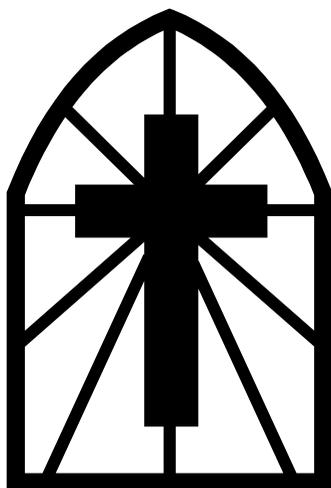


CHRIST CHURCH CHALLENGE



September 2005

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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

CHOIR

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Adult Practice	Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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

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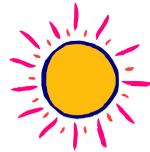
By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

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 did YOU do over the summer?

Did you go around the world?
 Camping nearer to home?
 Out on a day trip?



Did you find a lovely spot for a picnic near to home?

WHATEVER you did, why not take the time to write a short paragraph (or longer if you feel led) about your summer experiences? We'll print them over the next couple of months, and try to keep the sunshine going for as long as we can!

Magazine pigeonhole, please, or magazine@christchurchbath.org

Forum...



I am soon to be licensed as a Reader in the Church of England. Antony thought it might be interesting for this month's *Forum* to be a short reflection on my experiences as a trainee reader over the past year. (I hope he's right!)

A large part of the training I've received this year has been about preaching and a large part of next year's training will be about taking funerals. It's understandable that the two "Formation Years" concentrate mainly on these two areas – they are the areas of Reader ministry where one could cause the most damage! But the past year has not only concentrated on preaching techniques and styles of preaching. It has also offered a chance for reflection on deeper, more fundamental questions like "why preach?" and "what is the sermon for?" I'm not sure I've come to any definitive conclusions on those questions - I'm sure I'll spend the rest of my life trying to work them through – but I think I have reached a stage where I can make one or two tentative statements about what preaching is, and what it is not.



It is probably easier to start with what it is not. Preaching is not lecturing. If it were, it would be difficult to see how it could be made part of an act of worship. A sermon can certainly involve some teaching, some effort to impart knowledge or understanding, but lecturing implies that there is a teacher and a group of students and I don't feel that is a good model for preaching. Preaching should not be about the expert sharing his or her expertise - if it was, I'd have no right to be in the pulpit! It should be more like a conversation, a dialogue. The delivery of a sermon should change the preacher as well as the listener. It should be a process of discovery for both. As with any conversation between friends, it will only be satisfying if the parties involved are open and honest.



Unlike a lecturer then, the preacher must be personally engaged; they must be giving something of themselves.

I realise it seems strange to describe as a dialogue something which seems so obviously to be a monologue, but I think this is where God comes in. It is the Spirit of God moving between the preacher and the congregation which makes the difference. A sermon is not me telling you what this or that bible passage means. It is me standing amongst my fellow Christians and performing that basic, fundamental Christian act of proclaiming the Gospel, praying that the Holy Spirit will be present in the act and lead us all to a deeper knowledge of God.

Obviously, this is an idealistic view of what preaching is about. I doubt I'll ever get close to managing to fulfil this vision of what a sermon is for. But it is truly an awesome thing to be allowed to try.

Mark

Mark's licensing is on Saturday October 1st at 2pm in Wells Cathedral. Please come and support him.

Could you volunteer at the RUH?



Volunteers are urgently needed for our busy local hospital. The Friends of the RUH have a large team of volunteers who give 2 hours a week covering a wide range of duties, and they need more help.

If you would enjoy working in a hospital environment, and are friendly and sympathetic, please help - it is really worthwhile.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jayne Cresswell, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01225 824046.

Church Calendar for September

Sep	3	Sat	GREGORY THE GREAT, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith - 604	
	4	Sun	THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			3.00pm	Holy Baptism - Rafferty Weston
			5.00pm	NO SERVICE
	8	Thur	THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
			7.00pm	Holy Communion (said)
	10	Sat	3.00pm	Holy Matrimony - Katie Frankcom and Nicholas Derbyshire
	11	Sun	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)
	14	Wed	HOLY CROSS DAY	
			11.00am	Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge
	18	Sun	THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)
	21	Wed	MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	
			11.00am	Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge followed by lunch
	25	Sun	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			10.00am	Family Communion and Holy Baptism of Isaac William Elliott, followed by lunch
	29	Thur	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	
			11.00am	Holy Communion - Rev Antony Claridge

