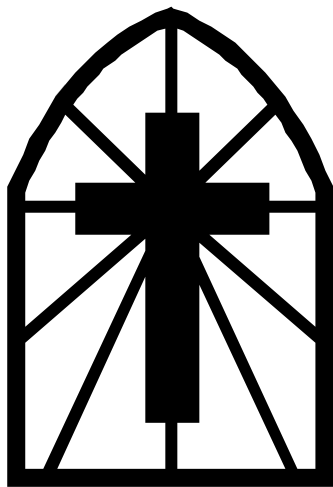


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September 2003

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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Junior Choir Practice	Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
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New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360

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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

Happy New Academic Year to all our readers!

Where do our magazine articles come from? Many of the uncredited articles are the result of reading and research by the Editorial team, in order to ensure that the magazine is relevant and, we hope, interesting.

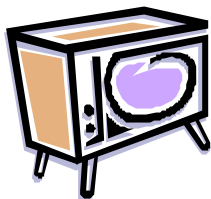
In order to make Christ Church Challenge even more relevant to our readership, we always welcome articles from members of the congregation—young or old, "new" or "longstanding". Why don't YOU have a go next month?...

Forum...

Restoring Hope: Loving God and our neighbours



On Sunday, 14th September our Eucharist at 10 am will be shorter than usual and there will be no sermon. Coffee will be served after the service and we shall then sit down together to watch a large screen presentation of the programme “Restoring Hope in our Church”. There will be no service at 8am on this day and all members of Christ Church are asked to be present in response to the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.



Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury is sure that “Restoring Hope in our Church” is a tool that will help local churches refresh their vision and obey their primary calling – to love God and love their neighbour. At the national launch of the programme he said: -

God always gives the Church what it needs to be the Church. That may mean there are untapped resources in [our] own people and among [our] immediate neighbours. You don't yet know what those will be and you'll be surprised to discover who can do what, or what there is waiting to come to the surface.

“Restoring Hope in our Church” outlines the Archbishop's vision for a 21st century Church as well as giving an honest assessment by a range of church leaders of the challenges facing the Church today.

Some readers may sigh and say; “Haven't we heard all this before? Isn't there always some sort of crisis?” The answer is “yes”. The whole of history is about people responding to change and challenge. If the Church is to serve the world in each generation it cannot claim to be immune to alterations in the way society is organised and the ways in which people live their lives. David Hope, Archbishop of York said in a radio interview that he could not remember a period that has been so full of opportunity, and yet so beset by difficulties.

On 14th September, after receiving the sacrament – the bread of life and the cup of salvation – we shall simply sit



down together and watch the short programme. Afterward, I shall briefly tell you about how you can see it for a second time and discuss it with other members of the congregation.



The diocese will be responding to this national initiative and it is my hope that Christ Church will set an example by becoming fully involved. Details and dates will be announced in the next edition of the magazine.

CHALLENGE, VISION and OPPORTUNITY – God sets these three before us. Let us not fail to respond to the call. Sunday, 14th September is an important day – **PLEASE BE THERE.**

Antony Claridge

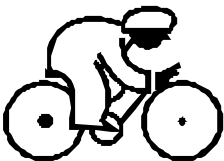
Give me your answer do!

Biking and walking for Somerset churches

Mingling with customers at our USPG Book sale on Saturday 13 September will be fit-looking people in cycling and walking gear. They will be taking part in the annual Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk in support of the friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels.

Julia Moss, an old friend of Christ Church, is the local organiser of the event. She says that last year there were 37 churches and chapels open in Bath and she is confident that a similar number will be open this year. "It always amazes me what treasures lie behind otherwise closed doors." Julia went on to say that although "the event is intended as a church fund-raiser ... it is as much an ecumenical and outreach event".

Some members of Christ Church are sponsoring their more energetic friends and neighbours but we shall all have a chance to play our part in giving a welcome and a cup of coffee to the riders and walkers as they visit our open church between 10 am and 3 pm. Who knows, some of them may buy a book to read as they soak their weary feet after a hard day's travel.



