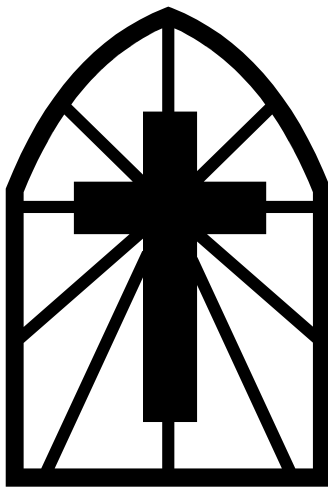


CHRIST
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July 2007

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

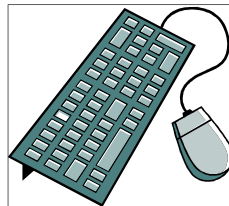
Angela and Chris, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

Dear Jesus
 You were taken as a baby refugee into Egypt
 Take care of all homeless wanderers
 Of all who have to leave their comfortable homes because of
 misfortune or war
 And of all who have no homes at all.
 Guide them with your love to find help and friends
 And to help each other in their loneliness.

The Lion Book of Children's Prayers

Forum...

Jesus Died For Us



You've heard it said many, many times, but what does that statement mean? I think most of us "get it" at an emotional level. We understand that the cross is a deep and profound statement of God's character, the ultimate act of love. It's when we try to understand with our head as well as our heart that things become more complicated.

The head asks questions like "Why did God need the cross?" and "What was Jesus' death and resurrection actually for?" Over the centuries, theologians have attempted to codify exactly what it was that Jesus did for us and why it was necessary. These theological concepts are known as theories of atonement.

You probably know about many different theories of atonement, even if you don't realise it. This is a very quick précis of some of the common (often overlapping) views:

The Ransom view: Jesus' death was a ransom paid to the devil who would otherwise have justly claimed all human souls for himself.

Penal Substitution: Jesus was punished by God in our place in order that we can be forgiven for our sin and justice still maintained.

The Moral Influence view: Jesus' obedience in going to his death acts as the ultimate exemplar to all those who hear about it.

The Satisfaction view: God's honour is besmirched by human sin. Jesus' death, being an act of ultimate obedience brings great honour to God. So much so, that the deficit in God's honour is restored.

Christus Victor: Jesus lets evil do its worst to him, even to the point of being killed, and then defeats it in the resurrection. We are united to Christ, because he was fully human as well as fully God, so we have a share in this victory.

Why, you might reasonably ask, have I chosen such an apparently dry, theologically technical issue as my topic in the forum article, which is usually reserved for more relevant and contemporary fare? The reason is that, over the last few months, a few notable Christian individuals and organisations have been having quite a public

discussion (some would say row) about which view of atonement is "The Right One". In particular, Penal Substitution has become so prevalent in the more evangelical and Calvinist traditions that some people within those traditions have become quite hostile towards the other viewpoints. The arguments have even appeared in national daily newspapers, usually in a highly caricatured form, and I thought it might be worth attempting a dispassionate summary of the issue as it seems such an odd thing to fall out over!

As usual, I think C. S. Lewis has it right when he says "We are told that Christ was killed for us, that His death has washed out our sins, and that by dying He disabled death itself. That is the formula. That is Christianity. That is what has to be believed. Any theories we build up as to how Christ's death did all this are, in my view, quite secondary: mere plans or diagrams to be left alone if they do not help us, and, even if they do help us, not to be confused with the thing itself."

Mark

Family news

As the magazine goes to press, we hear that after a long stay in hospital Margaret Burrows is now at home. Flowers with love from everyone at Christ Church greeted her return.

Congratulations to John and June Metcalfe who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last month.

Eliza Gladstone was a very good brave girl when she went into hospital for a minor operation recently. Well done Eliza!

Best wishes go to Edward Gabe who is playing a key role in his school's production of *Bugsy Malone*.

The Gabe family is on the move. At the end of term they will move to a school house at Monkton Combe where Richard and Rosanne are to become house parents. We hope the move goes well and we pray for their new life and work.

