation, and we remember Laurie and Jean in our prayers at this time.

**Nora Downer** is slowly but surely improving her mobility after her hip operation. We are all pleased to see Nora making such good progress.

## WHO'S WHO?

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# ***CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD***

## **DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

### **PAST HISTORY**

Christ Church was built at the end of the 18th Century by the socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship by the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church of that time to provide seating free of charge. Early supporters included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; the great evangelical campaigner against slavery, William Wilberforce; Philip Pusey, the father of E B Pusey; and Martin Stafford Smith, the godfather of John Keble, who were both founders of the Oxford Movement. The building was designed by the famous Bath architect John Palmer, who was responsible for the completion of the Great Pump Room, Lansdown Crescent and St Swithin's, the parish church of Walcot. In November 1998, the congregation, friends and well-wishers from all over the world celebrated the bicentenary.

### **MINISTRY**

Christ Church is unusual in not being a parish church. Much of the vitality of its life and worship derives from the fact that the congregation comes from all areas of the city and the surrounding districts. Whilst there is no full-time paid vicar, there is a non-stipendiary priest-in-charge, who leads a ministerial team of ordained and lay people. Worship at Christ Church largely reflects the traditions of those responsible for its foundation and the rich diversity of the Church of England as a whole. Thus, preaching and Bible-based teaching is firmly set within a liturgical setting which is best described as liberal and catholic.

### **SERVICES**

The 8am Holy Communion is either Book of Common Prayer (1662) or Common Worship. At 10am the Family Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a full Choral Evensong. A Junior Church and a Crèche cater for the children and young people who attend the 10am service. At festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest, our special services, designed for the whole family, are very popular.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Thursday (with lunch once a month). The notice board and the weekly notice sheet provide details of discussion and prayer groups which are held at different times throughout the year. An all-age choir, which rehearses on Friday evenings, maintains the much-admired music tradition at Christ Church.

### **CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS**

Published on the first Sunday of every month, Christ Church Challenge brings news of the church locally, in the Diocese, and throughout the world. Our website is constantly updated and can be found at [www.christchurchbath.org](http://www.christchurchbath.org)

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