Laity Rota for September

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel	
September	4	Judith Anderson	Margaret Burrows	Judith Bishop
	11	Rosanne Gabe	Sylvia Ayers	Audrey Sheppard
	18	Emma Elliott	Richard Gabe	Bev Pont
	25	David Marles	John Metcalfe	Eileen Selmes
October	2	Junior Church		
	9	Martin Palmer	Penny Edwards	Nicky Gladstone

Chalice Assistants

September	4	Jane Fletcher	Penny Edwards
	11	Bob Siderfin	Tessa Claridge
	18	Rosanne Gabe	Margaret Burrows
	25	Janet Mahto	Chris Graham
October	2	Ann Kemp	Jane Fletcher
	9	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin

Intercessors

September	4	Rev Cliff Burrows
	11	Chris Graham
	18	Georgina Bowman
	25	Rev Antony Claridge
October	2	Junior Church
	9	Mark Elliott



Sidespeople	8am	10am		
September	4	Dorothy Twissell	David Marles	Joan Bunkin
	11	Barbara Hayward	John & June Metcalfe	
	18	Clive Tilling	Chris Tanner	Ann Charman
	25	Elizabeth Iden-Hart	Tessa Claridge	Jean Ferguson
October	2	Dil Jones	Nicky & Joshua Gladstone	
	9	Dorothy Twissell	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell

Lectionary for September

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sep 4	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
	No Reading	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20
11	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity		
	Genesis 50.15-21	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
18	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity		
	Jonah 3.10-4.11	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-6
25	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity		
	No Reading	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32
Oct 2	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival		
	Readings to be arranged		
9	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...
"Holy Cross Day" (14th September)

The original name of this feast was the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**, but since 1970, it has been officially called **Holy Cross Day**.

The feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 326 during a pilgrimage of Christians to Jerusalem. Among those in attendance at this pilgrimage was St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, who made Christianity the state religion of the empire after having converted to the faith himself. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with the cross placed inside it.

The date used for the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335. This was a two day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on September 13, the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14 so that the clergy and faithful could pray before it.

Money - How should we get rid of it?

Pastoral Fund

Our Pastoral Fund is used to make occasional grants to members of the church and local community at the discretion of the Priest-in-Charge. Money given as Easter Offerings, usually a few hundred pounds each year, is used to replenish the fund.



In recent years the Easter Offerings have exceeded the grants made and a surplus has built up. Church Council considered this problem and decided that each Holy Week any surplus in the fund will be given to the Genesis Trust, as their aims coincide with those of the Fund. A small reserve will be kept back. This giving to Genesis is independent of any other grants to them, as there is no guarantee that there will be any surplus at all.

Although the Fund is only a modest one, and so cannot usefully be advertised widely, readers are encouraged to make applications as the need arises. Grants can also be used to reimburse church members' expenses for any kind of pastoral work undertaken. Applications may be made in confidence to Antony.

Church Giving



Council also considered the giving of the church to external charities. Some of this giving is in the form of an annual subscription and Council resolved to review these subscriptions annually.

Other Church giving comes from collections made during services and from special events and appeals. It was clear to Council that these were much more effective when a church member took an active role in promoting the charity: the Lent Lunches and the Christmas World Vision Appeal being two examples among many. Collections made during Sunday services with little publicity were unsurprisingly less successful, sometimes being topped up to a respectable level from general funds.

Council decided that in the future, collections would not be supplemented and would only be made if a church member provided the enthusiasm and necessary organisation, whether that be placing of a bowl and small notice at the back of the church for an emergency appeal or planning a big event like a Pan and Pipes meal.

This proposal frees Council from deciding what range of charities should be supported - not a suitable task for a committee - and allows our giving to reflect the interests and opinions of the congregation.

Please pray that as a church and individually, we are guided to act with love and justice.

David Marles

Celebrations at Christ Church...and beyond

On Sunday 4th September Paul and Rebecca Weston will bring their baby son Rafferty to be baptised. Matilda, Rafferty's big sister was also baptised at Christ Church and she is thrilled that Rafferty is to follow her to our font. The service is at 3pm.

Anna and Rebecca Nicholson will not be in the choir stalls for the wedding on Saturday 10th September. However, they will have special parts to play because this is the day when their sister Katie is to marry Nicholas Derbyshire. We look forward to welcoming the Derbyshire and Nicholson families and their friends on what is sure to be a happy day for them all.



Nicholas was educated at Ampleforth College in Yorkshire and the Abbot of Ampleforth will be assisting Antony at the service which will take place at 3pm.

Mark and Emma Elliott, their families and all their friends will be at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 25th September, when their son Isaac is to be baptised. This is sure to be a great Christ Church occasion since Isaac first came to Christ Church within days of his birth. How delighted we shall be to welcome him formally into the family of our church. Mark and Emma warmly invite members of the congregation to stay for a celebration lunch in Church after the service - details to follow in the notices.



Thursday, 29th September is the feast day of St Michael and All Angels and the 21st anniversary of Antony's priesting by the bishop of Bath and Wells. Antony will celebrate Holy Communion at 11am on that day and he invites you to be with him on this special day in his life as a priest.

A little further afield, previous faithful chorister, church librarian and member of the Chaplaincy team, Kerry Gooch, is to marry Gavin Porritt at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick on 1st October. Kerry attended Christ Church whilst an undergraduate and post-graduate at the University of Bath, and we send our love and best wishes to the happy couple. Christ Church will be well-represented at the wedding, which will be celebrated by Vaughan Roberts. David Wrigley will play the organ, David Marles will be singing in the choir, Joshua Gladstone is to be a page boy and Eliza a bridesmaid.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Since the publication of the last Magazine, the Overseas Total from our Coffee morning has risen to the grand total of £103.10. Most of the MU's 'Ten Things' listed last month require constant financial support, so this sum will be put to immediate good use by the Deanery Overseas Treasurer.

This is one of the times of year when I have to ask for money from members. My closing date for receiving your Magazine renewal fees was August 28th, but if you have not yet paid, please see me as soon as possible. The closing date for your MU Christmas Orders is not until September 30th, so if anyone else would like to order Calendars, Diaries or Cards, there is still time. We expect the parcels to arrive by the end of October, and you don't have to be an MU member to buy from us, so please let me know if you require anything. May I once again thank those prompt payers who make life so much easier for your Treasurer.



Our Branch Collection for the Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal will be held during the week beginning Sunday October 23rd. They always need tea, coffee, sugar and cleaning materials, and it is still a regrettable fact that some of the women and children arrive at the Refuge with nothing but the clothes they stand up in, so anything in this line that we can give them will be very welcome. In previous years, our friends at Christ Church have been most generous with their donations, both in cash and kind, so we are confident that you will help us again this year. If you do prefer to give cash, we will then be able to buy some small luxuries for them.



Sylvia M. Ayers (Secretary)

A Ministry of Prayer - By all and for all



Prayer comes from the Latin precarious, "obtained by begging" and precari, "to entreat" - to ask earnestly, beseech, implore. Prayer means many different things to different people. At its most basic level, it is the manifestation of hope in human nature, our ability to say that we don't know everything, that there is something or someone larger and wiser than we are that can guide our lives.

Mahatma Ghandi, the father of modern India said, "Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. There is no peace without the grace of God, and there is no grace of God without prayer".

Praying for others is an act of love. By doing so we follow the example of Jesus. In John 17.20-26 we read how, on the night of his arrest, our Lord took time to pray, not only for his disciples but also for those who would come after them. He was able to look beyond his own needs. He was able to step beyond the turmoil, pain and suffering that he was about to endure. It is to this marvellous ministry of prayer that we are all called.

At Christ Church we remember each other daily when we kneel to pray and through the chain of prayer organised by David Marles. Whenever prayers are said in church we pray for the sick, for the departed, for those in mourning and for anyone who has a special need for God's blessing. Sunday by Sunday people who lead the intercessions are given a list of names. It is important that this list should be kept up to date and that everyone should have the opportunity to add names.

From Sunday, 4 September it will happen like this:

- Names may be added to the prayer list by speaking to the wardens or any member of the clergy team in person or by telephone
- Names may also be entered in the book of prayer which can be found on a table in the Lady Chapel
- The names will be prayed whenever prayers are said in church for a period of 4 weeks. If you wish prayers to continue you must renew the name by one of the two ways described above.
- Whenever the church is open a candle will be lit next to the book of prayer as a sign of remembrance.

Antony Claridge

Muslims and Christians in the UK - a way forward?



In his Presidential Address to the General Synod this summer, the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of Christian-Muslim relations in the UK following the London bombings. Here is an extract from his Address.

“The horrifying news about the London bombings in July broke just as I was arriving at Batley in West Yorkshire for a day of visits to local Islamic institutions and meetings with clergy in the area who are involved in interfaith encounters.

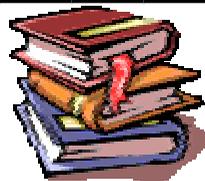
It proved to be an extraordinary opportunity for saying things about the absolutely routine nature of friendly and lively relationships between Muslims and Christians in a good many parts of the UK - things which have informed our discussions here about 'Presence and Engagement', and which we shall all need to be heard saying quite a lot in days ahead, when the temptation to scapegoat our Muslim neighbours may be strong for some in our communities.

Routine friendship and co-operation remains the best hope we have in any conflict of finding ways forward; nothing really can substitute for face to face encounter, when even the sharpest differences of conviction (and no-one in Batley was out to deny these) can be held with respect. An over-used word, I know; but its origins, of course, have to do with looking carefully; to respect someone or some position is to pay it the compliment of real and lasting attention, the sort of attention we call 'loving' attention in other contexts.

But why not indeed think of respect as loving attention? To give time to following through why another believes and acts as they do, to treat this as a serious vocation, to assume that what is humanly significant for me is not going to feel completely different from what matters to my neighbour - this is a form of love, surely.

And as anyone who has been deeply involved with the encounter between faith communities will confirm, it is something quite different from compromise. The Latin Bible often uses the word that is at the root of 'respect' to describe God's attention to his creation; and there perhaps is our best clue to what it might really entail.”

USPG BOOK SALE



Please support our Book and Collectors Fair on Saturday 24th September in the Church from 9.30am till 1.30pm.

In last month's Church Magazine, I listed items we would like to offer for sale, and also feel that we should include jigsaw puzzles, boxed games and playing cards.

Offers of help for Friday afternoon (1.00pm till 3.00pm) can be made to either Dorothy Twissell or myself, and on Saturday helpers should try to get to Church before 9.30am.

Light refreshments should be available throughout the time of the fair.

Remember, proceeds go to our African project, so if you cannot make the fair, we welcome donations - cheques payable to USPG.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Adrian Pegg

A Friend



In Deed

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.

DEANERY SYNOD OUTLINES THE DEANERY PLAN FOR LOCAL MINISTRY GROUPS



The meeting of Deanery Synod on Tuesday 7th June was the first in the new triennium and an opportunity to welcome new members, as well as a chance to hear the new Archdeacon of Bath, The Venerable Andrew Piggott preach during the Communion service before the meeting. He chose to speak on the call of Levi to Jesus's discipleship. He outlined our own calling, both as individuals and as a wider church. He asked us to consider as a vision for this deanery a growth in holiness and likeness to Christ in love, prayer and service and a growth in mission as an extension of God's kingdom. When we respond to God's call we must embrace changes just as Levi did. Like Levi, God is calling us to be clear about our vision, our purpose and our priorities as we share with others an unchanging gospel. He finished with a quote from William Berkeley, "that a thing has always been done may be the best reason for stopping it and that a thing has never been done may be the best reason for trying it.

This sermon served well as an introduction to the main topic in Deanery Business, that of LMGs. These seem to have met with considerable apprehension in the churches in the deanery. So much so that the decision has been taken to rename them ACEs, or Associative Clusters for Encouragement and Support.

After some very nice coffee and biscuits provided by Bath Abbey, we got down to the nitty gritty. The ultimate aim of the exercise is to reduce clergy numbers in the diocese in line with the "Sheffield Formula" by 2012. This formula calculates the number of clergy that will be available to each diocese, based not on financial constraints but projected clergy numbers at that time. It does not take into account self-supporting clergy (the new name for NSMs) or those that are retired.

The clergy numbers for each new ACE were summarised and by the end of the evening it seemed as though we had nearly done it. The formula allots 20 places and we were down to 21. It would be easy at this point to think, this was close enough. However, we cannot move forward like this so the proposal is to create two half-posts, which would be partly funded by other means. This seems to draw a small veil over the fact

that the problem is numbers of clergy and not a financial one. However, this is the current situation and the position from which we now move forward.

The deanery plan has been published and two copies have been purchased for Christ Church. These are available to any members of the congregation who wish to read them. Please speak to your Deanery Synod representatives if you would like to borrow a copy.

Emma Elliott, Sarah Jones and Sarah Hiscock

Local Ministry Group News



The Deanery Synod will hold a special meeting on 20 September to review the proposed Deanery Plan. If you are interested in the details of this proposal a copy of the plan is to be found at the back of the church. Our Deanery Synod representatives are Emma Elliott, Sarah Jones and Sarah Hiscock, and they would be interested to receive your comments. See page 14 for further details.

Jonathan is taking a break and so Antony helped out at St Stephen's by celebrating the Eucharist at midday on Sunday 28 August.