Church Calendar for September

Sep 7 Sun THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

No Evensong: Institution of the Rev Dr Vaughan Roberts at St Mary the Virgin, Warwick

8 Mon Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am Holy Communion

11 Thurs 11.00am Holy Communion

14 Sun HOLY CROSS DAY

Please note no service at 8am

10.00am Shortened service followed by screening of "Restoring Hope" video

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

18 Thurs 11.00am Holy Communion

21 Sun ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

25 Thurs Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester 1626

11.00am Holy Communion

28 Sun THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

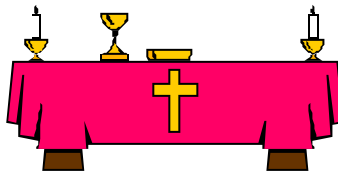
Oct 2 Thurs 11.00am Holy Communion

5 Sun HARVEST FESTIVAL AND GIFT DAY

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Service Rota for September

	8 am	10 am	Evening
		Celebrant	Leader
		Preacher	
Sept	7	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge
		Rev Cliff Burrows	No Evensong
	14	No Service	Rev Antony Claridge
		No Sermon	
	21	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Cliff Burrows
		Paul Solly—Genesis	
	28	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge
		Rev Antony Claridge	
Oct	5	Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge
		Rev Antony Claridge with members of the Junior Church	



Laity Rota for September

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel	
September	7	Mrs S Ayers	Mrs E Selmes	Mrs P Edwards
	14		Mr M Palmer	Mrs G Bowman
	21	Mr R Gabe	Mr L Grosvenor	Mr C Graham
	28	Mr B Pont	Mrs N Gladstone	Dr D Marles
October	5	<i>Junior Church to read</i>		
	12	Mr J Metcalfe	Mrs P Edwards	Miss J Fletcher

Chalice Assistants

September	7	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
	14	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin
	21	Mrs M Burrows	Mr C Graham
	28	Lady Heath	Dr C Selmes
October	5	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
	12	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin

Intercessors

September	7	Mr B Pont
	14	Rev A Claridge
	21	Rev C Burrows
	28	Mr C Graham
October	5	Junior Church
	12	Mr R Vince



Sidespeople	8am	10am		
September	7	Mrs B Hayward	Mrs T Claridge	Mrs J Ferguson
	14	Miss E Hewlett	Mr & Mrs Olney	
	21	Mr C Tilling	Mrs M Silver	Mr F Twissell
	28	Miss E Iden-Hart	Mr & Mrs Ayers	
October	5	Mr A Jones	Mrs A Charman	Mrs C Tanner
	12	Mrs D Twissell	Mr & Mrs Metcalfe	

Lectionary for September

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sep 7	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		
	Isaiah 35.4-7a	James 2.1-10, 14-17	Mark 7.24-37
14	Holy Cross Day		
	No reading	Philippians 2.6-11	John 3.13-17
21	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist		
	Proverbs 3.13-18	2 Corinthians 4.1-6	Matthew 9.9-13
28	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
	Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29	James 5.13-20	Mark 9.38-50
Oct 5	Harvest Festival and Gift Day		
	Readings to be announced—Junior Church to read		



USPG Book Sale Saturday 13th September

Our Annual Book Sale is **next Saturday**. Many thanks to all who have already brought in items for sale—to those who haven't—there's still time! We need lots to sell—so now's the time to do a real sort out and bring to church: books (hard backs and soft backs, fiction and non-fiction), sheet music (classical or popular), postcards, prints and pictures (framed or unframed) plus any other paper items—even comics for our younger readers.

Helpers will be required both on Friday afternoon (from 2pm to 4pm) and on the day itself. So please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our Churchwardens. Remember the monies go to our project in Africa and the Hospital needs all the help it can get.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adrian Pegg

NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEWS—NEW

Difficult days ahead for the Anglican Communion

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that difficult days lie ahead for the Anglican Church after the decision of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America to confirm the election of Canon Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire:

"The General Convention's decision to approve the appointment of Gene Robinson will inevitably have a significant impact on the Anglican Communion throughout the world and it is too early to say what the result of that will be. It is my hope that the church in America and the rest of the Anglican Communion will have the opportunity to consider this development before significant and irrevocable decisions are made in response.

I have said before that we need as a church to be very careful about making decisions for our own part of the world which constrain the church elsewhere. It will be vital to ensure that the concerns and needs of those across the Communion who are gravely concerned at this development can be heard, understood and taken into account."

With this in mind, Dr Rowan Williams, is to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion this autumn. The meeting will take place in London in mid-October. Dr Williams said that the effects of recent developments at the ECUSA General Convention were being felt throughout the Communion and there was a need for the Primates to meet to consider them.

"I am clear that the anxieties caused by recent developments have reached the point where we will need to sit down and discuss their consequences. I hope that in our deliberations we will find that there are ways forward in this situation which can preserve our respect for one another and for the bonds that unite us. I hope we can use the time between now and then to reflect, to pray, to consult and to take counsel."

Feeding the Mind

With minds relaxed after the long, hot summer perhaps the time has come for a little mental stimulation. A series of lectures in the Theology in Wells Programme under the general title, "Can the Church Survive?" might be just the thing.

Church leaders of different denominations have been asked to take out a crystal ball and look into the future of the church. On September 23rd Dr. Grace Davie (Exeter University), comes as a distinguished sociologist to look at the statistics of survival. She is followed a week later on 30th September by the Rt Revd Barry Rogerson, the recently retired Bishop of Bristol who will try to draw conclusions at the end of his ministry. The 7th October brings the Revd Dr Neil Richardson, President of the Methodist Conference with a Methodist perspective and finally on October, 14th the Abbot of Downside talks about Roman Catholic developments.

The lectures are free – although donations are welcomed - and each begins at 7.30 pm in the nave of Wells Cathedral.

A good starting point for the series is the annual Bishop Thomas Ken Lecture to be given by Bishop Peter on Thursday 11th September at 7.30 pm in the cathedral. His title is "*Does the Church have a Future*".

Food for Thought? Some General Observations on Life...

Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold. - anon

The will is the deciding factor in everything that we do. In every sphere of life it settles alternatives. - F P Wood

Courage is fear that has said its prayers. - anon

Many a woman who goes on a diet finds that she is a poor loser.

The nice thing about a dull party is that you get to bed at a decent hour.

Worry is the interest you pay on trouble before it comes.

Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and some just grate.

MISSIONS TO SEAFARERS



I have recently received a letter from the Mission Chaplain of Dubai, the Reverend Stephen Miller, describing the sad state of affairs in the Gulf, and including an Appeal for our help. Stephen says that despite the War being over, the situation for Seafarers is still urgent. Their lives have been thrown into turmoil, and as is expected in a time of crisis, they have turned to the Mission for help. His letter is on the Church Notice Board, and, in part, he writes:

"The impact of the war has been immediate: whenever there are problems in the shipping industry, it is always the ordinary seafarer who is the first to suffer. Some ports have been closed and non-military vessels are being stopped and checked by US and British Military. Trade is not yet back to normal and some ship owners are panicking, fearing that they will go bankrupt. They are refusing to supply their crews with food or to pay them their back wages.

There is no safety net for seafarers and no welfare state to help when things go wrong, and it is not just they who are suffering. Their wives and families are relying on them to send money to their homes, which are often in the poorest parts of India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Eastern Europe. I am getting many more requests

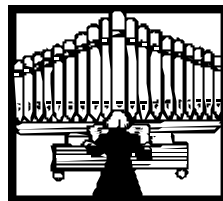


to go aboard ships to hold prayer services or bible readings. Sometimes the most valuable help I can offer is to spend a few minutes with a seafarer, listening to their worries and praying with them. I cannot remember such a hectic time: I am getting calls every day from both crews and owners facing these problems."

The Mission has launched a special Appeal for donations of £15 to buy fresh fruit, meat and vegetables for a crew with nothing to eat; or £25 to cover the cost of an on-board Prayer Service. Our current support is of course much appreciated, but if anyone would like to do more, I will be happy to receive any contributions which members of our Congregation might wish to give.

Sylvia M. Ayers.

Celebrating the Wesleys



Understanding Methodism in Britain means recognising the place of Wesley. It was John Wesley who set the pattern for Methodism, steered it away from Calvinism, and laid its foundations. His 44 sermons, published in 1787-8, remain essential reading for its local preachers and ministers. Yet throughout his life, John Wesley remained a priest of the Church of England. He saw Methodism ideally as a "society for the spread of Scriptural Holiness" within it, and only with reluctance was Methodism forced into building its own chapels and, from 1774, ordaining its own ministers.

Jointly with John, his brother Charles Wesley wrote many hymns which are widely known and used in all churches, as well as being part of the doctrinal heritage of Methodism. Hymns like 'Jesus, lover of my soul' and 'Love divine, all loves excelling' are as well known in the Church of England as among Methodists. Use of St Paul's Cathedral, London, for a service on 25 May when Methodists celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's birth, was therefore entirely appropriate and very much in line with the Anglican-Methodist covenant discussions which have been taking place during the past twelve months.

John and Charles Wesley are already remembered in the Anglican calendar on 24 May. By 2007, three hundred years after Charles Wesley's birth, will the two churches be able to fully acknowledge one another's ministry? The result of the recent vote at General Synod seems to indicate "yes!"

