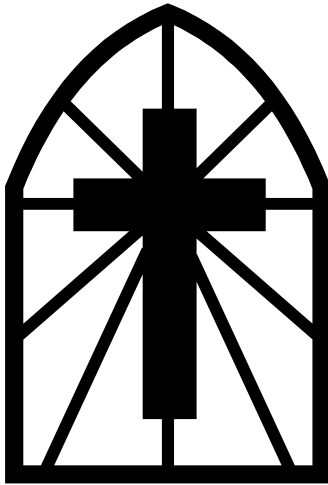


CHRIST CHURCH CHALLENGE



September 2006

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

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

Angela and John, 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.

Comings and Goings

This month we shall say goodbye to Matthew and Sarah Jones who leave Bath to take up professional posts in London. We shall miss them both although they promise to keep in touch and visit us often. There will be much more to say about them later.

Sarah Hiscock will become the leader of Junior Church and we are grateful to her for taking over this important role from the Sarah called Jones

St Mary's Barbecue

Our friends at St Mary's RC Church are once again holding their barbecue at Toghill Farm on Sunday 10th September, and they warmly invite us to join them. Further details from John and June.

Forum...



As the magazine goes to print Britain is celebrating the centenary of the birth of John Betjeman said to be “the nation’s favourite poet”. He recorded a particular view of England where taxes were low, when churches were full and un-nationalised steam railways carried people into an unspoilt countryside on which the sun never set. Many of his poems are about the potency of place and he once said: “I love suburbs and gas-lights and Gothic-revival churches and mineral railways, provincial towns and garden cities.” *Metro-land*, the film he made for the BBC in 1973 is a celebration of the diversity and eccentricity of the early London suburbs.

Revered as the “the nation’s teddy bear” Betjeman is the poet who most people can quote. There are few who cannot recall the “strongly adorable tennis-girl’s hand” of Miss Joan Hunter Dunn.

Miss J. Hunter Dunn, Miss J. Hunter Dunn,
Furnish’d and burnish’d by Aldershot sun,
What strenuous singles we played after tea,
We in the tournament—you against me !

Many identify with his expressions of regret for the landscapes of childhood when we were different people:

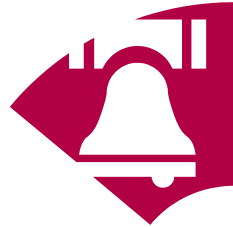
Beside those spires so spick and span
Against an unencumbered sky
The old Great Western Railway ran
When someone different was I.

And, of course, there was his condemnation of what he saw as the ugliness and architectural vandalism of the twentieth century. Memorably, but probably not seriously, he called on German bombs to “rain on Slough” because “it isn’t fit for people now”.

There is much, also, that could be said about Betjeman as the chronicler of the Anglican church. He does this in his prose as well as in numerous poems celebrating liturgy and architecture. The preface to a new anthology of his religious verse* claims he is “one of the twentieth century’s great makers of the Christian imagination” and goes on to suggest he “may be the most significant literary figure of our time to declare his Christian faith and his terror of dying”. This new anthology reveals – as many have thought – that

Betjeman was more than a nostalgic versifier. Behind his carefully cultivated teddy bear image, he wrestled with doubts and demons. What endures in his work is not simply the laughter, but the fear beneath it. There was an urgency about Betjemen's search for faith which was rooted in a pathological fear of death and loneliness. This fear completely overwhelms faith in a poem written before an operation. It was called *Before the Anaesthetic or A Real Fright*.

Almighty Saviour, had I Faith
 There'd be no fight with kindly Death.
 Intolerably long and deep
 St Giles's bells swing on in sleep:
 "But still you go from here alone"
 Say all the bells about the throne.



Sir John sometimes described himself as an honest doubter desperate for certainty but conscious that it was elusive. Even so, his Eucharistic faith is most wonderfully expressed in *Christmas* when he reaches for the truth of "that most tremendous tale of all ... that God was Man in Palestine/And lives today in bread and wine". He expresses it also in a less well-known poem *St Saviour's, Aberdeen Park, Highbury, London W1* where he describes kneeling in the presence of God in the midst of rush hour traffic and looking at the wafer placed in his hand:

Wonder beyond Times wonders, that Bread so white and small
 Veiled in golden curtains, too mighty for men to see,
 Is the power that sends the shadows up this polychrome wall,
 Is God who created the present, the chain-smoking millions and me;
 Beyond the throb of the engines is the throbbing heart of all –
 Christ, at this Highbury altar I offer myself to thee.

There is no doubt that Betjemen clung to the sacraments in the darkest of days when faith was beset by doubts and fears. He said that when despair and gloom set in he always hoped that doubt was a pathway to true faith and that he would be stronger for it.

And so it is poignant that we at Christ Church, each on a pilgrimage in search of faith, kneel at the altar on a kneeler given to our church by Sir John Betjeman in memory of his mother.

Antony

**Faith and Doubt of John Betjeman: An Anthology of Betjeman's Religious Verse by Kevin Gardner. London Continuum*

Church Calendar for September

Sep	3	Sun	THE TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer (<i>NOTE CHANGE</i>)
	8	Fri	BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
	9	Sat	CHARLES FUGE LOWDER, Priest - 1880	
			7.00pm	Grand Ceilidh at Royal High Junior School with St Stephen's
	10	Sun	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong (<i>NOTE CHANGE</i>)
			Christ Church Genesis Lunch Duty	
	14	Thur	HOLY CROSS DAY	
			11.00am	Holy Communion & Lunch
	17	Sun	THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taize
	21	Thur	ST MATTHEW - Apostle and Evangelist	
	23	Sat	9.30am	USPG Book Sale
	24	Sun	THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	27	Wed	EMBER DAY	
	29	Fri	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	
			EMBER DAY	
	30	Sat	EMBER DAY	
Oct	1	Sun	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			6.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong

Laity Rota for September

Readers		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
September	3	Bev Pont	David Marles	John Metcalfe
	10	Eileen Selmes	Martin Palmer	Lloyd Grosvenor
	17	Nicky Gladstone	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	24	Georgina Bowman	David Bishop	Chris Graham

Chalice Assistants

September	3	Rosanne Gabe	Margaret Burrows
	10	Janet Mahto	Chris Graham
	17	Anne Kemp	Jane Fletcher
	24	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin

Intercessors

September	3	David Marles
	10	Rev Cliff Burrows
	17	Chris Graham
	24	Georgina Bowman



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
September	3	Elizabeth Iden-Hart	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	10	Arthur Jones	Ken & Sylvia Ayers	
	17	Dorothy Twissell	David Marles	Joan Bunkin
	24	Clive Tilling	June Metcalfe	Chris Gladstone

Lectionary for September

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sep 3	Trinity 12		
	No reading	James 1.17-27	Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23
10	Trinity 13		
	Isaiah 35. 4-7a	James 2.1-10, 14-17	Mark 7. 24-end
17	Trinity 14		
	Isaiah 50. 4-9a	James 3. 1-12	Mark 8. 27-38
24	Trinity 15		
	No reading	James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a	Mark 9. 30-37
Oct 1	Trinity 16 - Harvest Festival		
	TBA	TBA	TBA

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...
"CHARLES FUGE LOWDER" (9th September)

London mission preacher; born at Bath June 22, 1820; died at Zell am See, Austria, Sept. 9, 1880. He studied at King's College School, London, and at Exeter College, Oxford (B.A., 1843; M.A., 1845), and took orders in 1843. He was curate at Walton, near Glastonbury, 1843-44, chaplain of the Axbridge workhouse 1844-45, curate of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, 1845--51, then curate at St. Barnabas' Church, Pimlico, 1851-56.

In 1856 he entered upon his life-work as head of the mission at St. George's-in-the-East. The scene of his labors was in East London, among the lowest classes. Through his efforts was erected St. Peter's Church, London Docks, which was consecrated in 1866. Lowder became vicar of the new church and remained in this charge till his death. He held High-church views, was a strict ritualist, and resembled a Roman Catholic priest in his celibacy and his general mode of life.

He published, besides some pamphlets, *Ten Years in St. George's Mission* (London, 1867); and *Twenty-one Years in St. George's Mission* (1877).

The following was published in *The Church Review* of September 24, 1880:

'The funeral of good Father Lowder took place on Friday. We have called it a funeral in compliance with established phraseology but in truth it was a triumphal procession through the crowded streets of East London such as England has never before seen in this nineteenth century.'

Father Lowder is dead, but that he is not forgotten was shown by the pilgrimage on the fiftieth anniversary of his death in 1930, when upwards of 200 persons, on a pouring wet afternoon, stood around his grave in Chislehurst churchyard, to pay loving and grateful homage to his memory

The Mission to Seafarers

Our thanks to Sylvia for passing on the following appeal from the Mission.



**Caring for seafarers
around the world**

News has just reached me that 19 seafarers from a small oil tanker called Lin 1, who had been held hostage by Somali pirates for nearly four months, have finally been released. As I give thanks for their safety, I think about the fear they must have felt and the terrible conditions which they are reported to have been held in. I also remember the negotiator, who was working for their release, who was shot dead. This is the latest of a number of ruthless attacks by heavily armed pirates on ships sailing down the long coast of Somalia, east Africa. Many of them were on their way to our port here in Mombasa, Kenya.

In another recent incident, some seafarers from one ship which arrived in port told me a harrowing tale of being pursued by speedboats and being fired on with rockets and machine guns. The crew thought they were going to be killed. There had been considerable damage to the ship but the master had everything repaired and painted over before the ship reached port and instructed the crew to say nothing about what had happened. But the men who came to me needed to talk about their fear. They had been pursued three or four times before.

Here at The Mission to Seafarers centre in Mombasa, we give vital help to seafarers whose next port of call may be thousands of miles and weeks away. We provide a listening ear and a guarantee of confidentiality. We are also a place of safety and relaxation where the fear of pirates can be forgotten for a short time. And we can give practical help such as phone calls charged at economical rates so that seafarers can talk to their families.

But we can only keep doing this with your support. That's why I am writing to ask if you can to help the Mission's centres in the poorest and most perilous areas of the world.

An increase in pirate activity off the lawless Somali coast in the past year has made these waters the most dangerous in the world. The area has overtaken those traditionally plagued by piracy such as the Straits of Malacca in south east Asia or the waters off Iraq. When ships come under attack from pirates it is a frightening and traumatic experience for the crews. The pirates use small speedboats, carrying five or more men fully armed and, if they manage to get on board, they will steal whatever they can. The crews are left very shaken and nervous about sailing again.

The conversation of seafarers in our centre has been dominated by the dangers of piracy and the latest incidents. And when I make my ship visits, crews

unable to get ashore are able to share their worries. I can pray with them and hold services with those who ask.

That's why it is so important to maintain The Mission to Seafarers' presence in areas where seafarers are in danger. It is also vital to help seafarers in the poorest countries where there is often little or no other help available.

Just £25 could pay for a ship visit to a crew in need of support.

£50 could help pay for minibus costs taking seafarers from their ships to the Mission's centres.

£170 could help pay for the costs of running our centre in Mombasa for a day.

Please make a donation to help those in danger today. Thank you for your prayers and past support.

Yours sincerely

The Revd Michael Sparrow, Chaplain, Mombasa, Kenya

Local Focus on World Events

What is happening to Israel?

This question, which is on many minds, is the title of a meeting to be held at Manvers Street Baptist Church on Thursday, 7 September at 7.30pm. The speaker is Pat Price-Tomes, who has recently returned from the West Bank where she had first hand experience of Israeli policy in the Middle East. All are welcome to this meeting which will be chaired by the Revd. John Rackley.



Shirley Williams to speak at Abbey

The second Severn Forum-Sarum Lecture will be given by the Rt. Hon. Baroness Shirley Williams on 9 November 2006 at Bath Abbey. It is entitled "War, Peace & Christian Attitudes" and Bishop of Clifton, the Rt. Revd. Declan Lang will be in the Chair. Tickets are £5.00 and available from Bath Abbey bookshop.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

At our July Overseas After-Church Sale, we raised £43.50, plus another £20 from the sale of the cards, from which MU Funds will also benefit. These sums will be put to immediate good use by the Deanery Treasurer, and we do appreciate the support of the Congregation in this work. I would also like to thank Margaret and Jean for taking your requests for the MU Christmas items while I was in Germany. The Order Form and monies have now been despatched, and the parcels should arrive during October.

