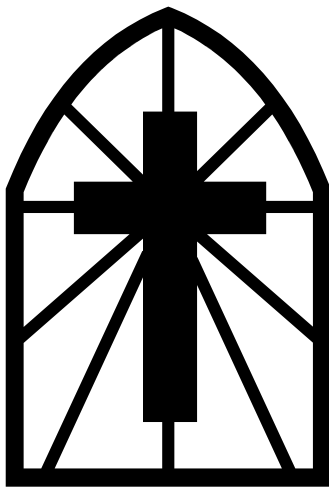


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September 2007

**CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD**  
**DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion, Junior Church & Crèche
First Sundays & Festivals	Choral Evensong and Sermon at 6.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5)

*There is amplification to assist the hard of hearing*

**CHOIR**

Junior Choir Practice	Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Adult Practice	Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

*New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360*

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS**

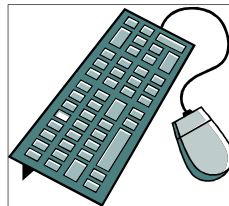
By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

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

Welcome back to all who have been away this summer. To make up for August's slimmer edition, a bumper one for the new academic year. Many thanks to all of our contributors.

Any new contributors quietly hoping to see their work in print, please do step forward. Articles can be given to the editor or emailed to [admin@christchurchbath.org](mailto:admin@christchurchbath.org).

## *Forum...*



On Saturday 22 September, the councils of Christ Church, St Mary's Charlcombe and St Stephen's Lansdown will meet together for the first time. After an introductory talk from the Archdeacon of Bath, the Ven. Andy Piggott the council members will spend the morning doing two important things.

First, they will look at the possibility of writing a joint mission statement. Since Christ Church is the only church of the three, which currently has a mission statement this will be used as the starting point for the discussions. Delegates will face a tough task; that of expressing a common purpose for the Local Ministry Group (LMG) whilst, at the same time, acknowledging the rich diversity represented by the constituent congregations. When it was first agreed that we should form a LMG, many people expressed the view that the individual identities of the three churches and their traditions should be preserved and we are determined that this will be reflected in the mission statement.

The second area to be explored will be the practical ways in which we might work closely together to reach out into our communities with the Good News of the Gospel. And from this comes the need to let people in our part of Bath know that they are now served by three churches.

Members of the congregation and readers of this magazine are asked to think and pray about these issues. If you have a particular idea or anxiety please do not hesitate to share it with the wardens or any member

of your council; the more people who become involved the better. What we all have to remember is that we are not simply talking about our church of today but laying the foundations of the church for the future. If we seek God's will there is nothing of which we need to be afraid and we can be sure that our LMG will prosper.

*Antony*

## Letters to the editor

Sirs

Thank you for publicising the beheading of John the Baptist (August 2007), but why was no time given for this event?

I remain, sir, etc

Confused of Chislehurst



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.

# Church Calendar for September

Sep	2	Sun	<b>THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
	3	Mon	8.00pm	Meet Up Monday at the Hare and Hounds
	7	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	8	Sat	CTB Sponsored Cycle Ride	
	9	Sun	<b>THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
	12	Wed	11.00am	Mothers Union Corporate Communion
	14	Fri	HOLY CROSS DAY	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	15	Sat	Deadline for Magazine articles	
	16	Sun	<b>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
			4.30pm	Cut the Carbon March—see page 14
			5.00pm	Tea and Taizé
	17	Mon	7.30pm	Church Council
	20	Thu	John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop and Martyr - 1871	
	21	Fri	ST MATTHEW, Apostle	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	22	Sat	10.00am	Joint Church Council at St Steven's Centre
	23	Sun	<b>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
			Circuit of Bath Walk for Julian House—see page 23	
	26	Wed	Ember Day	
	28	Fri	Ember Day	
			"Dotty Day" Fundraising Day for Dorothy House	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	29	Sat	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	
			Ember Day	
	30	Sun	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	

# Laity Rota for September

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
<b>September</b>	2	Eileen Selmes	Bev Pont	David Marles
	9	Nicky Gladstone	Martin Palmer	Bob Siderfin
	17	Penny Edwards	Georgina Bowman	David Bishop
	23	Jane Fletcher	Chris Graham	Mark Elliott
	30		Junior Church	
<b>October</b>	7	Sarah Hiscock	Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath

## Chalice Assistants

<b>September</b>	2	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	9	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
	17	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	23	Jane Fletcher	Anne Kemp
	30	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
<b>October</b>	7	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge

## Intercessors

<b>September</b>	2	Rev Cliff Burrows
	9	Chris Graham
	17	Georgina Bowman
	23	Rev Antony Claridge
	30	Junior Church
<b>October</b>	7	Penny Edwards



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
<b>September</b>	2	Arthur Jones	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	9	Clive Tilling		Ken and Sylvia Ayers
	17	Arthur Jones	Joan Bunkin	Jean Ferguson
	23	Clive Tilling	Margaret Heath	Andrew Sillett
	30	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge	Janet Mahto
<b>October</b>	7	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell

# Lectionary for September

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sep 2	Trinity 13 (Proper 17)		
	No reading	Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Luke 14.1, 7-14
9	Trinity 14 (Proper 18)		
	Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33
17	Trinity 15 (Proper 19)		
	No reading	I Timothy 1.12-17	Luke 15.1-10
23	Trinity 16 (Proper 20)		
	Amos 8.4-7	I Timothy 2.1-7	Luke 16.1-13
30	Harvest Festival		
	TBA	TBA	TBA

## Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

### “JOHN COLERIDGE PATTESON (20th September)

**John Coleridge Patteson** (April 1, 1827 - September 20, 1871) was an Anglican bishop and martyr.

Patteson was educated at Eton and then Balliol College, Oxford. He was ordained in 1853. His old tutor at Eton, George Augustus Selwyn, was the first Bishop of New Zealand, and he persuaded Patteson to become a missionary to the South Seas. In 1855 Patteson set out to found the Melanesian Mission. He founded a college on Norfolk Island for native boys, toured the islands on the ship *Southern Cross*, and learned many of the local languages. In 1861 he was made Bishop of Melanesia.



On 20 September 1871 he was murdered on the island of Nukapu in the Solomon Islands, where he had landed alone. Natives killed him as revenge against the abduction of some natives by white men months earlier. His death became a *cause celebre* in England and increased interest both in missionary work and in improvement of the working conditions in Melanesia.

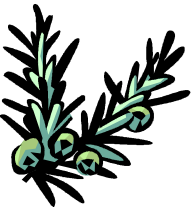
His life is celebrated in the Church of England as a saintly one, and he is commemorated with a Lesser Festival on 20 September.

**DO YOU KNOW** the two trees this month: the first is an evergreen whose fruits are used to flavour one of the favourite spirits of Britain, as well as flavouring for game birds and venison; the second is a city tree, found in many parks and squares in London, whose heavy leaves are easily cleaned of grime when it rains.



The fruits of the first are dark berries which should not be eaten from the tree in large numbers as they are poisonous but not toxic or lethal. In spite of this (perhaps because of this), they were often part of the apothecary's toolkit, as they were regarded as a Counter-poysone, especially in Europe. Although these trees are often at least seventeen feet in height there is considerable variation in form and shape: some are bush-like, some are low and prostrate and some have a dead central area. They are quite widespread in Britain but tend to grow in localised colonies. They also vary in location: in the north they grow in wet rainy conditions on acidic soils; in the south they grow in dry hot conditions, mainly on chalk downlands.

The second tree seems to have at least three versions: a Mediterranean one; an American one and a London one. The London one is certainly not a native—born within the sound of Bow Bells—even though it is the most common tree in the city. It may be a cross between the other two and first appeared in this country in the seventeenth century. However, there is no evidence to support this idea and the seeds of this tree are very fertile, often found growing abundantly between the paving stones and in the gutters of London streets. There is no doubt that this tree flourishes in the often dismal conditions of a large, noisy and dirty city. Traffic fumes seem to cause little harm in spite of the fact it is the predominant tree, occupying the bulk of the streets and parks. On hot sunny days their mottled yellow and green leaves bring a bright and pleasant atmosphere to the streets, but on dull days their shadowy foliage merges with the concrete and stone buildings with a dismal result. Male and female catkins grow on the same tree and the groups of fruits hang on the trees throughout winter, to become active in the spring. Some people are allergic to both the pollen grains and the fruits: boys from a Beckenham school were well aware of this; they used the debris of the fruits as an itching powder. Many of these trees were blown down in the gales of 1987: only to reveal another secret of these London Plane trees: the pink wood that lay behind their yellowish bark.



The first tree was a Juniper. (Follow this theme on p10. Ed.)

*Cyril Selmes*



## USPG News

I wonder if any readers know where Malawi is? Some say immediately in Africa, others scratch their heads. Some know it's in East Africa but how many neighbours has this landlocked country got? A look in your atlas will greatly assist.



Malawi is situated in the heart of Africa and possesses five National Parks and four wildlife reserves. This is a country dependent on agriculture and which had failed harvests in 2002, 2003 and more recently in 2005. Some 13 million people ran out of food and this decimated the population as people struggled to survive. This year there has been a plentiful harvest of maize. The Anglican Church in Malawi, supported by USPG) helped the people in a time of famine, and is helping now in this time of plenty. A recent survey suggests that 34% of Malawi's population is undernourished and some 49% of five year olds have stunted growth.

Christ Church has for many years supported St Anne's Hospital, by Lake Malawi. St Anne's is the only referral hospital for all obstetrics and gynaecological cases, providing maternity and neo-natal service to people under the care of any of the district health centres. It has such a good reputation that people living in neighbouring Mozambique are sailing across Lake Malawi to seek help with their various conditions. According to Mr Pemba at the hospital "mention of St Anne's Hospital to people in the district and now beyond the borders of Nkhotakota is a reminder of their hope for their own survival and also that of their relatives."

Please pray for staff and patients at St Anne's Hospital, Nkhotakota and for their Christian faith to serve as a beacon of peace, hope and love at the hospital.

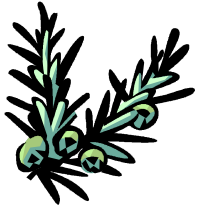


*Adrian Pegg*

## LOVE BADE ME WELCOME<sup>1</sup>

'Get juniper berries and carrots for the hare,' read the text message. 'And don't forget the wine.'

We were stopping off at the *supermarché* on the way from the railway station at Toulouse. An old BBC friend had met the train and we were heading for the village of Lasgraïsses near Albi in South-West France to meet a remarkable practitioner of the Ministry of Hospitality.



L'Abbé Jean Icher is a retired teacher of English and the non-stipendiary priest of three rural churches that might otherwise have no *curé*. For years he ran exchanges with parishes in the UK and Germany. The formal exchanges between the Dioceses of Albi and Chester no longer happen, but a loyal following of Prestbury alumni continue to make the pilgrimage to the stunning valley of the Tarn and to L'Escapat, Father Icher's beautifully restored farmhouse – and his famed table.



The hare had appeared that morning – road kill, apparently; a gift from God. It was to be the centrepiece of Sunday lunch, suitably jugged. On arrival, I was soon adding the berries and the diced carrots to the marinade and helping to peel and chop the garlic for the haricot beans that were to accompany the *Saucisse de Toulouse* for the evening meal – more garlic than I would myself use in a year. Oh yes, and don't forget to slice the potatoes for tomorrow's *gratin Daupinois*.

As we sat around the supper table in the garden, with the sun setting over the distant hills, the BBC man efficiently slipped me the scribbled words of a grace which we sang:

Wisdom has prepared a Table.  
She invites mankind to the feast.  
Come to the banquet of the Son of Man.  
Eat and drink the Passover of God.

So with 'Au nom du Père, et du Fils, et du Saint Esprit' and crossing ourselves like South American footballers, we proceeded to eat heartily, drink liberally, and talk of many things – politics, culture, history, Europe, the lack of vocations to the Priesthood, and the perfidy of the local Socialist and secularist Mayor and his perceived hostility to all things clerical (very reminiscent that of Don Camillo and Don Peppone.) We also debated whether the haricots had in fact been tossed in 100% goose fat as per l'Abbé's instructions, or whether a little olive oil had been incorrectly

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<sup>1</sup>: 'You must sit down, said Love, and taste my meat. So I did sit down and eat.'  
George Herbert, *Mystical Songs*

added. The *Gateau Basque* I had brought with me from a visit to friends in Biarritz made a suitable pudding course and the single malt I had bought at the *supermarché* in Gaillac was added to the coffee with enthusiasm.

Amidst all this, I was recruited to help out with the singing at the Mass the next morning.

Holidays on the Continent often emphasise for me the stupid divisions among Christians. I remember attending a Mass in Ravello on the Amalfi coast with my father and thinking that perhaps we could join in the line of communicants. Who would know? But I held back when I saw a man being refused the sacrament by the priest with a wagging finger. I thought it would be a mean trick to take advantage of our anonymity.

But the French seem more relaxed and pragmatic. Staying in a Pax Christi hostel in Vezelay in my student days, I was invited to join a party of Cambridge undergraduates who were on a pilgrimage with their college chaplain. There was to be an early morning Eucharist – ‘with the French’, it was whispered.

It was a rather beautiful service, half in English and half in French – local *vin ordinaire* and *baguette*.

Afterwards, over coffee, the college chaplain was anxious that all should appreciate how daring we had been, but the French were unmoved at the suggestion of our intercommunion being of any particular significance. ‘But, you see,’ said the helpful chaplain, ‘you are Roman Catholics and we are Anglicans.’ His mission to explain seemed likely only to prise apart what the shared communion had just cemented. ‘*Mais, c’est le même Dieu,*’ commented Madame who ran the hostel, with an impatient shrug. It’s the same God.



So it was that almost 40 years later, I found myself asking *l’Abbé* whether I might receive the sacrament in the morning. After all, it is polite to ask. ‘You see, I am not a Roman Catholic. I am an Anglican,’ I said. ‘*Mais, bien sur.*’ Of course, was the generous response of my host – and he added ‘I am not a Roman Catholic either. I am a French catholic. I have a lot more in common with an Englishman like you that with that secularist Mayor!’



The next day my father’s year’s mind was added to the list of intercessions and I joined in not just the singing of the *Missa De Angelis* but in the Communion too – for me a kind of First Communion. And as we lined up to receive, we sang ‘*La Sagesse*’ – the same hymn we had sung as a grace the evening before.<sup>2</sup>

Later, the *lièvre* and the *pommes de terres* were delicious – and Shelagh the dog had the bones. I was put to stoning greengages for a *tarte* which was to be enjoyed the next day.

As I travelled back on the train to my Dordogne *gîte*, resuming my own summer holiday with its much less ambitious cuisine, I reflected on the admirable French approach to food and drink and their appreciation of the good things of life represented by the good things of the earth, and the important rituals surrounding their preparation and enjoyment. – and their contribution, in turn, to fellowship and human sympathy.

‘His is a Ministry of Hospitality,’ another English visitor had observed of Father Icher. And I certainly experienced in the welcome I received to his house, his table and at his altar a Christian open-heartedness and a priestly understanding of which the whole Church and the world are much in need. I left cheered and refreshed – and it wasn’t just the jugged hare.

Chris Graham

### LA SAGESSE A DRESSE UNE TABLE

~ 92

calme retenu

La sagesse a dressé u- ne ta-ble, Elle invi-te les hommes

cresc. F. pp retenu

au festin. Venez au banquet du Fils de l'Hom-me, mangez

ralent.

et du-vez la Pô-que de Dieu

- 2: My rudimentary French has since worked out that *La Sagesse* is a responsorial setting of Psalm 34, including the words ‘O Taste and see how gracious the Lord is.’ Both this and the George Herbert poem which provides the title for this piece were memorably and beautifully set to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams. A metrical version of the same psalm appears as the hymn by Nahum Tate ‘Through all the changing scenes of life’.

## **The Revd. George Gillespie**

The editor asked Sarah Sheppard for memories of George Gillespie, a good friend of Christ Church, who died earlier this year.

“Uncle George”, a young visitor at Ascension Vicarage once asked, “how did you get ordained?”. Quick came the reply: “I think it must have been a miracle”. This was entirely characteristic of George, who took other people seriously, but not himself.

If the miracle wasn't ordination, it was surely George's capacity to use for good all the anomalies - and hurts - life threw at him. Born into a religiously divided home (his mother a Catholic and his father an Ulster Protestant), George would later turn those heated family discussions into his own love of ecumenism. It was just like him to have great friends at Downside, and more again among the Moravians. And if he himself favoured women's ministry, he always put this down to time “in the bag”. By such easy shorthand he would allude to harrowing years as a prisoner of war, first in Italy (“the climate was such a help...”), and then in Germany. When at last all the guards had fled, he found himself in No Man's Land.

On demob, George offered himself for ordination. Cuddesdon sent him out to practice hospital visiting and - a real miracle - he met Joan. Through fifty years and more of marriage, George relied deeply on their partnership. “I would never have realised”, he would say of some person or event, “but Joan picked it up in a minute”. Christ Church people will remember George, by then retired, occasionally taking a service, and more often coming to support events of all kinds. If you recall him having a chat, this is hugely characteristic. He loved meeting people, he found them totally absorbing. He had a good word for the most improbable, the most prickly. Perhaps he understood the constraints that pressed on them.

Constraints of health (“we're post-retirement now”) took George and Joan a few years back to their daughter's village of Abbotskerswell, near Newton Abbot - and the village took them to their hearts. When illness kept George indoors, he told me on the phone that he was spending some time thinking of all the people who had helped him through his life. In the nursing home (another “bag”, if a kindly one) he told me he was thinking, among other things, of how Bonhoeffer had managed in prison.

Using a fairly pithy expression, George always maintained that ministry was lifelong. By his own response to crippling illness, he proved his point. Abbotskerswell Church was full for his funeral - and many more sent messages to Joan in support. We all owed George so much. Coming out of church, the procession to the grave suffered a slight muddle, and temporarily split in two. “Don't worry”, called out the cleric at the head of the main branch, “George would just think this was funny”. And it was true.

## Christian Aid Cut the Carbon March

The Cut the Carbon march started on 14 July in Bangor, N Ireland. Due to reach London on 2 October, it will pass through Bath on 16 September.

**There will be a public welcome outside  
Bath Abbey at 4.30pm  
and a service at  
Manvers Street Baptist Church at 6.30pm.**



Events in Bradford-on-Avon the following day are still being finalised.

## Climate Change—The Science

There is much discussion, information and misinformation surrounding climate change. Is it happening? Are we sure it's our fault? Even if it is, and even if we are, what can we do about it?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is the world's leading body for the assessment of climate change. They are recognised as the world's most reliable source of information on climate change by the scientific academies of 16 countries, including China, France, Germany and the UK. In 2001, the Bush administration commissioned its own report, which explicitly agreed with the IPCC.

The IPCC says that climate change is happening. Their latest assessment shows that previous predictions were, if anything, optimistic. Eleven of the last twelve years have been the warmest since records began. Carbon dioxide and methane levels have been increasing since the Industrial Revolution. They now far exceed the levels which had remained within a stable range for the last 650,000 years.

The IPCC says that climate change is very likely to be mostly man-made. Burning fossil fuels, increased agriculture and changes in land use are driving increases in temperature which are unprecedented in the last 10,000 years.

The IPCC makes it clear. Climate change is here, it's getting worse, it's getting worse faster, and we're the problem.

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## **Climate Change—Not a Christian Issue?**

Christian Aid has taken climate change as one of its main action areas, and has not escaped criticism for this. Climate change is seen as a political topic, not a humanitarian one.

Christian Aid, however, believes that poverty and climate change are inextricably linked. It is the poor of the world who are already suffering disproportionately from the effects of global warming. The IPCC reports that the poorest areas of the world, notably parts of Africa, will be least able to adapt to climate changes.

The potential ravages of climate change are so severe that they could nullify efforts to secure meaningful and sustainable development in poor countries. At worst, they could send the real progress that has already been achieved spinning into reverse. No other single issue presents such a clear and present danger to the future welfare of the world's poor.

**Forget about making poverty history.  
Climate change will make it permanent.**

By 2050, according to IPCC predictions:

—There will be 150 million environmental refugees—

—A billion people will suffer acute water shortages—

—30 million more people will go hungry —

—Sea level rises will be approaching three feet—

—submerging 18% of Bangladesh—

Climate change brings disease. Christian Aid estimates that, with current predictions, climate change will have killed over 180 million people by the end of the century. As always, the poor, the weak, the young, the elderly will bear the brunt.

Climate change brings floods, and it brings drought and both of these bring famine. 82% of the glacier on the Mount Kilianjaro has disappeared since 1912 causing water shortages for the population below.

Climate change brings war. Dry wells, dying cattle, failed harvests lead to conflicts and conflicts in their turn bring further thirst and starvation as supply lines are broken. Always it is the poor and the weak who suffer.

These are only predictions and may be wrong but, as we've seen, actual measurements show that the IPCC is cautious in its conclusions.

## