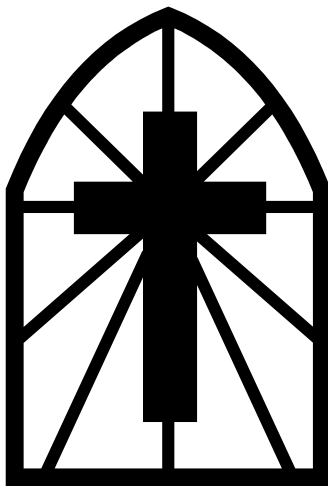


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June 2007

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

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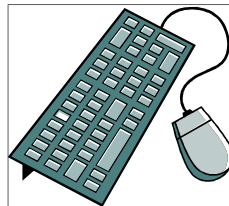
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Angela and Chris, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester (died 1253) whose translation is celebrated this month:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
 for all the benefits thou hast given me,
 for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
 O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
 may I know thee more clearly,
 love thee more dearly,
 and follow thee more nearly,
 day by day.
 Amen.

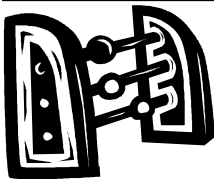
Forum...



I love to share books with friends. Habitually, as I come to the end and I close the pages I reach for the telephone to urge someone to the bookshop or, better still, to promise the first loan. Today I sit at the keyboard to write having just finished *The Enduring Melody* by Michael Mayne. It is a serious book, which takes certain courage to read, but the effort is tremendously worthwhile. I want you all to find a copy and read it without delay.

Michael Mayne was Dean Emeritus of Westminster and the former Head of religious Programmes at the BBC. Three previous books have enthralled and informed his readers: *Learning to Dance, Pray, Love, Remember* and *A Year Lost and Found*. The latter charted his struggle with M.E. (myalgic encephalomyelitis) which, as he says, came along 20 years ago and hit him in mid-flow, knocked him flat and changed his life". *The Enduring Melody* began as a book in which Mayne hoped to meditate on faith as the enduring melody of his life. As he prepared to write he was diagnosed with cancer of the jaw and so he resolved to write about his illness as honestly as he could both as form of therapy and to bring something creative and redemptive out of a dark time. He also saw the writing as a test of the integrity of what he most deeply believed and of all the words he had spoken in pulpits, in counselling others and at hospital bedsides. The result is a triumph over pain and fear. Let me give you the recommendations of more distinguished readers than I.

The writer Alan Bennett says: "An heroic book. Begun in health... it ends in mortal sickness with Michael Mayne facing death. But his courage, his humour and his tone of voice do not desert him; humbling and inspiring it is a validation both of his faith and his humanity".



After reading *The Enduring Melody*, the Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Dr Jane Williams wrote: "The enduring melody ...is the music of one individual and unrepeatable life lived in relation to God, and it will inspire its readers and hearers to listen (for the same) melody in their own lives, and begin to try and harmonise."

As Mayne's illness came close to the end he reached the conclusion that far from being a straight line his life was actually a circle. He writes of the cycle of the seasons: the growth and vigour of spring; the rich maturity of summer; the gradual fading in autumn and the bleak but often beautiful landscape of winter "when the shape of the trees becomes so much clearer". That clarity is best expressed in lines from T.S. Eliot's poem Little Gidding

"... the end of our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time."

This is a hopeful book and one which will both inspire and comfort those who read it.

Antony

Welcome to our Churchwardens

In some ways it was sad to see John Metcalfe stand down as churchwarden at the Annual General Meeting. However, John made it clear when elected that he would serve for one year to fill the gap. Of course, John being John, was no stop gap and he threw himself into the job with characteristic energy and enthusiasm. The applause of the meeting was witness both to his popularity and our gratitude to him.

Angela Soboslay agreed to accept nomination for a further year and this was good news. But she reminded us that she will be ineligible next year and a new warden will have to be found.

Bringing experience from a previous term of office, Chris Gladstone accepted nomination and returns to serve in partnership with Angela. We rely on our wardens for so much and the smooth running of our church largely depends on them. We say thank to Chris and Angela for taking on the this vital role and wish them well. They will be formally presented and received in a ceremony at the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday 3 June.