It has not been possible to meet with St Stephen's and St Mary's to arrange the social to launch our LMG. Holidays have intervened and Jonathan is away coordinating the UK speaking tour of Fr Richard Rohr. Look out for details soon in the weekly notices.

The Revd Caroline O'Neill, assistant priest at St Stephen's and St Mary's, Charlcombe, has been appointed as the new Deanery School Link person. Antony will be at a meeting at All Saints Weston on 13 September to "talk through the shape of her work in the future". Your prayers are asked for Caroline as she takes on this vital work on our behalf.

Prayer Cycle for September

- Thur 1** For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate
- Fri 2** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us
- Sat 3** We pray for the University Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains
- Sun 4** For those returning to school around this time; for all children starting a new school
- Mon 5** We pray for the week ahead, and think especially of those who are unhappy or frustrated in their work.
- Tue 6** For Tom and Cyril our Readers; for Mark our Reader in training, and for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston
- Wed 7** For those suffering from depression, and for those who love them; that they will find the strength to seek the help which they need.
- Thur 8** For children who care for their parents, either due to illness or old age; for families everywhere
- Fri 9** For those who have not had any kind of holiday this year
- Sat 10** For engaged couples and those getting married, that God will bless and strengthen them in their life together
- Sun 11** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity
- Mon 12** For seafarers and the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Tue 13** For the work and witness of the Mothers' Union: for Sylvia, Margaret, and all members of the Christ Church MU Branch
- Wed 14** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Thur 15** For all clergy spouses; for Tessa, Margaret and Chris
- Fri 16** For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed
- Sat 17** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries
- Sun 18** For our clergy team, Antony, Cliff and Sandy
- Mon 19** For our Church Council as it meets tonight. For the Trustees of Christ Church, and Yvonne, their Chairman

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- Tue* 20 For our Local Ministry Group
- Wed* 21 For intelligent inter-faith dialogue; for all those affected in any way by the recent terrorist attacks
- Thur* 22 For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota. For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople
- Fri* 23 For the choir: for Mark, David and Mike
- Sat* 24 For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families
- Sun* 25 For parents, step-parents and godparents
- Mon* 26 For those who work behind the scenes to assure the smooth running of our church
- Tue* 27 For all who are coming to terms with the death of a loved one. For those who are bearing a grief which they cannot share
- Wed* 28 For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them
- Thur* 29 For Antony and his ministry on this special anniversary
- Fri* 30 Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer him the challenges of the month that is to come

August

- Sat* 1 For our readers, Cyril, Tom and Mark. For Sarah's ministry at Batheaston
- Sun* 2 For Christ Church's children, as they help to lead this morning's 10am service; for those who lead the Junior Church
- Mon* 3 For those moving house or looking for a new home, that God's peace will touch them at this stressful time
- Tue* 4 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations
- Wed* 5 For our HR Group for young people and for their leaders
- Thur* 6 For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens
- Fri* 7 For the work of Churches Together in Bath; for Sylvia and Chris, our CTB representatives
- Sat* 8 For all doing voluntary service overseas

Why you should sleep with your car keys

Do you take your car keys to bed with you? It might not be a bad idea... such was the recent advice of a police force in West Yorkshire when a spate of burglaries in the area led to the disappearance of 720 vehicles.



These days, it seems, frustrated car thieves decide to steal car keys rather than try to match their wits against the sophistication of modern security devices on vehicles. Once a thief has got hold of your car key and fob, he can easily find it when parked in a street or a car park. He simply clicks the remote door release, or even momentarily activates the alarm from the fob.

In fact, it seems that some gangs around the country are now staging house break-ins for the sole purpose of stealing car keys. In the last three years more than £40 million worth of cars have been stolen in the Home Counties alone - following house burglaries.

Opportunist thieves sneak into porches, halls, and kitchens in broad daylight to grab keys hanging on hooks near doors. Handbags and jacket pockets are also searched.

Vehicle crime now accounts for more than a quarter of all reported crime, and 40 per cent of cars stolen are never returned to their rightful owners.

The RAC Foundation's advice includes:

- 1 Treat car keys the same as you would your cash or credit cards.
- 2 Make sure car keys are in a secure place at home and at work.
- 3 Keep your house doors locked at all times.
- 4 Ensure your car keys are not kept close to doors and windows.
- 5 Never leave car keys in an unattended car.
- 6 Keep your car in a locked garage, if possible.
- 7 Never leave any form of identification, like your car registration, with your keys.

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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 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. We hold special all-age services once a month and at festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Wednesday during Lent, followed by lunch). 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

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