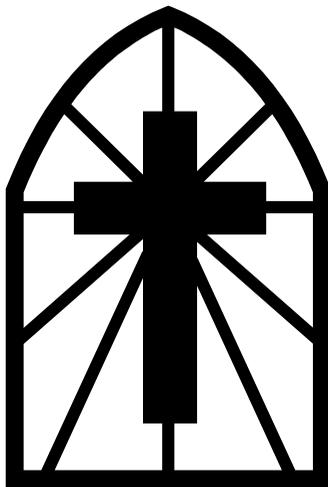


CHRIST
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July 2009

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 4.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

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

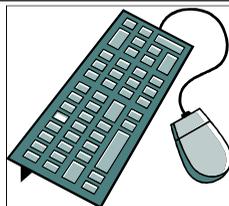
Angela and Chris, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

Lord God, Creator of land and sea,
 bless those who work at sea.
 Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress.
 Strengthen them when weary,
 lift them up when down and comfort them when
 far from their loved ones.
 In this life, bring them safely to shore
 and in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom.
 For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

*Sea Sunday
 12 July*

Forum...



Salad Days

Summer days are the days for youth and beauty, with Wimbledon, extravagant hats and strawberries and cream. Shakespeare wrote of “our salad days” and that seems about right as the weather is set fair. I suppose Wimbledon springs to mind because this year a Scot has a chance of winning. And Scotland prompts thoughts of Robert Burns who took the view that the pleasures of summer are fleeting.

*But pleasures are like poppies spread:
You seize the flow'r; its bloom is shed;*

Burns had great facility for expressing universal truths in a seemingly homespun and simple way.

*O wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!*

In English, Burn's Scottish lines would read: “Oh would some power the gift give us, to see ourselves as others see us.” The poem concerns an incident in which the poet saw a woman in church sporting a new hat. Unknown to her, there was a louse visible on its plumes, subjecting her to much coarse merriment. Are we all like the lady with the louse in her hat, incapable of seeing our selves from outside? Are we all lost in the film in which we star in our mind's eye? Of course everyone has had such moments. I could tell many stories about making a fool of myself in public. So could most of us. Burns' poem strikes a universal note.

One man was given a unique opportunity to see himself as others saw him. One morning in 1888, Alfred Nobel was quite surprised to read his own obituary in a French newspaper. Obviously, it was a journalistic mistake. One of his brothers had died, and a careless reporter had used a prewritten obituary of the wrong man. But as he read, Nobel was shocked and deeply disturbed to learn what the world really thought of him. He was seen simply as the dynamite king, the merchant of death, who had amassed a great fortune out of explosives. Nobel had hoped his inventions would be useful to people and to nations. At that moment, he resolved to show the world the true purpose of his life. He revised his will so that his fortune would be dedicated to the recognition of great creative achievements with the highest award going to those who had done the most for world peace. Today, we all associate him with the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jesus constantly asked people to try and see themselves as God might

see them. This is a terrible and depressing thought except for the fact that through Christ, we have the chance to be renewed. St. Paul gets this point across by talking about clothing but when he talks about clothing he is not referring to shorts or summer dresses.. In Colossians he writes: "clothe yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator." Clothing symbolizes a new way of life through the putting "on the Lord Jesus" (Rom. 13:14). Paul insists: "We must clothe ourselves with Christ." (Gal. 3:27) "Put on the armour of light," he writes. "As God's chosen ones, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience..." And, above all, "clothe yourselves with love." (Col 3:12, 14). If we achieve all that, we're going to have a terrific summer.

Antony

Has Antony written about Wimbledon and not mentioned the Ashes test matches? Shome mishtake, shurely? - Ed

Lectionary for July

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
July 5	Trinity 4		
	Ezekiel 2.1-5	No reading	Mark 6.1-13
12	Trinity 5		
	Amos 7.7-15	Ephesians 1.3-14	Mark 6.14-29
19	Trinity 6		
	Jeremiah 23.1-6	Ephesians 2.11-22	Mark 6.30-34,53-56
26	Trinity 7		
	No reading	Ephesians 3.14-21	John 6.1-21
Aug 2	Trinity 8		
	Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15	Ephesians 4.1-6	John 6.24-35

Church Calendar for July

Jul	5	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			11.00am	Farewell to Jonathan at St Stephen's Church
			4.30pm	Choral Evensong
	6	Mon	THOMAS MORE and JOHN FISHER, Martyrs	
			7.30pm	Christ Church Trustees
	8	Wed	7.30pm	CTB Committee at St Mary Bathwick
	9	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	12	Sun	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	14	Tue	JOHN KEBLE, Priest	
	15	Wed	ST SWITHIN OF WINCHESTER	
			12.30pm 4.00pm	St Mary's Charlcombe Quiet Afternoon Relaxation, contemplation, meditation.
	17	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	19	Sun	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	22	Wed	9.45am	St Stephen's School Leavers Service
	24	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	25	Sat	ST JAMES, Apostle	
	26	Sun	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	29	Wed	MARY, MARTHA, and LAZARUS, companions of Jesus	
	30	Thur	WILLIAM WILBERFORCE, Social reformer	
	31	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
Aug	2	Sun	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	9	Sun	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			MARY SUMNER, Founder of the Mothers' Union	

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All our yesterdays

Two years ago we delved into copies of the Christ Church magazine held in the church archives. The extracts we published were very popular and readers have asked for more. In this issue we go back to the summer of 1899 and find that once more the choir is going on an outing and the clergy enjoyed their holidays...

A concert had been held in May to raise money to enable the choir and the Christ Church Guild to spend the day at Clevedon. The journey was made by road in five horse drawn "brakes" which left Bennett Street early on the morning of 17th July. About ninety people "availed themselves of the opportunity."

"The Vicar [the Revd B Norton Thompson] accompanied the party and superintended the whole of the arrangements. Taking the Bristol Road [now the A4], the dusty condition of which was the only drawback, the large party excited the notice of villagers, many stopping to listen to snatches of song, given with varying effect, the wild exuberance of the lads of the choir, who occupied a brake all to themselves, often receiving kindly answer from the workmen and others. This was very noticeable in and near Bristol, many a man stopping work or journey to wish the boys a pleasant day. A halt was made at the Smythe Arms, Long Ashton, for refreshment of man and beast, some of the party taking the opportunity to obtain a clear view of the beautiful Manor House. Clevedon was reached at about midday, the Pier Hotel being the end of the journey, and here lunch was speedily served, grace being sung by the men of the choir."



In a short speech after lunch, the Vicar thanked Mrs Nash who provided a button-hole for everyone. The Guild members visited several churches as well as "Clevedon Court, the picturesque residence of Sir Edmund Elton". The choir boys, typically, made their way to the amusements on the pier.

"After tea an enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness in making the arrangements and suitably acknowledged. The return journey was then commenced. At the halting place at Ashton the choir gave 'Down in a Flowery Vale', 'Simple Simon', 'The Three Crows', and Mr Worrall caused great amusement with one of his stump speeches. 'Victoria, our Queen' and other pieces testified to the loyalty of the vocalists, and were given and received with enthusiasm, along the route. Bath being reached, a very pleasant and enjoyable excursion came to an end."

In 1899, the magazine lists a clergy team of a Vicar and three curates. They all took a well-earned rest during the summer months. In his monthly letter the Revd B Norton Thompson records that:

The Revd E A Purvis has been Alpine climbing with a kindred spirit from a neighbouring church. The Revd F M Russell, who has just returned from Italy, takes up his abode at 10 Burlington Street. I and my family hope to go north towards the latter end of the month; whilst the Revd L O Asplen visits old friends in Weston-s-Mare in September."

Next month we stay in 1899 for the Sunday School Treat, Lady Tweedmouth's Scripture Examination, the London Children's Holiday Fund and the Flower Show in Christ Church Hall.

Circuit of Bath Walk

Homeless charity Julian House will be staging their 9th Circuit of Bath Walk on **Sunday 20 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 on 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.

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

email cathya@julianhouse.org.uk

Laity Rota for July

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
July	5	Judith Anderson	No reading	Judith Bishop
	12	Emma Elliott	Sylvia Ayers	Richard Gabe
	19	Bev Pont	David Marles	Eileen Selmes
	26	Sarah Hiscock	Martin Palmer	Bob Siderfin

Chalice Assistants

July	5	Bev Pont	Margaret Burrows
	12	Margaret Heath	Janet Mahto
	19	Jane Fletcher	Penny Edwards
	26	Bob Siderfin	Andrew Sillett

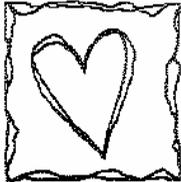
Intercessors

July	5	Penny Edwards
	12	Bev Pont
	19	David Marles
	26	Rev Cliff Burrows



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
July	5	Clive Tilling	Morny Davison	Margaret Heath
	12	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge	Emma Elliott
	19	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	26	Arthur Jones		Ken & Sylvia Ayers

From the Church Registers



Holy Matrimony

6th June Lyndsay Collinge and Michael Nash



Holy Baptism

7th June Callum Jack Aitkin and
Gemma Louise Aitkin



Blessing of a Civil Marriage

20th June Alice Bellamy and Mark Chase

Holy Baptism

20th June Emily Elizabeth Bellamy Chase

Holy Matrimony

28th June Sarah Hiscock and Iain Cade

Our love, thoughts and prayers go to all our
brides, grooms and those baptised this sum-
mer.

May you live in love and in the Lord.



Deanery Synod Report

Our Deanery – strengths and challenges

The meeting discussed a number of strengths within the Deanery, and received a report from Richard Fothergill on The Filling Station.

The Filling Station started in Box in 2003 as a once a month meeting for “prayer and praise”. It was relaunched in 2006 to be more “outward looking”, so that visitors could be refreshed and “filled with God.” There was an influx of visitors, and they now had around a hundred at the Box meeting. There was then felt a need and desire to spread out, and The Filling Station opened in Bath itself in 2009, with one meeting every month on a Wednesday in Starbucks. Over 60 people now attend the Bath meeting. There are also plans to set up meetings in Priston, Hinton Charterhouse and Freshford and, after encouragement from the Bishop, to establish a Trust.

Their objects are:

- to be a blessing to the “wider church”; not a “house church”, or rival attraction;
- to be an accessible centre for spiritual refreshment of existing believers;
- to be a model of evangelism for new people;
- to build unity in the existing church.

Matthew Street presented a report on “Life Transfusion” at Peasedown St John following a church plant in the newer part of the town of people from Holy Trinity, Coombe Down. This project had challenged, strengthened and enriched both churches as they opened themselves up to hear God’s will for their future.

The need for parishes within the Deanery to come together, to share what they have and what they need was raised. Strengths and aspirations which churches within the Deanery include:

- ✚ *Community*
making the Church the natural focus
- ✚ *Development of people*
making the most of our people and their gifts
- ✚ *Mission*
already a great variety of programmes and initiatives

- ‡ *Fresh expressions*
taking the Word out of church, to the people
- ‡ *Young people*
already many extensive programmes

Churches were invited to discuss:

- successes, strengths or expertise in which their church is **STRONG**
- if they would be willing to be a **FOCUS** to help others (eg run a course, forum or meeting) in any of these areas?
- areas in which their church might **PROFIT** from the advice or practice of others.
- whether they would like something organised by the Deanery in these areas?

Synod will then discuss the churches' responses to these questions.

*Taken from the Deanery Synod report by
Andrew Sillett*

~ Bath & Wells celebrates 1100 years ~

- ‡ **16th September**
1100th Anniversary Lecture at Bath Abbey from Mrs Mary Robinson, former President of the Irish Republic and UN Human Rights Commissioner.
- ‡ **Saturday 19th September**
Sponsored Walk to Wells, in aid of Zambia Link projects and The Children's Society. Open to all.
- ‡ **Monday 21st September**
Diocesan Cricket Match at Taunton's County Ground. A special Clergy XI v President's XI to which everyone is invited.
- ‡ **Friday 25th September**
Radio 4's Any Questions from Wells. Don't forget to tune in!
- ‡ **Saturday 21st November, 2.00pm**
Songs of Praise at Wells Cathedral, a service to formally bring to a close our year of celebration.

Prayer Cycle for July

July

- Mon 6** For Yvonne and all of our Trustees.
- Tues 7** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice.
- Wed 8** 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.
- Thurs 9** For Margaret, Sarah and Andrew, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Fri 10** For intelligent interfaith dialogue; for all those affected by acts of terrorism.
- Sat 11** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Sun 12** On this Sea Sunday, we pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers and for all working and travelling on the sea.
- Mon 13** For the staff, pupils and governors of St Andrew's and St Stephen's schools.
- Tues 14** For the work of the Cedar Tree. For Nicky and all the helpers.
- Wed 15** For all who help to run our Junior Church, for Sarah who co-ordinates the rota, and for all our children.
- Thurs 16** For Mark, our Director of Music and David, our Organist. For our choir.
- Fri 17** For Chris and Lewis, our church wardens.
- Sat 18** For Angela, our Verger.
- Sun 19** In the Churches Together in Bath rota, we pray for the clergy and congregation of Manvers Street Baptist Church.
- Mon 20** For the children in our congregation; for our witness to them and theirs to us.

- Tues 21** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rotas.
- Wed 22** For David, our Treasurer and magazine editor
- Thurs 23** For the work of Bath Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service.
- Fri 24** For children breaking up for the summer holidays. For blessings upon their time with their families this summer.
- Sat 25** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.
- Sun 26** For all who will visit our city or our church this summer; that they may find a warm welcome.
- Mon 27** For the work of the Royal School of Church Music. For those attending its courses this summer.
- Tues 28** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Wed 29** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Thurs 30** For our Clergy Team.
- Fri 31** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.

August

- Sat 1** For all who are unable, through their personal circumstances or lack of money, to take any kind of holiday this year.
- Sun 2** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work.
- Mon 3** For those suffering from depression; for those struggling to support them.

Local Charity Assists Families Going through Divorce

Bristol Family Mediation is a charity organisation with offices in Bristol, Bath and Weston-Super-Mare that exists to assist families who are experiencing the practical consequences of separation and divorce.

The charity, which is the oldest of its kind in the UK (this year celebrating its 30th anniversary), provides a service that helps couples whose relationships have broken down to come to an agreement upon arrangements constructively and amicably. This is done through the guidance of a trained mediator – an impartial professional who manages the discussions in a confidential, productive and future focussed manner.

Issues such as property, finance and child arrangements are addressed in a series of mediation sessions, with the aim of both parties agreeing decisions which are fair and workable for them and their children. As such, the service provides an alternative to taking disputes to court, which can result in an uneven resolution, be both financially and emotionally draining, and is often unnecessarily protracted.

If you are in dispute with an ex-partner over any of these issues, you can contact Bristol family Mediation at (0117) 929 2002.

A Friend



In Deed

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.

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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.**