We hope to see you all at our next Branch Corporate Communion and Lunch, which will be at 11am on Wednesday 13th September – please note the new day for the midweek lunches. The closing date for paying your Magazine £6 renewal fees is September 24th, so all contributions will now be gratefully received! May I once again thank those prompt payers who make life so much easier for your Treasurer.

We expect to hold our Branch Collection for the Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal during the week of October 22nd to 29th, although circumstances may alter this proposed date. Tea, coffee, sugar and cleaning materials are always needed, 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 use this to buy some small luxuries for them.

Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)

The Top Hat is Mine!

“Julian House Monopoly at King Edward's School”

Lovers of the Monopoly board game will be at King Edward's School, North Road, Bath on Thursday, 9 November at 6.30pm for the Bath Monopoly Tournament night sponsored by the Wessex Property Club.

Tickets are £10.00 with a discount for groups and there will be individual and group prizes of £500.00. One hundred per cent of all the money raised this evening will go directly to the work of Julian House. Tickets are available directly from Julian House, 55 New King Street, Bath, BA1 2BN, tel. 01225 354652.



Churches Together in Bath Update

Christ Church was represented at the AGM of Churches Together in Bath . However, neither Sylvia nor I could attend the Central Zone Committee meeting. This was the first chaired by our new chairman, the Revd Kieran Bourne of the Metropolitan Church. Revd Tom Stuckey, the newly-retired President of the Methodist Conference has agreed to speak on "Fresh Expressions" on Sunday 21st January 2007, during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. He is said to be an excellent speaker, and this is good news indeed.

More good news: the Revd Angela Berners-Wilson will become the next Chairperson of the Executive Committee of CTB.

The Revd John Rackley is planning to organise a public meeting concerning Trident.

The annual Road Peace service will be on 19th November at 6.30pm at Manvers Street Baptist Church.

Please start thinking if and how you would like to be involved in Open Christmas. Details to follow.

The Revd Roger Nunn, while still involved in CTB, is caring for his sick wife. Please remember him in your prayers.

Margaret Heath, Joint CTB Representative

A Friend



The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours who 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 local contact best able to provide the help that is needed.

Excuse me, I'm even more Lost...

Episode 2/8: Ana Lucia (leader of the tail section guys) takes the hard line. She knocks Sayid out and ties him up before he can say too much about how she's just shot his girlfriend. If only life were that simple... In



flashback, we learn that Ana Lucia was a policewoman in her previous life, but that she secretly gunned down a criminal who'd previously shot her, killing her unborn child. So she has a difficult relationship with guns, other people and life in general. Mr Eko (I've been spelling it wrongly) rebels against her by carrying the unconscious Sawyer to the camp where the Original Castaways are, realising that he will die without Jack's seemingly bottomless medicine cabinet.

The other Tail Section guys follow his lead and leave too, causing a sensation when they arrive in camp. There are touching reunions between Sun and Jin, and Rose and her husband (If you watched Series One, you'll remember Rose. She's the older lady who refused to mourn her husband because she "knew" he wasn't dead. Turns out she was right. Ana Lucia lets Sayid go, and decides to go off on her own, because nobody likes her and she's not very keen on herself either.

Episode 2/9: We learn that Kate's original crime was to blow up her own house containing her drunken stepfather, and that this is why she's a fugitive. Down in the hatch, Sawyer is delirious, but manages to mutter "I love her" thus deepening the ponderously slowly developing Sawyer—Kate—Jack love triangle. Trust me, it's in there, and it'll probably come to a head some time around Season Four. Kate starts having visions of a big black horse. Meanwhile, the funeral is held for Shannon. Later on, alone in the hatch, Michael starts messing with the computer (you're not supposed to do that) suddenly on the screen appears the word "Dad?" Is it Walt?

Episode 2/10: We learn about Mr Eko's back-story. Due to a difficult childhood, he had been a drugs trafficker in his previous life, and a plane full of heroin which the castaways found crashed on the island in series One was actually his plane. Yet another incredible co-incidence. Claire finds out that Charlie has been hiding some heroin and tells him not to come near her and her baby. Charlie is devastated.

And so it goes on, miraculous reunions, strange co-incidences, love, hate, death. Is it just a metaphor for our earthly struggle? I doubt it. NG

Junior Church

Welcome back to another term at Junior Church.

Goodbye and Thank you!

Sadly we have to start this term by saying good bye and thank you to a number of people. As you may be aware Sarah and Matthew Jones are moving to London which means that Sarah will no longer be co-ordinating Junior Church and Matthew won't be available as one of our occasional helpers. Also Kate Kemp is leaving us to start a teacher training course in Cambridge. Thank you to all of your for your help and hard work over many years. We'll miss you and hope to see you back again soon.

Miracles and People

This term we will be continuing to follow our own themes in Junior Church rather that sticking to the lectionary all the time. With that in mind we will start the term by looking at some more of the miracles that Jesus performed and the move on to find out about some of the characters of the old testament in the run up to half term.

Help!!

As I've already mentioned we're losing a number of our helpers and this has left the rota with a number of spaces on it. We really need to find some new people to help out, even if only for one or two sessions each term. Helping at Junior Church can be great fun. Yes, it does mean you miss the sermon and it does require some degree of preparation in advance but the weeks theme is selected in advance and I'm happy to provide advice on how to approach each topic.

Please think carefully about whether you could take on a role within Junior Church. If you'd like to know more please speak to me over coffee on Sunday or contact me on 07792 199 226 (weekends and evenings).

Sarah Hiscock

DO YOU KNOW.....

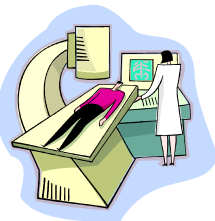
the kind of plant which came from the New World in the 1650s, belongs to the Sunflower (Compositae) family and might be associated with a Saint who is revered in three faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam?



Aster alpinus

The flowers of these plants are typical of the Compositae, with a central yellow section of florets, surrounded by a ring of false petals, which vary in pastel shades from blue to pink. When in America it grew in woodland areas, often with a plant called Goldenrod. In this country it also grows with a British version of Goldenrod, but in prairie-like conditions: they grow in all kinds of waste spaces, particularly railway embankments and beside motorways, often providing large patches of colour as late as November. They largely replaced a native version, which lived in salt marsh conditions and was known for many years as a wound-herb and as a cure for dropsy and poisons. In recent years, however, quite large patches of this Sea Aster have been found beside the slip roads of motorways in the north of England. It seems that the salt used for de-icing the roads has provided the right conditions for their light, windblown seeds to germinate.

The saint revered in three faiths has a name which means 'like unto God' and in the book of Daniel he is portrayed as the protector of mankind, the chief prince who not only supports and protects the people of Israel, but also keeps an account of their successes and failures. In the New Testament he is the protector of heaven and a fighter against evil. In Islam he and Jibrel were told by God to bow before Adam.



In the Christian Church his feast day has been celebrated ever since a basilica was built to him a few miles north of Rome: this was in the 6th Century in the western church; probably earlier in the east. He is the patron saint of several countries, including Germany, but is also the patron saint of fighters, like paratroopers, and healers, like radiologists. His feast day is the day that Cambridge colleges open their doors to new students.

He is Michael the Archangel and Michaelmas Day is the 29th of September and Asters are more often known as Michaelmas Daisies.

Cyril Selmes

- Important -

Your USPG Booksale needs You!

• The Booksale is definitely on for Saturday 23rd September, and
• needs your support.

• You can help in various ways:

- 1. By offering items which we can sell on the day or at specialist fairs if we can command a higher price.
- 2. Taking away one of the Booksale posters and displaying it prominently.
- 3. Helping to sort the stock in Church on Friday 22nd September from 2pm till 4pm.
- 4. Helping on the day of the Booksale. As the sale starts at 9.30am, try to make Church a little before then; and as the sale ends at 1.30pm, offers of help to put books and tables away are always gratefully accepted.

• In my last report (July 2006) I highlighted the problems that people in Malawi face, and the wonderful work that the staff do at St Anne's hospital. Any gifts of items to sell or donations (payable to Christ Church) will help us to raise money for this worthwhile cause. We have a worldwide parish, and must help those worse off than ourselves.

• Offers of help to Dorothy Twissell or myself, or any problems, please give me a ring on 01225 858809 (answerphone service available)

Adrian Pegg

Prayer Cycle for September

- Fri* 1 For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
- Sat* 2 For our Clergy Team.
- Sun* 3 For Emma who compiles our weekly notice sheet.
- Mon* 4 For school children, students, teachers and all involved in education, as a new academic year begins,
- Tues* 5 For our plans to provide help to those in need in the neighbourhood around our church.
- Wed* 6 For peace in the Holy Land; for all children caught up in centuries old conflicts.
- Thurs* 7 For Angela and John, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens
- Fri* 8 For Cyril, Mark and Tom our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Sat* 9 For those who work behind the scenes to assure the smooth running of our church. For Angela, our verger
- Sun* 10 For our LMG partners St Stephens and St Mary's Charlcombe, and for the people of St Mary's RC Church
- Mon* 11 For David, our Treasurer.
- Tues* 12 For all members of our Church Council.
- Wed* 13 For the Mid-week lunch, and for John and June who work so hard to prepare them for us
- Thurs* 14 For Genesis and the work of the Sunday Centre.
- Fri* 15 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations.
- Sat* 16 For those who work for the Emergency Services.
- Sun* 17 For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Mon* 18 We pray for the week ahead, and think especially of those who are unhappy or frustrated in their work.

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- Tues 19** For all those moving house
- Wed 20** For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate.
- Thurs 21** For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: for those who care about them and worry about them
- Fri 22** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries. For those who work for the emergency services
- Sat 23** For the work of USPG. For Adrian Pegg, our representative, and for the success of today's Book Sale
- Sun 24** For our Clergy team and their families
- Mon 25** For the Trustees of Christ Church, and Yvonne, their Chairman.
- Tues 26** For our Altar Servers, Sidespeople, Chalice Assistants, Readers, and all who assist in any way at our services.
- Wed 27** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them.
- Thurs 28** For the work and witness of the Mothers' Union: for all the members of the Christ Church branch.
- Fri 29** On this feast of St Michael, we pray for fighters and for healers, that God will guide them in their work
- Sat 30** We give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer the coming month to God
- October**
- Sun 1** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity
- Mon 2** For those who use our roads; for all who are travelling
- Tue 3** For all parents, step-parents and godparents. For foster parents and all who care for children
- Wed 4** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Thur 5** For those mourning the death of loved ones; for those mourning the death of a child or children.

Big Questions, Little Answers

He puts the "me" into "Me and Mrs Jones"... it's Matthew!

Where were you born?

Southmead Hospital in Bristol, though I always feel the need to point out we lived in Wells at the time, as it's much nicer!

What are your hobbies?

Playing the trumpet and singing in the choir. Watching/listening to cricket.

What car do you drive?

Silver Ford Fiesta

What is your favourite film, and why?

Not sure, but whatever it is, it's funny, exciting and has a happy ending, as I like films that cheer me up.

What is your favourite kind of music?

Jazz, especially played on the trumpet.

What is your favourite kind of meal / food?

Difficult... probably hearty traditional English food, like steak and ale pie or beef casserole.

What has been your proudest moment?

If I'm honest, getting a first and winning most of the prizes for my pharmacy degree.

What is the most amazing place you have visited?

I'm not very well travelled, but I was amazed that a place like the hotel I stayed in Nashville (Tennessee) could exist. It had about 1000 rooms and in between them, 9 acres of indoor gardens, containing a 44 foot waterfall, a river you could take a boat trip on and various 2 or 3 storey buildings!

What famous person, dead or alive, would you like to meet?

Louis Armstrong – coming from an impoverished background, through sheer talent he single-handedly changed the course of 20th century music as well as being one of the best jazz trumpeters of all time. I'd love to talk to him about it all.

What's your pet hate?

Stupidity.

What's your favourite book?

Not sure again – either one of the Hornblower series by C.S. Forester or one of the Lord Peter Wimsey detective novels by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Tell us a little-known fact about yourself

For the first 10 months of my life, I was a member of the Salvation Army.

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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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