Church Calendar for June

Jun	3	Sun	TRINITY SUNDAY	
			10.00am	Travelling Light arrives
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong
	4	Mon	8.00pm	Meet Up Monday at the Hare and Hounds
	5	Tues	7.30pm	Deanery Synod
	6	Wed	INI KOPURIA, Founder of Melanesian Brothers - 1945	
	7	Thur	FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI	
			11.00am	MU Communion and Lunch
	8	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	10	Sun	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	11	Mon	ST BARNABAS, Apostle	
	15	Fri	Deadline for Magazine articles	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	16	Sat	ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER	
	17	Sun	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			Church Genesis Sunday Lunchbox Duty	
			11.15am	MU Overseas Sale
			5.00pm	Tea and Taize service
	22	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	24	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
	29	Fri	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
July	1	Sun	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			10.00am	Travelling Light departs to Nexus
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Laity Rota for June

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
June	3	Penny Edwards	Georgina Bowman	David Bishop
	10	Chris Graham	Mark Elliott	Jane Fletcher
	17	No reading	Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
	24		Junior Church	
July	1	Ann Kemp	Judith Anderson	Margaret Burrows
	8	Judith Bishop	Emma Elliott	Richard Gabe

Chalice Assistants

June	3	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	10	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	17	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
	24	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
July	1	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	8	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards

Intercessors

June	3	Rev Antony Claridge
	10	Penny Edwards
	17	Bev Pont
	24	Junior Church
July	1	David Marles
	8	Rev Cliff Burrows



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
June	3	Clive Tilling	Joan Bunkin	Andrew Sillett
	10	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge	Jean Ferguson
	17	Clive Tilling	Janet Mahto	Margaret Heath
	24	Arthur Jones	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
July	1	Clive Tilling	Ken and Sylvia Ayers	
	8	Arthur Jones	Joan Bunkin	Jean Ferguson

Lectionary for June

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
June 3	Trinity Sunday		
	Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31	Romans 5.1-5	John 16.12-15
10	Trinity 1		
	1 Kings 17.17-end	Galatians 1.11-end	Luke 7.11-17
17	Trinity 2		
	No reading	Galatians 2.15-21	Luke 7.36-8.3
24	Trinity 3		
	Isaiah 40.1-11	No reading	Luke 1.57 –66,80
July 1	Trinity 4		
	No reading	Galatians 5.1, 13-25	Luke 9.51-62

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

“Ini Kopuria” (6th June)

The Melanesian Brotherhood was founded by Ini Kopuria, a native Solomon Islander from Guadalcanal, in 1925. Its main purpose was evangelistic, to take and live the Gospel in the most remote islands and villages throughout the Solomon Islands, among people who had not heard the message of Christ. The Brotherhood's method is to live as brothers to the people, respecting their traditions and customs: planting, harvesting, fishing, house building, eating and sharing with the people in all these things. Kopuria believed that Solomon Islanders should be converted in a Melanesian way.

Today, the work of the Brotherhood has broadened to include work and mission among both Christians and non-Christians. The Melanesian Brotherhood now has three regions: Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu & Fiji. They have also opened two households and a community centre in Palawan, the Philippines.

The Brotherhood aims to live the Gospel in a direct and simple way following Christ's example of prayer, mission and service. The brothers take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, but these are not life vows but for a period of five years, which can be renewed. They train for three years as novices and make their vows as brothers at the Feast of St Simon and St Jude.

The Melanesian Brotherhood experienced tragedy in 2003 when seven brothers went to the Weather Coast in Guadalcanal. The first brother went to see the terrorist Harold Keke, during the time of the ethnic tension (civil war) in the Solomon Islands. The brother was tortured for three days and then murdered. Six other brothers went to find his body and take it back to Tabalia. They were all tortured and killed. They were buried at Tabalia in 2003, and in 2005, their graves were cemented on 28 October, the same day their murderers were sentenced to life in prison.

VERY BE CAREFUL



Tutankhamen, like policemen, is getting younger. I made this discovery in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo recently. I made straight for the treasures of the Pharaoh's tomb, which had so impressed me on my last visit nearly 30 years ago. Only today was I struck for the first time by the boyish face of the Boy King. Talking about policemen, Cairo's finest no longer ask for money – 'Baksheesh'. Even the street hustlers explain that they don't want Baksheesh either and they are keen to warn tourists about others who might be less considerate. 'Be Careful!' said the man outside the hotel. 'Very be careful!'

There have been other changes too. In 1978, a motorway was threatening All Saints' Anglican Cathedral – 'an arrow of Islam aimed at the heart of Christianity,' protested a British contributor to the radio programme I was making. Today, the road has been built and the old Victorian church is no more. Instead a fine new cathedral has been built on the other bank of the Nile and all that seems to be missing are the memorial tablets to British soldiers who fell at the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, when the British effectively conquered Egypt in 1882.

In pride of place in the cathedral courtyard is the original dedication stone with its inscription 'Behold I have called my son out of Egypt'. Inside, the notice board speaks about today's refugees, from Southern Sudan, and promotes the work of RefugEgypt, the joint relief ministry shared with the local United Church.

This year, Easter in Bath coincided with Easter in the much more ancient Coptic Church of Egypt. I was in Cairo on Low Sunday and the Coptic churches of Old Cairo were full of Resurrection *Joie de Vivre*. In the church of St Sergius, in whose crypt, according to a notice, 'Holy Family stayed some years', a rather sentimental hanging showing the risen Christ was picked out in winking red and white Christmas lights. In St George's nearby, an automated fairground style tableau had our warrior Patron Saint on a rearing horse repeatedly spearing a writhing dragon. In the same chapel ('kindly remove your shoes on entering') the pilgrim may try on the very chains used to manacle the martyr and, for the very devout, there is the opportunity to touch some St George relics kept in a locked cabinet. And in among the churches is also the old synagogue.

The Coptic Museum nearby is full of manuscripts, textiles and carvings from the desert monasteries of the earliest Christians – the best of these founded by St Antony himself. What is striking is how frequently bits of the old religion of the Pharaohs creep into the imagery. The themes of death v. immortality are universal.

But Egypt is now much more Muslim than I remembered it – and I was assured that was not just me. Many more women wearing a headscarf and a good few fully veiled. The advertising agency people I talked to complained about their ads being repeatedly rejected by the TV authorities for being ‘indecent’ or just ‘un-Islamic’. Visiting an Islamic country as a non-Muslim can be quite spiritual in its way. The Call to Prayer is reassuring, a bit like the Angelus. I do not mind being woken at dawn by the loudspeaker from the mosque next to my hotel. It is perfectly possible to say a morning prayer as you lie half asleep in the darkness.



My Ministry of Trade driver took me on a tour of the Citadel with its numerous mosques. The effect is rather like touring the centre of Cambridge or Oxford with all the grand college buildings. ‘Do you have a mosque where you live?’ asked my guide. ‘But of course,’ I replied, thinking that the Islamic Centre in that Pierrepont Street basement could hardly compete with the minarets and madrassahs of Cairo.

It is no great hardship to go without alcohol when one is offered a constant and generous supply of sweet minted tea, real lemonade, and fresh orange juice – with added ginger at breakfast. And, at the end of the day, a discreet glass of rather good Egyptian red wine can be enjoyed on the terrace of the Semiramis Hotel overlooking the Nile without upsetting anyone. (I did, however, get very tired of ‘beef bacon’ which is not at all what one wants to eat first thing in the morning.) A sticker in my room told me where to look to face Mecca. I got used to encountering men prostrate in prayer – at the airport, in the hotel gym – or making the ritual ablutions prescribed - hands and feet, mouth and nose, eyes and ears – in other more private places.

An exhibition of ancient religious texts at the British Library near King’s Cross seeks to show how much the three monotheistic religions have in common – Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Margaret Barker’s challenging book *The Great High Priest* seeks to show ‘the Temple roots of Christian liturgy’, ie how much Christian worship owes to the beliefs and ceremonies of the earliest Jewish Temple in Jerusalem – and how the evidence for these ancient traditions was preserved by the Desert Fathers, the founders of the Coptic Church.

The British Library is just a few hundred yards from the spot where people of all three Abrahamic faiths lost their lives in the 7 July bombings two years ago. It is more than ever important for us to understand and respect the beliefs of others – and appreciate what we have in common. We must care about and for each other. That, or ‘very be careful!’

Chris Graham

The British Library exhibition *Sacred: discover what we share* runs until 23 September.
<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/features/sacred/visit.html>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BATH

Report of the Meeting held on 18th April.

Mrs. Margaret Ledbury from St. Mary and St. John Parish took over the work of Minute Secretary for the Central Zone Committee, from the previous Secretary, who has indicated her desire to relinquish the post.

To begin the meeting, various recent events were reviewed, including the Women's World Day of Prayer Services; 'Set All Free'; and the Good Friday Cross Walks. The CTB Executive plans to build on the strength of the support for the Good Friday event in the future. Some May events were announced to the Meeting, including the Victoria Park Flower Show Service, Christian Aid Week, and the CTB Executive AGM, when Angela Berners-Wilson will become the new Chairman. The Central Zone Representative on the Executive Committee was confirmed as the Rev. Kieren Bourne.

At our 10am Service on June 3rd, friends from Nexus Church, Walcot, will bring the Travelling Light to Christ Church, where it will stay until July 1st. It will then be taken to Holy Trinity, Queen Square by members of Christ Church congregation.

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.

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on July 19th at the Central URC, after which we shall write another Report for the Magazine.

Sylvia Ayers and Margaret Heath
Joint CTB Representatives

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our Summer Bring and Buy Sale this year will be on SUNDAY JUNE 17th, when we will hold a COLLECTION after the 10am Service for the MU OVERSEAS FUND. This is primarily to raise funds, so cash or small items to sell on our Table would be most welcome. The MU is still badly in need of capital to further our educational work, and your donation may help us to beat last year's total: for this we need the support of every member and friend of the Branch.



As indicated previously, our MU Branch is now holding Corporate Communion once a month, to coincide if possible with a Metcalfe Lunch. Our next one will therefore be at 11am on June 7th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and we hope to see all members at this Service.

Other MU meetings taking place in the Deanery during June include:

- June 6th: Archdeaconry Festival Service
St. John's Chilcompton. 7.30pm.
- June 9th: Coffee Morning
St. Luke's Wellsway. 10.30am.
- June 12th: St. Barnabas' MU visit the American
Museum Gardens.
- June 28th: Garden party
All Saints' Weston, 7.30pm.

As mentioned last month, all MU members are entitled to attend these, so we hope you will enjoy them.

Sylvia M. Ayers

Your r.c. writes...

Yes, "r.c" lower case, short for roving correspondent. We don't say "RC" now. Gone are the days when the then head of the BBC, could pay Bishop Agnellus Andrew of religious broadcasting, the back-handed compliment, "I know you're an R.C, Agnellus, but I don't find you devious." Bishop Agnellus liked Anglican evensong and gave the Anglican church in Rome a pyx with a kind reference to Mark's contribution to ecumenism. This was in Mark's private, not official, capacity: Mark as Minister, (later first Ambassador) to the Holy See, represented the Queen but not the Archbishop. After Vatican II an Anglican Centre, headed by an ordained Anglican, was established in Rome to further good relations between the two denominations. It is housed in the Palazzo Doria, thanks to the generosity of the Catholic Doria family, who have been warm friends and supporters. As an English Friend of the Anglican Centre in Rome, I went shortly before Christmas to our annual Eucharist after hours in Westminster Abbey - always a moving experience and enhanced for me by having read Barbara Harvey's *LIVING AND DYING IN ENGLAND 1100-1540*, a wonderful account of the life of the monks based on years of research in the archives at the Abbey. After the service we had a talk in the Jerusalem Chamber on *ANGLICANS IN ROME A HISTORY*, Canterbury Press 2006, by the author, Frederick Bliss, a Roman Catholic priest and teacher of ecumenical theology. He tells the story well (nobody ever takes me up on my offers to lend books but they remain).



Then, more recently, we had a joint meeting with the Nikaeen Society in the chapel of Lambeth Palace, with talks by Bishop Christopher Hill and a Roman Catholic sister. I had seen Christopher the week before at a funeral in Derby, where he joined two Catholic priests to pray at the grave of a Catholic friend who had looked after Monsignor Bill Purdy, a powerful figure at the Secretariat for Christian Unity at the Vatican. The Bishop discussed whether ARCIC was now on the fringe because of the debate on human sexuality and the ordination of women. He maintained that the work on eucharist and ministry "has with nuances been 'received' positively by official organs of both churches". I have a copy of the text if anyone would like to see it. We then had a buffet in the Guards Room at the palace and a chance to catch up with friends. This was before the publication of the Agreed Statement of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission.

Those of you who have seen the April Newsletter of Somerset Churches Together - I am hoping to get Christ Church some copies; I am reduced to reading it in churches I visit as the distribution is a mystery I am working on solving - will have read that the Statement is in two parts. Part one of GROWING TOGETHER IN UNITY AND MISSION lists the achievements in improved relationships since the visit of Archbishop Michael Ramsay to Pope Paul VI and part two is Towards Unity and Common Mission. SPCK £7.99. Sorry, I have yet to buy and read this. It seems that Christ Church and St Mary's are doing their bit, no thanks to me, indeed the warm relationship fostered by the Lent Lunches is quite often mentioned by a St Mary's representative to the Central Zone Churches Together in Bath.

A Catholic friend came to stay unexpectedly. She married a Neapolitan and has lived in Milan for over 40 years. She surprised me by saying, "Will she mind I'm a Catholic?" when I told her we were meeting an Anglican ordinand at a pub lunch. I said that if she minded I did not think she should be an training for the ministry. In fact the ordinand said she was deputy head of a large school where 75% of the pupils were Catholic, 25% Anglican. Times have changed and are still changing.

Margaret Heath



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 plant which is said to be the commonest and most attractive one in England, often growing to four or five feet in height with many delicate white flowers; it's also a member of the hemlock family, but many adults remember, as children, digging at the roots with a penknife to expose the tiny nutlets which tasted like hazel-nuts; and it has many common names, some referring to the Devil or to Bad Men or Bad Women, but one of the more pleasant ones is associated with Queen Anne?



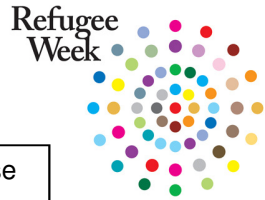
According to Geoffrey Grigson, writing in 1958, "To most of us now an innocent-seeming plant, whitening the road verges in June, filling up pathways, and narrowing green roads to a single track – a plant symbolic altogether of English countryside and Summer travel." Forty years later Richard Mabey writes: "Thus is arguably the most important spring landscape flower in Britain. For nearly all of May, almost every country road is edged with its froth of white blooms." Grigson's hesitancy about its innocence refers to the many common names which refer to evil, or the Devil in particular. This may also have something to do with its relationship with the poisonous hemlock, but it's more likely to be connected to the superstition attached to the name Mother Die or Mummy Die: the warning that if picked and brought into the house, Mother will die.

The connection with Queen Anne comes from lace: Queen Anne's Lace is one name for this plant; but I'd be surprised if you know it by that name. Several stories make the link with Queen Anne. One suggests that Queen Anne suffered from asthma and often left Kensington to enjoy the fresher air of the countryside: Queen Anne and her ladies-in-waiting took their lace pillows and made lace, and they noticed the similarity between the lace of Queen Anne and the frothy pattern of the white flowers of this plant. Another suggestion is that this name came from America where the plants are common and widespread. One story about this comes from a worker in a National Trust shop: she recalls two Alaskans who wanted to buy a brooch of these white flowers on a black background. When she told them the common name for the flowers they looked disappointed. But when she mentioned Queen Anne's Lace, they bought the brooches with a smile.

So I'll end, as I began, with a quotation from Geoffrey Grigson:

The Junes were free and full, driving through tiny
Roads, the mudguards brushing the cow parsley.

Cyril Selmes



HALT THIS CROOKED TIDE

The News of the World

We should look at policies where the legitimate sense of entitlement felt by the indigenous family overrides the legitimate need demonstrated by the new migrants.

Industry Minister Margaret Hodge

BRITAIN IS THE ASYLUM CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

The Express

Solitary confinement as a punishment for speaking out is common. "If we made a complaint we would be given a warning. If we were given three warnings, we would be put in an isolated cell. We were treated like pigs and very unfairly, as if we were serious criminals."

Report by Liberty into conditions at asylum detention centre

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

Ugandan Asian refugees settling in Leicester in the 1970's created 30,000 jobs. Marks and Spencer, Burtons, Thorn EMI and Saatchi & Saatchi were all founded by refugees or their children.

Joseph Conrad, Rachel Weisz, Ben Elton, Lew Grade, Alan Yentob and 11 UK Nobel prize winners for science; all refugees or children of refugees.

Over 1500 teachers, 1,000 doctors, 130 dentists and 250 nurses in the UK are refugees.

Refugee Week 2007 will take place from 18th to 24th June
www.refugeeweek.org.uk

Prayer Cycle for June

June

- Fri* 1 For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.
- Sat* 2 For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate.
- Sun* 3 For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Mon* 4 For all our congregation, that we may have love for one another; for those attending Meet Up Monday.
- Tues* 5 For Emma, Margaret and Sarah, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Wed* 6 For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed.
- Thurs* 7 For the institution of Holy Communion; that through it we may receive grace to shine as a light in a dark world.
- Fri* 8 For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.
- Sat* 9 For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens; for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Sun* 10 For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders.
- Mon* 11 For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Tues* 12 For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Wed* 13 That rich countries may wake up to the disproportionate damage their societies do to the earth.
- Thurs* 14 For David, our Treasurer.
- Fri* 15 For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Sat* 16 For the Mothers Union; for its work around the world. For those who raised us and for those who care for us today.
- Sun* 17 For Julian House and The Genesis Trust. For all helping at the Lunch Box today.

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- Mon 18** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Tues 19** For Angela, our Verger.
- Wed 20** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople.
For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota.
- Thurs 21** For those who are lonely or feel uncared for.
- Fri 22** For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
- Sat 23** For those people we find difficult, that we will remember that God loves them as much as he loves us.
- Sun 24** On the Feast of the birth of John the Baptist, we pray for those who wait without hope, that they may be reassured that God is Love and that his will shall be done.
- Mon 25** For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families.
- Tues 26** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers.
- Wed 27** For our Clergy Team.
- Thurs 28** We pray for the University Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains.
- Fri 29** For those whose calling is to preach the Gospel; for every one of us, who are called to live it.
- Sat 30** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- 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.

Big Questions, Little Answers

Sophie Smith, a regular and talented member of our choir, joined Church Council at the AGM.

Where were you born?

Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

What are your hobbies?

I love singing! And have been dancing since I was 2. I love performing on stage.

What is your favourite film, and why?

I'd say Billy Elliott, its so inspirational.

What is your favourite kind of music?

I listen to anything! I mainly love cheesy pop songs, and my favourite song of all time is 'Dancing in the moonlight' by Toploader.

What is your favourite kind of meal / food?

I like going out for foreign foods, Italian, Chinese, Indian!

What has been your proudest moment?

When I first performed on stage at the Theatre Royal last year, its something I've wanted to do since I was very small!

What is the most amazing place you have visited?

Disneyland Paris! I've never experienced anything so magical!

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

John Barrowman, I think he's wonderful!

What's your pet hate?

I have many...but I'd say top of the list is when people get uptight about really silly things.

What's your favourite book?

Harry Potter, it's the only book I can ever get into!

Tell us a little-known fact about yourself

I used to have a recurring nightmare about Mr Blobby when I was small.

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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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