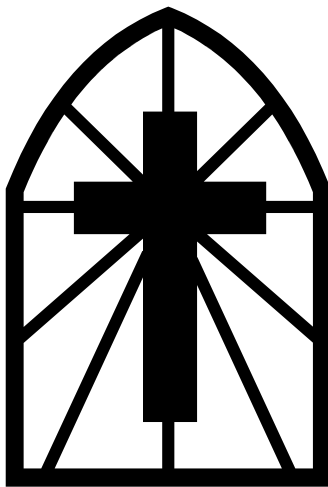


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July 2008

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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

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

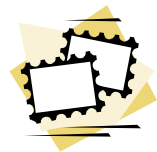
By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

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.

Many thanks, as ever, to all of our contributors. Articles and news items are always most welcome. They can be emailed to admin@christchurchbath.org, or handed to Nicky, David or one of the Church Wardens.

Missions to Seafarers Update:

Due to the Church Weekend at Brunel Manor, a plate for your welcome contributions will be available on July 13th.

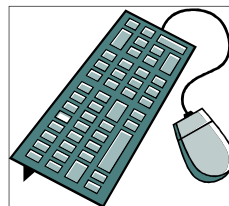


Details of the Mission's needs are in the Flying Angel newspaper which is always available on the church shelf, so I do ask you to be generous.

Sylvia M. Ayers (Missions to Seafarers Secretary)

Forum...

Cricket has featured in this column on at least one other occasion. It features, this month, in the aftermath of the debacle at the Oval when New Zealand's batsman Grant Elliot was run out after an accidental collision with England's Ryan Sidebottom.



For those readers not up to speed with the controversy, here is what happened. Elliott had just hit 24 runs off 28 balls in the closing stages of a tense limited over game. The New Zealand team was just 25 runs short of the England total of 245 when the incident occurred. At this point, Elliott tried to run a dangerously quick single off Sidebottom's bowling. As Sidebottom attempted to get to the ball to run out Elliott's partner, Kyle Mills he collided with Elliott and both players hit the ground. England then, automatically, ran out Elliott before rushing to his aid and he lay on the pitch.

Given the circumstances, the umpire, Mark Benson called the England captain Collingwood over and asked if he wanted the appeal to stand. Collingwood said "yes" and the umpire had no option but to give the batsman out. There were boos in the crowd and New Zealand, even after sneaking a one-wicket victory off the last ball, were incensed enough to slam the dressing-room door in Collingwood's face.

Why all the fuss? The batsman was out of his ground and the point of playing game is to try and win. But to win at all costs, that is the question.

Former England captain Nasser Hussain said the ball should have been declared dead as soon as Elliot collided with Sidebottom. "There is something not right about it," he said. "A captain is responsible for making sure the game is played in the best possible spirit." Not many people would disagree. Neither of the colliding pair was at fault and as such sportsmanship - the spirit of cricket - ought to have prevailed.

Much of the language used in discussing the event seems have theological overtones. For example, one newspaper reported that former players have said that Paul Collingwood's best appeal following controversy is for forgiveness. Others noted the "judgement" of the game's result. And more than one journalist noted that cricket is at its graceful and elegant best when ruled by the spirit of the game.

There seems not much more to be said. Except, perhaps, that human history has consistently showed that when people are moved by the Spirit they are at their very best. Sunday by Sunday we pray that “we whom the Spirit lights” may “give light to the world”. In the light of the Spirit there is freedom from all that corrupts and cheapens the things we hold most dear. For this, is for no other reason, may I be forgiven for bringing cricket into **Forum** once again.

Antony

Lectionary for July

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
July 6	Trinity 7 (Proper 9)		
	Zechariah 9.9-12	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30
13	Trinity 8 (Proper 10)		
	Isaiah 55.10-13	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
20	Trinity 9 (Proper 11)		
	No reading	Romans 8.12--25	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
27	Trinity10 (Proper 12)		
	1 Kings 3.5-12	Romans 8.26-29	Matthew 13.31-33,44-52
3	Trinity 11 (Proper 13)		
	Isaiah 55.1-5	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
10	Trinity 12 (Proper 14)		
	No reading	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33

Church Calendar for July

Jul	4	Fri	Church Weekend at Brunel Manor	
	6	Sun	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			ST THOMAS MORE, Martyr	
	10	Thu	CTB Committee Meeting, St Mary's	
	11	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	13	Sun	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			Sea Sunday	
	14	Mon	JOHN KEBLE, Priest	
	15	Tues	ST SWITHIN of Winchester	
	16	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Lunch
	18	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	20	Sun	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			Christ Church duty at Genesis Lunchbox	
	22	Tues	ST MARY MAGDELENE	
	25	Fri	ST JAMES, Apostle	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	26	Sat	SS ANNE & JOACHIM, Parents of the BVM	
	27	Sun	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	29	Tues	SS MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS	
	30	Wed	WILLIAM WILBERFORCE	
	31	Thur	ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA, Priest	
Aug	3	Sun	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	

Laity Rota for July

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
July	6	Judith Bishop	Emma Elliott	Richard Gabe
	13	Bev Pont	David Marles	Eileen Selmes
	20	No reading	Nicky Gladstone	Bob Siderfin
	27	Esme Buss	Morny Davison	Penny Edwards
August	3	David Bishop	Chris Graham	Mark Elliott
	10	No reading	Margaret Heath	Sylvia Ayers

Chalice Assistants

July	6	Margaret Heath	Janet Mahto
	13	Chris Graham	Jane Fletcher
	20	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin
	27	Andrew Sillett	Tessa Claridge
August	3	Bev Pont	Margaret Burrows
	10	Margaret Heath	Janet Mahto

Intercessors

July	6	David Marles
	13	Rev Cliff Burrows
	20	Chris Graham
	27	Georgina Bowman
August	3	Rev Antony Claridge
	10	Mark Elliott



Sidespeople

		8am	10am	
July	6	Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett	Morny Davison
	13	Arthur Jones	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	20	Clive Tilling	Ken & Sylvia Ayers	
	27	Arthur Jones	Joan Bunkin	Jean Ferguson
August	3	Clive Tilling	Tessa Claridge	Janet Mahto

The flowers that bloom in the spring, *tra la*, Have nothing to do with the case



During a recent hospital visit I had two pieces of advice: “You must live in hope”; “write something for the magazine.” Physically I did not feel like writing, but mentally I thought about bicycles.

In the 1930s Cambridge was where you found bicycles. One reason was the lack of cars. Apart from Post Office vans, removal vans and omnibuses, the streets were friendly to cyclists.

The street where I lived, Cavendish Road, was completely free of cars: my brother still lives there and now has difficulty avoiding the cars parked on the pavements. In those days, and into the 1960s, many undergraduates also rode bicycles: there were so many that each bike had to be registered with a college and an identifying number painted on the rear mudguard. As a youngster I had a ‘fairy’ cycle and used to ride it to Cherry Hinton to see my grandparents. There were two footpaths which went there: one through the ‘tins’, sheets of corrugated iron which kept you away from the Blue Circle cement works; and one by the brook which wound its way to the farm cottages. Both were exciting journeys in wet and windy weather. In those days, too, undergrads wore short black gowns to show they were members of the university: this went on until the 1960s when wearing gowns was no longer compulsory: students said they were now ‘liberated’ because they were no longer identified as members of the university!

For many people cycles were a way of life: my father cycled to work in the north of Cambridge every day. If we visited friends in Bedford we cycled. When a group of scouts went to watch the VE parade in London, we cycled to Gilwell Park and caught the underground from there. Hills are a menace: so I’ve never cycled in bath!

Cyril Selmes

The editor can vouch for the fact that registration of bicycles continued into the 1990’s (although CHU 19911 was largely left to rust in the bike shed). Quarter of a century after liberation from the gown, however, undergrads had voluntarily adopted the college scarf as a near universal sign of university membership.

Angela home from China

It was good to see Revd Angela Berners-Wilson back in church after her visit to China. On her return, Angela said how good it was to be home with Andrew and breathing non-polluted air again. She describes China as “an amazing and many layered, complex country”.

Whilst in China, Angela made contact with the official Protestant Church, the ex-pat. Protestant Church, and met with two members of the underground Protestant Church. She also taught in a Protestant seminary and addressed a group of PhD students at Hang Zhou University. She also went to a factory owned by a woman who wanted prayers said because it was on a site where strange images had been found and the workers had had bad experiences

On visiting the largest church in China Angela was amazed to hear of a Sunday morning congregation of 4000 people. Despite what we read in our newspapers, the Church in China is more buoyant than the UK. There will certainly be more news from China but we begin, this month, with just a brief snapshot of Angela's visit.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

We are very glad to see that our Leader, Margaret Burrows although still receiving treatment, is now well enough to worship with us once again. We will continue to pray for her at every service until she is fully recovered, and give her our very best wishes for a speedy improvement.



The Mothers' Union Office has recently issued us with a large catalogue of “goodies”, which will appeal to everyone from babies to grandparents. If anyone would like to buy a gift from it, please let Margaret know. We will of course be taking orders for Christmas Cards, and the usual Calendars and 2009 Diaries shortly, and regular purchasers will be contacted when the prices are known.

Branch members will be joining together at the Holy Communion Service on July 16th. The service is followed by a lunch, and we are sure this will be another enjoyable occasion for the Branch.

Sylvia M. Ayers (MU Secretary)

“Nee Haw” - as they say in Beijing

I was not in China for the earthquake, but we did land at Xi'an during an after shock, which was quite interesting! Many thousands of Chinese camped out in tents in the parks, on highway verges and Cathedral precincts. They were scared of buildings toppling even though Xi'an was 500km from the earthquake epicentre. The only good aspect of all this was that there were very few tourists in the area. The government prevented groups going to Xi'an but as there were only seven of us we got there. As so it was that I saw the famous terra cotta army with only a handful of others instead of the usual thousands.

The organised two-week tour was great but I enjoyed being independent for the last fortnight. I stayed with an English couple in Shanghai and then with an old university friend of Andrew's who has a Chinese partner. They live in Beijing, a city I enjoyed far more than Shanghai, which I found to be very humid, hot, and all high rise. A particularly hazard in there was taxi drivers who didn't know where to go even when you had the address in Mandarin characters. My Mandarin greatly improved, especially saying left and straight-ahead and stop, to taxi drivers!

It was a Shanghai taxi-driver who was responsible for a memorable adventure. He dropped me off at the coach station instead of the railway station for my journey to Beijing. Time was short and a female porter produced a boyfriend with a motorbike. I perched on the pillion with all my luggage but no crash helmet and you can imagine how fervent my prayers were as we sped into a badly lit underground tunnel. However, they were answered as we emerged into a main square and the railway station.

The apartment I stayed in Beijing was in the heart of the Hutongs, a maze of narrow Chinese streets with old tiny houses. There were public toilets in every street as they don't have plumbing. The apartment was in a modern seven-storey block hidden in the middle of all this. I was near to by Peoples Hospital Number 6, half way between the Confucian and Lama Temples and close to two Middle schools. It was a great place to be and I got really good at navigating around Beijing on their excellent modern and, thankfully, air-conditioned metro system. I even saw the pandas that will take part in the Olympics opening ceremony!

The Chinese food was incredible, but I drew the line at eating heads and feet. The most challenging of all were the jelly fish heads - a real delicacy apparently but not for me. However, I got quite a liking for Peking Duck but I am resolved not to tell the ones on the campus lake at the university in Bath!

Angela Berners-Wilson

By the wit of man so well devised

The succession of headlines and articles in the press about the Anglican Communion's internal tensions are not feeding the hungry, bringing drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, comforting the sick or visiting those in prison. They are not proclaiming God's glory or saving a soul. At best, they reveal the church as hypocritical; at worst as hateful.

It's dangerous to judge the significance of events too early, but the Communion has been building up to *something* for a while now, and that something seems to be coming to a head. So, despite the dangers of ecclesiastical navel gazing, it may be instructive to trace the steps towards this year's Lambeth Conference.

Rowan Williams, in his 1989 essay 'The Body's Grace', said "the absolute condemnation of same-sex relations of intimacy must rely either on an abstract fundamentalist deployment of a number of very ambiguous texts, or on a problematic and non-scriptural theory about natural complementarity." This is typically dense Williams prose, but translates in part as "if you think the Bible says homosexuality is wrong, it's because that's what you wanted it to say."

Almost a decade later, the 1998 Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops passed resolution I.10 on Human Sexuality, taking a different view. "In view of the teaching of Scripture, [the conference] upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage" and rejects homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture.

Five years on, two events took place that suggested that these hard-line attitudes could become a thing of the past. In February 2003, Rowan Williams was appointed to be Archbishop of Canterbury and in June the Episcopal Church in the US (ECUSA) appointed an openly homosexual bishop, Gene Robinson.

Rowan Williams now had responsibilities beyond expressing his opinions. He established the Lambeth Commission with a mandate "to seek a way forward which would encourage communion within the Anglican Communion." They reported in October 2004 and had some harsh words for those who had criticised ECUSA.

"The depth of conviction and feeling on all sides of the current issues has on occasions introduced a degree of harshness and a lack of charity which is new to Anglicanism."

The report recommended that the Americans express regret for their actions and agree to a moratorium on further such elections.

In February of last year, Peter Akinola, Primate of Nigeria, announced the unfortunately named GAFCON, the Global Anglican Future Conference. He denied that it was just “about homosexuality”, insisting that “there are members of our Anglican family who are not paying attention to scripture.” The conference would take place in June 2008, finishing a few weeks before the start of the Lambeth Conference, which some GAFCON delegates are set to boycott. It is the “Jerusalem Declaration” issued at the end of the conference that has given rise to talk of schism.

Despite Akinola playing down the importance of homosexuality, it makes position 8 on the Tenets of Orthodoxy, ahead of declaring the Gospel and helping the poor and needy.

Tenet 11 recognises the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, which carries the implication that they, including some English bishops, do not accept Dr Williams’ ministry.

One motivation suggested for holding the Conference is that it is a natural extension of post-colonialism. The provinces forming the new primates council include Ghana, which gained its independence from the UK in 1957, Guinea (1958), Sierra Leone (1961), Uganda (1962), Kenya and Nigeria (both 1963) and Gambia (1965), so the idea is likely to have some resonance with those countries.

If all this wasn’t enough, the issue of women bishops is also bubbling away. An open letter with over 1,000 clergy signatures (including the rector and curates at Bathwick) warns of the likely exodus of priests, should the Church of England continue on its current path. The open letter warns of the material cost should the rich, evangelical congregations leave, as though the seed of the church is the fat wallets of its members.

These are difficult issues to deal with, whatever your views, as the temptation is to stand pointing at the other faction and shout “I’m not one of them!” The poor, the hungry and the weak don’t care; no-one outside the church cares, or if they do they’d much rather the whole lot of us took our ridiculous feuding somewhere else.

Our life and witness is more important than the Anglican Communion, the Church of England, its buildings or its hierarchy. If GAFCON challenges us to scriptural faithfulness, we should rise to that challenge. The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself.

David Marles

Prayer Cycle for July

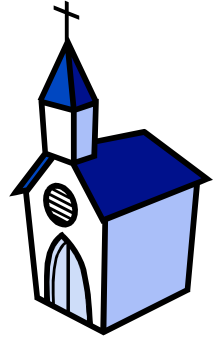
July

- Tues 1** For intelligent interfaith dialogue; for all those affected by acts of terrorism.
- Wed 2** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us.
- Thurs 3** 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.
- Fri 4** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Sat 5** For all attending the Church Weekend at Brunel Manor, for those who remain in Bath and their work and worship this weekend.
- Sun 6** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe; for St Mary's, St Andrew's, St Swithun's and all our local churches.
- Mon 7** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Tues 8** For all who mourn, that they may be comforted.
- Wed 9** For Angela, our Verger.
- Thurs 10** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice.
- Fri 11** For Mark, David and the choir. For a spirit of joy in our worship of the Lord.
- Sat 12** For our Clergy Team.
- Sun 13** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rotas.
- Mon 14** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Tues 15** On this Sea Sunday, we pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers and for all working and travelling on the sea.
- Wed 16** For all who help to run our Junior Church, for Sarah who co-ordinates the rota, and for all our children.
- Thurs 17** For David, our Treasurer.
- Fri 18** For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.

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- Sat 19** For all attending the Lambeth Conference. For those who have chosen not to attend and the work of the Holy Spirit throughout the Anglican Communion.
- Sun 20** For the work of Genesis; for all helping today at Lunch Box.
- Mon 21** For all around the world affected by natural disasters or changing weather patterns.
- Tues 22** 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.
- Wed 23** For the world's political leaders, as they struggle to cope with changes and challenges beyond their control.
- Thurs 24** For Margaret, Sarah and Lewis, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Fri 25** For children breaking up for the summer holidays. For blessings upon their time with their families this summer.
- Sat 26** For all who are travelling. For safety on our roads and railways.
- Sun 27** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service
- Mon 28** For all who are unable, through their personal circumstances or lack of money, to take any kind of holiday this year.
- Tues 29** For all who will visit our city or our church this summer; that they may find a warm welcome.
- Wed 30** For those who are taking a holiday this summer, that they may travel safely and return refreshed.
- Thurs 31** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- August**
- Fri 1** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them.
- Sat 2** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice.
- Sun 3** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work.

Churches Together in Bath

The AGM of CTB was held on Tuesday May 20th, and as Margaret Heath was away, I attended to represent Christ Church. Our own Rev Angela was in the chair, and after nine years as the Executive Secretary for Bath, Rev Roger Nunn gave us his retirement speech. However, he will retain his position until September and we wish Mr David Pendle, a Methodist Lay Preacher, every success when he takes over in October 2008. On behalf of CTB, Angela presented Roger with a set of golf balls, so we do hope he will soon have enough time to indulge in this pastime.



Executive Officers were appointed for the coming year: Rev Kieran Bourne took over as Secretary, Mary Clemes will continue as Treasurer, and the next Vice Chairman will be Mr Tom Dunne, who will then become Chairman in 2009. Written Reports from the six Zones and three sub-Committees were tabled, and Roger reported on the recent Climate Change Debate, about which Margaret wrote in the June Magazine. The possibility of Eco-Twinning with Africa was then discussed at length.

Under Any Other Business, Roger reported that the new version of the Leaflet which publicises Church Services throughout the City was nearly ready, but a final decision on the logo for the front was still awaited. A request had been received from some Churches, that they be supplied with Wheelie Bins. Often Church workers have to take their rubbish home with them, which is not always a convenient solution, and the Executive promised to look into the matter. A poster advertising "Life in the Park" was distributed, some June dates and the date of the 2009 AGM were announced, and the meeting closed with prayers from Roger.

The next Zone committee will be on July 10th at St Mary's.

Sylvia Ayers

Joneses decide to keep up with us

We have no need to try to keep up with the metropolitan Joneses anymore. Matthew and Sarah are back in Bath and how pleased we all are to see them. Sarah has been appointed to a post at the Royal United Hospital where she will specialise in psychiatric pharmacology. Although living in Bath, Matthew will continue with his research in London.

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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

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

**The deadline for articles for the magazine is the
15th of the preceding month.
Thank you.**