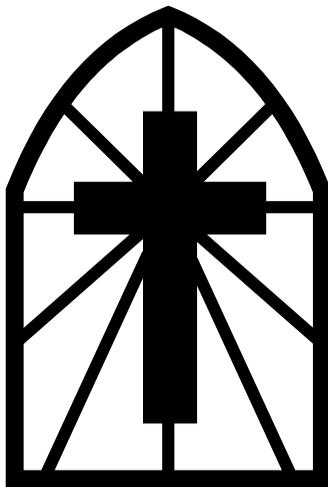


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November 2008

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

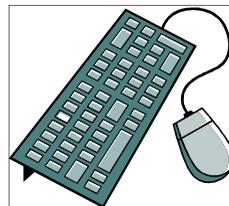
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Angela and Chris, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

Forum...

Moral Hazard?

Given the speed with which things are currently changing in the financial world, it is with a certain amount of trepidation I attempt to tackle this subject. It's entirely possible that by the time you read this we will all be living tents and bartering vegetables or that we'll have completely forgotten that there was ever any crisis!



Much publicity was given in late September to remarks made by the Archbishop of York in which he compared short traders to “bank robbers” and “asset strippers”. I have to admit that these reports bothered me slightly. It seems to me that short selling, like most trading, is an entirely amoral activity. It can be done in a moral or an immoral way, but it is not, in and of itself, immoral.

For those of you who are not really clear on what short selling is, here's a quick explanation. Imagine you're a market stall holder. Let's say you sell electrical goods. You're convinced that portable televisions are overpriced at the moment. You arrange with your supplier that he will lend you ten portable TVs for one month. After a month, you have to give him the ten TVs back (in exactly the same condition – not used). You take the TVs and sell them immediately at the current market rate, say £100 a piece. After a month, the price has dropped to £70, so you buy ten identical TVs for £70 and give them back to the supplier to comply with your side of the deal. You've just made £300.

That is short selling. It doesn't seem to me to be either particularly immoral or particularly honourable; it's just trading. If short selling is immoral, then surely all trading is immoral.

It's a shame, but not surprising I guess, that the press did not report what Archbishop Sentamu said later in the speech (which was made to the Worshipful Company of International Bankers – who'd have thought there was one of those?!) I feel he began to make some much more solid moral points when he compared the world reaction to the banking crisis to the world reaction to the effort to eradicate world poverty. He quotes an unnamed newspaper columnist, who says,

“One of the ironies about this financial crisis is that it makes action on poverty look utterly achievable. It would cost \$5 billion to save six million children's lives. World leaders could find 140 times that amount for the banking system in a week. How can they now tell us that action for the poorest on the planet is too expensive?”

That was just after the American government had agreed to spend \$700 billion on propping up banks. By now it's a great deal more than 140 times that amount across the world. There is a very stark comparison to be made between the willingness of governments to put up absolutely vast sums of money to save a bank which has problems with debt, and the huge struggle it has been to get governments to stump up comparatively meagre amounts to help entire developing countries crippled by debt.

Remember the huge fuss that was made at the G8 summit in 2005 about the massive achievement of getting agreement to write off the debt of the 18 poorest countries? That was \$40 billion. All of a sudden that doesn't seem like a very big number. In the same year "War on Want" estimated that another \$45 billion would allow 62 countries to meet their millennium development goals.

Given that we've now seen how much money is available when it's really needed, that this money wasn't and hasn't been forthcoming really *is* immoral.

Mark

Well done, Joshua

Congratulations to Joshua Gladstone who read the lesson at his very first cub parade service.