Church Calendar for July

July	1	Sun	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			10.00am	Travelling Light departs to Holy Trinity
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong
	2	Mon	8.00pm	Meet Up Monday at the Hare and Hounds
	3	Tues	ST THOMAS, Apostle	
	6	Fri	THOMAS MORE and JOHN FISHER, Reformation Martyrs	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	8	Sun	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	12	Thur	7.30pm	Church Council
	13	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	14	Sat	JOHN KEBLE, Priest	
	15	Sun	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taize service
			Deadline for Magazine articles	
	18	Wed	11.00am	Mothers' Union Communion and Lunch
	19	Thur	7.30pm	CTB Committee at URC
	20	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	22	Sun	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			ST MARY MAGDELENE	
	25	Wed	ST JAMES, Apostle	
	27	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	29	Sun	THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	30	Mon	WILLIAM WILBERFORCE	
Aug	5	Sun	THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Laity Rota for July

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
July	1	No reading	Judith Anderson	Margaret Burrows
	8	Judith Bishop	Emma Elliott	Richard Gabe
	15	David Marles	Eileen Selmes	Bev Pont
	22	No reading	Bob Siderfin	Martin Palmer
	29	Georgina Bowman	David Bishop	Penny Edwards
August	5	Mark Elliott	Jane Fletcher	Chris Graham

Chalice Assistants

July	1	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	8	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	15	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
	22	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	29	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
August	5	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards

Intercessors

July	1	Rev Antony Claridge
	8	Rev Cliff Burrows
	15	Chris Graham
	22	Georgina Bowman
	29	Rev Antony Claridge
August	5	Mark Elliott



Sidespeople		8am	10am
July	1	Clive Tilling	Ken and Sylvia Ayers
	8	Arthur Jones	Joan Bunkin Jean Ferguson
	15	Clive Tilling	Breda Horgan Andrew Sillett
	22	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge Janet Mahto
	29	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver Frank Twissell
August	5	Arthur Jones	Ken and Sylvia Ayers

Lectionary for July

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
July 1	Trinity 4		
	No reading	Galatians 5.1, 13-25	Luke 9.51-62
8	Trinity 5		
	Isaiah 66.10-14	Galatians 6.7-16	Luke 10.1-11,16-20
15	Trinity 6		
	Deuteronomy 30.9-14	Colossians 1.1-14	Luke 10.25-37
22	Trinity 7		
	No reading	Colossians 1.15-28	Luke 10.38-42
29	Trinity 8		
	Genesis 18.20-32	Colossians 2.6-15	Luke 11.1-13
Aug 5	Trinity 9		
	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23	Colossians 3.1-11	Luke 12.13-21

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

“Bartolomé de las Casas” (20th July)

Las Casas was born in Seville in 1484. He emigrated to the Caribbean island of Hispaniola in 1502. He became a priest eight years later, and served as a missionary to the Arawak (Taino) of Cuba in 1512. In 1522, he joined the Dominican Order.

De las Casas became well-known for his advocacy of the rights of Indigenous peoples of the Americas. His descriptions of the *caciques* (chiefs or princes), *bohiques* (shamans or clerics), *ni-tainos* (noblemen), and *naborias* (common folk) in the Caribbean clearly showed a feudal structure. “No state, king, or emperor,” wrote Las Casas, “can alienate territories, or change their political system, without the express approval of their inhabitants.” In one of his last works before his death, *De thesauris in Peru*, he vigorously defended the rights of the natives of Peru against the slavery imposed on them by the early Spanish Conquest. The work also questioned the right Spain had to take the treasures derived from the ransom of Atahualpa (the Inca leader).

Las Casas explained that he had supported the acts of barbarism when he first arrived in the New World, but that he soon became convinced that the horrendous acts would eventually lead to the collapse of Spain itself in an act of Divine retribution. According to Las Casas, it was the responsibility of the Spanish to convert the Indians, who would then be loyal subjects of Spain, rather than to kill them. To avoid the burden of slavery on them, Las Casas proposed that Africans be brought to America instead, though he later changed his mind about this when he saw the effects of slavery on Africans. Largely due to his efforts, the New Laws were adopted in 1542 to protect the Indians in colonies.

FORTY YEARS ON

Last month, I decided, rather on impulse, to attend a Special Gaudy (old boys' reunion) at my old senior school in Oxford.

Although the event was well attended, there were few boys I particularly remembered and I found myself thinking more about the place than the people.

And then, amid the old school ties, the lunch in the marquee, the cricket match against Marlborough, and sun on the red brick of the Quad, I remembered that it really was '40 Years On' for me. Forty years since I first heard the Beatles' *Sergeant Pepper* LP on the Music School record player and experienced a strange sensation of hearing something both quite new and yet in some way familiar – *déjà vu* from something I'd never heard before. And the other musical memory from June 1967, playing the bass drum in the military band (no call for a 'cello, which was my instrument) during the Combined Cadet Force annual inspection by some visiting General. In between the selections from *Oklahoma!* and *South Pacific* my friend on the tympani and I were listening in on an illicit transistor radio to news of the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, counting the downed MIGs and Mirages.

My school was founded in the 1860s by High Church enthusiasts – an Oxford school for the Oxford Movement. Over the following 100 years that style of churchmanship got somewhat lost; and daily 'chapel' in my day was as conventional and as compulsory as the CCF, and similarly resented. I was caught up in the music, so I was not one of the objectors (but since I had access to a Liberal duplicator in London I did arrange one half-term the printing of the subversive unofficial manifesto that put a stop to the whole charade.)

Gaudy marks the date of the dedication of the school chapel. Sitting in the Nave for the Chapel service that inaugurated the day's proceedings, instead of in the Choir stalls where I sat for all of my four years, I saw things in a new and different light. The sad succession of memorial panels to the boys who fell in the Great War, starting in 1914 and stretching right round a chapel that can seat 500 people. But the chapel no longer needs to seat 500, so there is no call for the sliding 'flaps' on the pew ends. Yet a chapel the students are no longer dragooned into attending is a much more spiritual place; and it was good to see the return of something that would have been inconceivable in 1967 – the Reserved Sacrament.

We sang lustily (as we always did) *Jerusalem*, Psalm 150, and a couple of good rousing numbers from the English Hymnal. We also sang the

school song ('Carmen') with its Latin words celebrating the enduring loyalty which the Christian Gentlemen would owe to 'Schola nostra', demonstrated by 'pietate filiorum'.

All I remember of piety at school was the trainee teacher who took us for Divinity one term and solemnly wrote in my school report: 'He has yet to develop a mature faith.' Which of us has?

Quite coincidentally, a few days before my return to North Oxford I had been at the Savoy Hotel in London taking part in a media industry 'salute' to one of our leading TV news presenters who I happened to have overlapped with, both at school and (briefly) university. Chatting to my old school chum, I was reminded that his father had been an Anglican bishop – and, incidentally, the author of a rather good devotional book for confirmation candidates which I had been given by our vicar at home just before I went on to my senior school.

Boys who were confirmed were issued with a greatly inferior prayer book dating from around 1910. Examining your conscience involved considering whether you were devoting too much time and energy to bicycling or 'picture palaces'. It was the ecclesiastical equivalent of *Scouting for Boys*. Today's students, boys and girls, seem to me to enjoy an infinitely more 'mature' relationship with Chapel.

One of the Compline prayers in Bishop Snow's little book seemed very appropriate:

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place and all our homes, and drive far from them all the snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us evermore.

It's a prayer I try to invoke when I am away from home and I must remember today's St Edward's as well.

The final words of that school song had us trawling our memories for lost declensions and conjugations:

*Mater, quam piis ornamus
Laudibus, perstes oramus,
Floeas at floreamus,
Eduardianses.*

We reckoned it means 'Alma Mater, whom we lavish with pious praise, we pray that you continue unchanging. May both you and we, Saint Edwardians, flourish!' On the evidence of that Saturday afternoon in Summertown, I'd say we're not doing so badly.

Chris Graham

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BATH

Report of the AGM held Monday May 21st 2007

Annual Reports were received from the Zone Committees, Christian Aid, and One World Week. The Rev Roger Nunn reported that there had been no Press coverage for the visit of Cardinal Murphy O'Connor to Bath Abbey, although the Chronicle is notified of all CTB events. 1400 copies of the quarterly Newsletter are produced and distributed to all Churches. As Roger retires at the next AGM, a new Executive Secretary will then be required. A new Open Christmas Secretary will be needed for December 2007. Some minor improvements to the Good Friday Walk were suggested.

The outgoing Chairman, the Rev. Dr. John Emmett, said that while in the Chair, he had been working on improving the relations of CTB with the Evangelical Interfaith Group, and the network of Community Churches. The Rev. Angela Berners-Wilson then took over the Chair, which she will hold for the next two years. She promised that she will continue the links with the Bath City Church, and agreed that media publicity is essential to the success of our work. A "Christian Footprint" (a meeting place for Public Worship) was needed in the Weston Riverside Development, and this will be investigated.

On 24th June, Haycombe Cemetery will be open from 3.15pm to 4pm, for a Tour of the Grounds, which will be followed by the Annual Service of Remembrance.

*Sylvia Ayers and Margaret Heath
Joint CTB Representatives*

From the Church Registers***Confirmation (in Bath Abbey) 20 June 2007***

Laura Gabe

Rebecca Nicholson

Harriet Norse

Alice Pont

Alexander Soboslay

Jennifer Soboslay

Holy Baptism 24 June 2007

Lilijanna Mai McPherson

Commemorated in July

William Wilberforce (30 July)

“Sir, when we think of eternity and the future consequence of all human conduct, what is there in this life that shall make any man contradict the dictates of his conscience, the principles of justice and the law of God!”

John Fisher (6 July)

Beheaded on Tower Hill, 22 June 1535, disagreeing with Henry VIII over the limits of political power touching matters of conscience.

Politics and Religion. Do they mix?

—poverty—discrimination—injustice—torture—

Should they?

Thomas More (6 July)

“I thanked God that my case was such in this matter through the clearness of mine own conscience that though I might have pain I could have no harm for a man may in such case lose his head and have no harm.”

Martyred 6 July 1535 for tending towards Fisher’s viewpoint, rather than Henry’s.

John Keble (14 July)

“The point really to be considered is whether the fashionable liberality of this generation be not ascribable to the same temper which led the Jews voluntarily to set about degrading themselves to a level with the idolatrous Gentiles? And is APOSTASY too hard a word to describe the temper of that nation?”

Preaching his Assize Sermon “National Apostasy” at Oxford before a congregation of judges

Julian House – Circuit of Bath Walk

Homeless charity Julian House will be staging their seventh Circuit of Bath Walk on **Sunday 23 September**. The 20 mile circular route takes in some fantastic countryside on the edge of the city. Participants can do anywhere between 2 and 20 miles; thanks to the unique shuttle bus service that operates between start points throughout the day.

The route comprises public rights of way through Monkton Combe, Englishcombe, Newton St Loe, Upper Swainswick and Bathampton. Solsbury Hill, the Midford Valley and Woolley are just a few of the scenic highlights.

Organiser Cathy Adcock has already booked a sunny day! “So far all six events have been blessed with beautiful weather. It is a terrific event. Every year lots of the new participants comment about the amazing countryside that they never knew they had, right on their doorstep. The shuttle bus service means that walkers who are unsure about the distance can start with confidence knowing that they’ll get back to their start points. We’ve had babies through to octogenarians taking part.”

Not only is this a great day out but participants will also be giving a welcome boost to the charity’s work. Although Julian House is best known for its busy Night Shelter, this is only one of services it provides for homeless men and women. Recognising that homelessness is not a single issue Julian House has developed new projects and facilities which aim to tackle the underlying problems which force men and women onto the streets.

Participants can start at any of the five check points, where detailed route instructions are supplied. Further information is available on the Julian House website – www.julianhouse.org.uk or by calling Cathy Adcock on 01225 354656.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

At the beginning of May, we were all sorry to learn that our Leader, Margaret Burrows was in Hospital. We send her our prayers and very best wishes for a speedy improvement. Following this news, we found ourselves unable to hold our proposed Overseas Bring and Buy Sale which should have taken place on June 17th. This cause is close to Margaret's heart and as she could not be present, our few remaining members decided to postpone it until she has returned to our midst. We do apologise to anyone who had already found items for us to sell, and hope the event can still be held in the not too distant future.

Unfortunately the June Corporate Communion and Lunch was cancelled due to the Bishop's 'Three-Line Whip.' We hope nothing will prevent our holding our final Service of the Season on July 18th, which will be followed by an appetizing 'Metcalfe' Lunch. We are sure this will be another enjoyable occasion for the Branch.

Sylvia M. Ayers (Secretary)

[The date of the service changed just before publication, and was amended to July 18th by the editor.]



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.

DO YOU KNOW the two plants this month which are completely unrelated botanically, but have been spread throughout the British Isles by courtesy of our railway system; the first came from China in the 1890s and soon became common on the stony wastes beside railway lines, as well as occupying any waste land left by abandoned building sites or by areas damaged by bombs, its purplish-blue blooms brightening such regions from July to October; the second is a member of the daisy family, closely related to Groundsel, a plant with which all rabbit-keepers should be familiar, originally coming from mountainous areas near volcanoes, like Vesuvius and Etna, eventually escaping from a Botanic Garden (aided by the Great Western Railway) and finding the walls and stony ground of railway lines and railway sidings reminiscent of the mountains on which the yellow blossoms once grew?

The plant originating in China was first identified in 1863 by a French missionary, but did not reach Europe until twenty years later, and sent by another French missionary. These early specimens were weak and spindly, and it was 1893 before sturdier ones were sent to Paris. Once there they spread rapidly via the railway system: the seeds are light, moved easily by the wind, and helped on the way by air currents from the passing trains. In the British Isles these plants were soon found in every region apart from the far north of Scotland. These plants also occupied waste areas of all kinds. Bristol, at one time, was noted for the abundance of these plants. In the sixties and seventies they were present in areas like Broadmead, where new malls and shopping areas were being built. I think I can also remember them on many of the roundabouts in Bristol, including the large one which was in front of the Hippodrome for many years. They certainly occurred along the docksides until they were renovated. I shall be very surprised if they don't re-appear in the Southgate refurbishment.

There are several related species of this second, daisy-type, plant. This species has the Latin name of *Senecio squalidus*, a poor choice, according to Richard Mabey, for a handsome plant with bright yellow flower-heads. Specimens from Mount Etna were growing in the Oxford Botanic Gardens in the eighteenth century: Joseph Banks noticed it in 1770 and Linnaeus described plants which were sent from Oxford. By the turn of the century plants had escaped from the Botanic Gardens and were found growing on walls in the city and by 1830 was on walls near the railway station. Light downy seeds and passing trains did the

rest; by the end of the century the plants were established in most counties of the south of England. George Dance described a journey he once took with some of the seeds: they wafted into his carriage in Oxford and out again at Tilehurst in Berkshire. It is now found throughout England and Wales, even down to the tip of Cornwall. In many ways it has remained an urban plant: rarely found in villages but plentiful on the walls of railway stations and sidings, car parks and building sites; perhaps that is why it is squalidus.

If I had told you that the first plant was attractive to one type of insect – one bush was reported to have fifty such insects on it – you might have realised I was referring to the Butterfly Bush or Buddleia. But if I told you the second one had Oxford in its name I'd be surprised if you knew its full name, even though there are several such species scattered about the British Isles: it is known as the Oxford Ragwort.



Cyril Selmes

Getting together in August

LMG will welcome the Royal School of Church Music

There will be no 10am service at Christ Church on Sunday 26 August. We shall join the people of St Stephen's and St Mary's to welcome the Royal School of Church Music junior choir and their parents at the 11 am Eucharist in St Stephen's church.

Each year the Royal School of Church Music holds a residential course at Kingswood School, Bath and we are delighted to have been asked to host the Eucharist which will mark the end of their stay.

There are close connections with Christ Church. Mark Elliott our Director of Music used to come to Bath with the RSCM when he was young. This year, instead of singing, the grown-up Mark will preach at the service. An old friend of Christ Church, Mandy Roberts, will conduct the choir and Antony will be the celebrant. It should be a memorable day.



Prayer Cycle for July

July

- Sun 1** For Sylvia and Margaret, our Churches Together in Bath representatives; for Christians throughout the city, that they may be one in their ministry to its spiritual and physical needs.
- Mon 2** For intelligent interfaith dialogue; for all those affected by acts of terrorism.
- Tues 3** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us.
- Wed 4** For the Trustees of Christ Church, meeting tonight, and Yvonne, their Chairman.
- Thurs 5** For children being bullied at school. For parents who worry about them and do not know how to help.
- Fri 6** For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.
- Sat 7** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota.
- Sun 8** On this Sea Sunday, we pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers and for all working and travelling on the sea.
- Mon 9** That rich countries may wake up to the disproportionate damage their societies do to the earth.
- Tues 10** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.
- Wed 11** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice.
- Thurs 12** For members of our Church Council, meeting today.
- Fri 13** For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families.
- Sat 14** For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Sun 15** For our Clergy Team.
- Mon 16** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries.
- Tues 17** For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders.

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- Wed 18** For the Mothers Union; for its work around the world. For our local branch and their service today.
- Thurs 19** For Angela, our Verger.
- Fri 20** For Emma, Margaret and Sarah, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Sat 21** For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed.
- Sun 22** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Mon 23** For David, our Treasurer.
- Tues 24** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Wed 25** For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens; for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Thurs 26** For all who will visit our city or our church this summer; that they may find a warm welcome.
- Fri 27** For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
- Sat 28** For all caught up in conflict areas; for those grieving for loved ones killed in war; for those who have survived and are struggling to rebuild their lives.
- Sun 29** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Mon 30** For those who are taking a holiday this summer, that they may travel safely and return refreshed.
- Tues 31** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- August**
- Wed 1** For those who are lonely or feel uncared for.
- Thurs 2** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them.
- Fri 3** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Sat 4** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work.

Big Questions, Little Answers

The wanderer returns.. The Editor is stunned. "Hedwig" is good enough for *The Guardian* this week, but not, apparently for our very own Miss Kate Kemp...!

Where were you born? Wolverhampton (come on you Wolves!)

What are your hobbies?

Singing and arranging parties (in case you haven't noticed!) as well as badminton, jogging, massage, swimming and more recently tennis.

What car do you drive?

A Blue Silver Peugeot 106 (twin to the sadly no longer Mrs Jones mobile!)

What is your favourite film, and why?

Well as much as Mrs Gladstone would like me to say *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* (a film which has disturbed me for life, might I add!) I would say *After the Wedding* (not much to do with weddings but a fabulously evocative film I would recommend to anyone).

What is your favourite kind of music?

Jazz, anything by the Dixie Chicks or the Corrs, Elgar, Howells, as well as anything 80s and cheesy.

What is your favourite kind of meal / food?

Thai food, without a question, and in particularly Green Thai Curry!

What has been your proudest moment?

Getting a 1st from Durham, becoming godmother to Jenny, Abi and Harrie, oh and I suppose I should say being asked a little question last December...

What is the most amazing place you have visited?

Probably Lamu, an island just off the coast of Kenya, where Arabs, Indians, Persians, Portuguese and Africans create an exotic and compelling atmosphere and where the airport is a mud shack and a runway.

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

Jesus: unoriginal but true.

What's your pet hate?

People not using their indicators and more generally people who are rude and show a lack of awareness of others.

What's your favourite book?

A question not to be asked to an English Literature student, after the *Bible* and the *Complete Works of Shakespeare*, I would say *The Black Prince* by Iris Murdoch or anything by Virginia Woolf. That's not one is it?

Tell us a little-known fact about yourself My first date with my now fiancé was in the then 3rd worst nightclub in Europe (I think it might be the 1st worst now!)

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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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