High Days and Holidays—a new occasional series

1 October: Remigius

Remigius was bishop of Reims late in the 5th century, and the king's son was ill. The queen, Clotild, was a Christian, but the king of the Franks, Clovis I, was not. Then Remigius prayed for their ailing son, and he was healed. The king was so overwhelmed with gratitude, that he decided to acknowledge and honour the Christian God. In his enthusiasm King Clovis seems to have turned his royal household into something akin to the aftermath of a Billy Graham rally/Alpha course, for he commanded that all 3,000 members of the royal household and followers become Christians at once, and be baptised.

Under the protection of King Clovis, Remigius carried on preaching the Gospel throughout the Frankish kingdom. He did some extensive church-planting - founding bishoprics and churches - and was greatly loved by the people up to his death in Reims in 533.

Mothers' Union News

We do hope that all members had an enjoyable and refreshing Summer break wherever you went, and that the weather was kind and not too hot. This year's Christmas Orders have only just been sent off, as the closing date was deferred until the end of August instead of July, which is better for all concerned, so of course the deliveries will also be later. Your Magazine renewal fees should have been received by August 21st, but if you have not yet paid, please see me as soon as possible. May I thank those prompt payer who all help to make life easier for me, your Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be on September 9th, when after our usual prayers we will discuss plans for the Coffee Morning on October 18th. This is mainly an opportunity for us to received gifts for the Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal, although there will also be a small Bring and Buy table. In addition to the usual tea, coffee, sugar and cleaning materials, the Refuge now also need pillows and as we sent them sheets and pillow-cases last year, this is a logical next step. They have also asked for jeans in good repair, and we are sure that the younger members of our congregation will be able to help us with this request. It is a fact that some of the women and children arrive at the Refuge with nothing but the clothes they stand up in, so anything we can give them will be very welcome. In previous years, our friends at Christ Church have been most generous with their donation, so we are confident that you will help us again this year.

Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)

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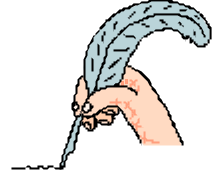
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OUR BIBLE CONSULTANT WRITES...

Paul's last letter to a church was written to the one at Philippi, which was a first class city in Macedonia. It was a colony of Rome: but a most important one; citizens of Philippi were almost on a level with Roman citizens, sharing in many of their privileges. Paul starts his letter by writing to the saints, Bishops and deacons of Philippi,



telling them that he prays for them to be "pure and blameless". He then writes about the spreading of the gospel: he says that his imprisonment has resulted in his guards knowing about the gospel and helping to spread it. He recognises that some are preaching the gospel in the wrong kind of way and for their own reasons, but he believes that freedom of speech will spread the true gospel.

Paul also says that he would prefer to die and join Christ but feels it is his duty to continue to preach the gospel. He goes on to remind his readers that Christ became human and died on the cross in order to show that suffering and death could be overcome, and that God's love for mankind had made this possible. As a result, followers of Christ must "shine in the world like stars and rejoice in a life of sacrificial service". He thanks the church for sending Epaphroditus to help him in Rome but regrets he has been ill, so he's returning with messages for other members of the congregation. Although the church helped Paul when he was in Thessalonika, and he thanks many of his fellow evangelists for this help, Paul seems to remain a self sufficient person: "I have strength for everything through him who fortifies me".



The next letter written by an apostle, about 61AD, was the first letter of Peter, a general letter written to exiles who had been dispersed throughout Asia. As an apostle, Peter claims he has been chosen by God and consecrated by the Spirit in the service of Christ. Although the language used by Peter differs from that of Paul, their messages are consistent. Peter starts with a series of statements about the members of the churches to which he is writing: you have not seen the Lord but you love him; rejoice in joy at the salvation of your soul; you have been ransomed by the blood of the unblemished lamb, Christ; you now believe in God because he raised Jesus from the dead; since you have been reborn, love each other from the heart.

Like Paul, Peter also gives practical advice to the members of the churches spread through Asia. He suggests firmly that they must live by the rules which govern the nation in which they live, but if they suffer as Christians, give the

glory to God. Then they must not behave like heathens who are unchaste, wine-tippers and who join in revelries and drinking parties. Jesus will soon judge both the living and the dead because the end of all things is at hand. So, be constant in love; be hospitable. Disperse your gifts of grace; speak like God; and serve all people.



Peter also uses two images which, as far as I can remember, are not used by Paul. As Peter himself was called the Rock of the church, perhaps it is not surprising that Peter describes Jesus as the stone that was rejected, but who became part of the new spiritual building, the church of Christ. We are also called to be the living stones of the church. At the end of the letter, when Peter is addressing the Elders of each church, he reminds them that they are the shepherds of God's flock, and they must be models for that flock, so that when the chief shepherd returns, they will win the wreaths of glory.

Cyril Selmes

Prom Praise

Collaboration between the Bath charity Genesis, the Langham Arts Trust and the All Souls Orchestra will bring Prom Praise to the Bath Forum on Saturday 18th October. Described as " a unique blend of music, word and worship in an irresistible 'Last night of the proms' style"



Prom Praise promises something for everyone. The All Souls orchestra conducted by Richard Bewes will accompany the Prom Praise Bath Choir with soloists Heidi Peglar and John Langley. Posters and leaflets are displayed at the back of the church and tickets are available from the Bath Festivals Box Office by post, telephone (01225 463362) or in person at 2 Church Street, Abbey Green. All proceeds will go to the Genesis Trust in support of work among the homeless and those on benefit.

Visiting from Genesis

The work of the Genesis is well known in Bath and Christ Church has always been supportive of its work. It will be a special pleasure to welcome the charity's director, Paul Solly. He will be the preacher at our 10 am service on Sunday, 21st September.

Prayer Cycle for September

- Mon 1** For farmers and all engaged in food production
- Tue 2** For a more responsible daily press
- Wed 3** That producers in the Third World may receive fair prices for their goods. For the work of Traidcraft
- Thur 4** For the mentally and physically handicapped and those who care for them
- Fri 5** For truth and honesty on the part of those whose words are widely heard or read
- Sat 6** For victims of HIV and AIDS in whatever country they live
- Sun 7** For our Clergy Team and their families. For parishes coping with an interregnum
- Mon 8** For those about to experience a change in their education programme: for guidance for those who have been unable to get the change they hoped for
- Tue 9** For inadequate people unwisely sent to prison
- Wed 10** For guidance for Rowan our Archbishop at this time of threatened disunity in the Anglican Communion
- Thur 11** For one-parent families: for schoolgirl mothers
- Fri 12** For Mark our Director of Music, David our Organist, our Choir and all music makers contributing to our worship
- Sat 13** For the work of "CRUSE" in caring for the bereaved: for the volunteers of the Bath branch
- Sun 14** For our Clergy Team and their families: for Tom and Cyril our readers and for Sarah in her ministry at Batheaston
- Mon 15** For our Junior Church and those who care for its members
- Tue 16** For those who suffer any form of mental illness and their families, that they may find our attitude towards them sensitive and helpful
- Wed 17** For those who suffer cruelty within families
- Thur 18** That our Police Forces may receive full co-operation from all members of the public in the discharge of their duties

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- Fri 19** For the work of the Mothers' Union and the Children's Society
- Sat 20** For Angela and Chris our Church Wardens and David, our Treasurer
- Sun 21** For the Clergy and Ministers of this Diocese and their families
- Mon 22** For the United Nations Organisation
- Tue 23** For our National Health Service, our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries
- Wed 24** For Nicky, our Church Council Secretary and doer of so many tasks
- Thur 25** That we may recognise and reject the selfish and self-indulgent attitudes portrayed in many television programmes
- Fri 26** For elderly couples where mental deterioration in one creates difficulty and sadness in their relationship
- Sat 27** For all who drive on our roads, that they may do so responsibly
- Sun 28** For the Church in the countryside
- Mon 29** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Tue 30** Let us give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending

October

- Wed 1** Let us give thanks for the vast varieties of foodstuffs now available to us from all parts of the world
- Thur 2** For guidance for those of us who cannot or do not go out now that the darker evenings are upon us
- Fri 3** That more regard may be paid to providing a reliable system of public transport
- Sat 4** For those who work in the Social Services
- Sun 5** For our Clergy Team and their families

O Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me
O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

From the Church Register...

Holy Matrimony



9th August: David Robert Eydes and Rebecca Ann Rotherham

The conflict comes home

New army wife watches and waits

On a glorious summer day David Eydes and Rebecca Rotherham were married in our church. In spite of the excessive heat everyone was happy and David and his fellow army officers survived encasement in their fine dress uniforms. However, life is hard for even a new army wife. Soon after her wedding Rebecca was left behind in England whilst her husband went off to the Gulf to serve with the coalition forces.

When radio and television brought news that an un-named soldier in the very unit in which David serves had been killed, Rebecca spent more than three harrowing hours before she knew he was safe. Greatly relieved but sharing the grief of the regiment at the loss of a comrade, newly-married Rebecca has had brought home what most of us regard as a distant conflict.



Let us never forget the men and women who do their duty in dangerous places and the families that wait anxiously for news of them.

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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 more informal discussion-based service is held on the third Sunday of the month. 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 on the first and third weeks of the 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.

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