From the Church Registers

Holy Baptism

19th October

Lilianna Joanne Tatsiana Marshall



Church Calendar for November

Nov	2	Sun	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	
			Travelling Light to Holy Trinity, Queens Square	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong for All Souls
	7	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	8	Sat	SAINTS and MARTYRS of ENGLAND	
	9	Sun	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
			Church Genesis Lunch Box Duty	
	10	Mon	ST LEO THE GREAT, Bishop of Rome	
	11	Tue	ST MARTIN of TOURS, Bishop	
	13	Thu	CHARLES SIMEON, Priest	
			7.30pm	CTB Committee Meeting Salvation Army Citadel
	14	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	16	Sun	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
	17	Mon	ST HUGH of Lincoln	
	18	Tue	ST ELIZABETH of Hungary	
	19	Wed	ST HILDA of Whitby	
	20	Thur	7.30pm	Christ Church Council
	21	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	23	Sun	CHRIST THE KING	
			10.30am	Christ Church Patronal Festival
	26	Wed	12.30pm	The Lambeth Walk at the Guildhall
	28	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	30	Sun	ADVENT SUNDAY	
			6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

—See www.christchurchbath.org for latest details of church events—

Laity Rota for November

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
November	2	David Marles	Eileen Selmes	Martin Palmer
	9	Nicky Gladstone	Bob Siderfin	Esme Buss
	16	Morny Davison	Penny Edwards	Georgina Bowman
	23	David Bishop	Chris Graham	Mark Elliott
	30	Jane Fletcher	Margaret Heath	Sylvia Ayers
December	7	Sarah Hiscock	Matthew Jones	Judith Anderson

Chalice Assistants

November	2	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin
	9	Andrew Sillett	Tessa Claridge
	16	Bev Pont	Margaret
	23	Margaret Heath	Janet Mahto
	30	Chris Graham	Jane Fletcher
December	7	Andrew Sillett	Tessa Claridge

Intercessors

November	2	Penny Edwards
	9	Bev Pont
	16	David Marles
	23	Rev Cliff Burrows
	30	Chris Graham
December	7	Rev Antony Claridge



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
November	2	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge	Andrew Sillett
	9	Clive Tilling	Janet Mahto	Margaret Heath
	16	Arthur Jones	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	23	Clive Tilling	Ken & Sylvia Ayers	
	30	Arthur Jones	Morny Davison	Tessa Claridge
December	7	Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett	Janet Mahto

Lectionary for November

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Nov 2	All Saints Sunday		
	Revelation 7.9-17	No reading	Matthew 5.1-12
9	3 rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)		
	Micah 4.1-5	No reading	John 15.9-17
16	2 nd Sunday before Advent		
	No reading	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Matthew 25.14-30
23	Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)		
	No reading	Ephesians 1.15-23	Matthew 25.31-46
30	Advent Sunday (Year B begins)		
	Isaiah 64.1-9	1 Corinthians 3.3-9	Mark 13.24-37
Dec 7	Advent 2		
	Isaiah 40.1-11	2 Peter 3.8-15a	Mark 1.1-8

How responsive are you?

At all our services there are words we which we are asked to say together. These are always printed in **bold type** on our Eucharist cards and orders of service. Just lately, it has been noticed that the congregation tends to leave the responses to the choir. This is a shame, for two reason; first, because it is good for us all to participate in worship and, secondly, because our participation is an encouragement to visitors and newcomers who may be unfamiliar with the service.

Please will everyone make a point of speaking the responses and prayers boldly and firmly. It will make such a difference to the quality of our liturgy and none of us would want to offer God less than our best.

Getting Married in Church



A new piece of legislation came into effect on 1 October 2008. Called *The Church of England Marriage Measure 2008* and means that in future we can be more welcoming towards people who wish to be married in church. Antony welcomes this and hopes that readers who have friends and relatives considering marriage will tell them all about the new possibilities of being married in church. To enable you to do so, we are publishing an outline of the new rules in this edition of the magazine.

The new measure extends the existing legal right to be married in at Christ Church to cases where one or both of the couple can establish what is called a “**qualifying connection**”.

A person has a **qualifying connection** if that person:

- ✚ Was baptised in the church
- ✚ Had his or her confirmation entered in the church register
- ✚ Has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish of Walcot for at least 6 months
- ✚ Has at any time habitually attended public worship in the church for at least 6 months

Or a parent of that person has at any time during that person’s lifetime:

- ✚ Had his or her usual place of residence in the parish of Walcot for at least 6 months
- ✚ Habitually attended public worship in the church for at least 6 months

Or a parent or grandparent of that person was married in the church.

Please advise anyone interested in being married at Christ Church to check the finer details of the legislation with Antony before making plans. Let’s do our best to encourage marriage in church.



Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

RoadPeace will be holding the annual memorial service for crash victims on our roads in the south west on Sunday 16 November. This day is now designated as World day of remembrance.

Nexus Methodist Church, Walcot
at 4.30pm on Sunday 16 November
led by the Revd Audrey Simpson

It is hoped that representatives from the Local Authority and the emergency services who play a part in dealing with the aftermath of these tragedies will be present. There will be special prayers, readings and music and the names of loved ones who have been lost will be read from oak leaves which will be buried later in the *RoadPeace* wood in the National Arboretum.

Initiated in 1993, this day of remembrance is now globally recognized with the adoption by the UN General Assembly on 26th October 2005 of a resolution to recognize the third Sunday in November of every year as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, as an "appropriate acknowledgement for victims of road traffic crashes and their families".

Worldwide, over 3,000 people are killed and 100,000 injured every day on the road. These figures are predicted to grow. The price in terms of human loss, grief and care is immeasurable. Road crashes are the leading cause of violent deaths and injuries worldwide and World Day of Remembrance is drawing attention to the scale of this global disaster.

Your magazine!

We are always on the look out for items for Christ Church Challenge.

If you've never submitted a piece, why not send us one? Stories, reviews, comments; local issues, global events. Anything from a sentence or two to a couple of pages is welcome.

Email it to admin@christchurchbath.org or pass a hard copy to the editor or one of the church wardens.

It's your chance, young or old, to become a published writer!

Happy Birthday, Cedar Tree!

The Cedar Tree, our weekly community café, is still running every Friday from 11am till 1.30pm. It caters for a variety of people—we have a number of faithful regulars—and seems to be much appreciated by all who come in.

In the two years since The Cedar Tree began, we have made a number of friends and learned a number of lessons. Many people from the congregation have provided help of several different kinds and I am grateful to you all.

It occurs to me that it is some time since I appealed for help, so here is the information on how you can get involved.

Be a volunteer

It's fun! You can sign up on the rota on the kitchen door, just for one Friday or once every couple of months. It's very flexible. The time commitment is 10.30am till 2pm.

Bake a cake

Fruit loaf, lemon cake, chocolate cake, ginger cake, any kind of cake you'd like to make—they're all gratefully received. Again, please sign on the kitchen door.

Do some washing

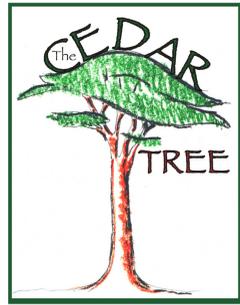
An all new opportunity to help. Could you volunteer to take three aprons and four tea towels home on a Sunday, wash and iron them and bring them back the next Sunday? Any offers of help with this would be wonderful.

Have a cup of tea

If you can only spare a short time on a Friday, why not drop by? Enjoy the refreshments, read the papers and meet some of the other customers.

Pray

Above all, please remember the work of The Cedar Tree in your prayers.

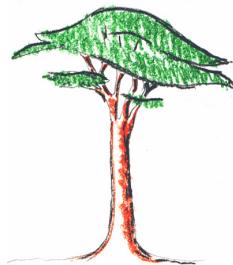


'Under it every kind of bird will live'

Julian Road
Bath

Nicky Gladstone

Menu



Tea	30p (cup)	40p (mug)
Coffee	40p (cup)	50p (mug)
Fruit Juice		40p

Toast (with Jam, Marmalade or Marmite)	50p
Cake (slice)	50p

Sandwiches	£1.00
(Ham Salad, Cheese & Tomato, Cheese & Pickle, Tuna Mayo)	
Beans on Toast	£1.00
Cheese on Toast	£1.00

Lunch	£1.50
(sandwich, or beans on toast or cheese on toast, with a slice of cake and a cup of tea or coffee)	

Cedar Tree "Favourites":	
Cheese Beano	£1.50
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	£1.50
Tuna Melt	£1.50

"Favourites" Lunch	£2.00
(cheese beano or cheese & ham toasty or tuna melt with a slice of cake and a cup of tea or coffee)	

Birthday addition, coming soon... soup and sandwich special!

Prayer Cycle for November

November

- Mon 3** For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi.
- Tues 4** For those who are travelling and working on the seas.
- Wed 5** For all teachers and students returning to school after the half term break.
- Thurs 6** For David, our Treasurer, magazine editor and Prayer Cycle compiler, celebrating his birthday!
- Fri 7** For the work of the Cedar Tree, celebrating its birthday this week.
- Sat 8** For the work of Genesis; for those from Christ Church serving at the Lunch Box this weekend.
- Sun 9** For those who serve in the armed forces; that they may do so bravely and honorably.
- Mon 10** For Chris and Angela, our church wardens.
- Tues 11** For all those killed in wars; for their bereaved families.
- Wed 12** For the work of the Scout and Guide Associations.
- Thurs 13** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Fri 14** For Mark, our Director of Music and David, our Organist. For our choir.
- Sat 15** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Sun 16** For all who are mourning or caring for victims of road accidents. For our emergency services.
- Mon 17** For those concerned about rising fuel costs as colder days approach.
- Tues 18** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Wed 19** That rich countries may wake up to the disproportionate damage their societies do to the earth.

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- Thurs 20** For Christ Church Council; that the love of Jesus and the power of the Spirit may flow through its meeting today.
- Fri 21** For those who mourn, that they may be comforted.
- Sat 22** For our Clergy Team.
- Sun 23** On our patronal festival, we pray for the work of Christ Church; for its witness to the city of Bath.
- Mon 24** For Margaret, Sarah and Lewis, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Tues 25** For all who help to run our Junior Church, for Sarah who co-ordinates the rota, and for all our children.
- Wed 26** For Angela, our Verger.
- Thurs 27** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rotas.
- Fri 28** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries.
- Sat 29** For those who have been made redundant or have financial worries as Christmas approaches.
- Sun 30** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- December**
- Mon 1** As we enter the season of Advent, may we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ.
- Tues 2** For all who have lost their way or their hope. For all feeling forsaken and alone.
- Wed 3** For all parents, step-parents and godparents. For foster parents and all who care for children.
- Thurs 4** For those sleeping on the streets of Bath this winter.
- Fri 5** For all preparing for marriage.
- Sat 6** For the leaders of our country, that they may follow paths of peace and righteousness.
- Sun 7** As Christmas approaches, that we may be mindful of the dangers of greed in our consumerist society.

Mothers Union News



Although it was still very early the MU Christmas items ordered in August have all been delivered, and I do hope that everyone is pleased with their purchases.

As I promised in the September magazine, copies of the new edition of the Students Cookbook were given away on September 24th and 26th at both University Freshers Week Fairs. Producing this worthwhile book each year requires considerable financial input and if we had more funds we could distribute even more copies, so all new sponsorship offers will be warmly welcomed. Following our appeal, we are very grateful to the members of our congregation who donated Flapjacks for us to give to the students. You may be sure these were much appreciated.

We sincerely thank all members of the congregation who so generously supported our Autumn Women's Refuge Appeal by bringing in such a lovely lot of domestic items. For details of their requirements readers should refer to the October magazine. We can continue to accept gifts and donations until November 2nd, after which the parcels and Morrisons Gift Tokens will be delivered.

Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)

Breaking the historic link between Church and State

Disestablishment would make the Church of England more Christian, a national newspaper has said.

The comments came in an editorial for the Times newspaper, following the suggestion by a Government minister that a separation of church and state is inevitable in the years to come. Immigration Minister Phil Woolas waded into the disestablishment debate and contradicted official government policy over the position of the Church of England.

The outcome of the Government's attempt to reform the House of Lords would be to strip the Church of its privileges, he said. Within 50 years the Church of England would have lost the special position it has held in English life since the Reformation.

It is alleged that his comments echo those of Christians, including the thinktank *Ekklesia* which has said that disestablishment is both inevitable and desirable for both church and state. What do the people of Christ Church think? Please send your comments to the editor on or before the 15th November. There is no need to write a formal article unless you want to – just say what you think.

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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.**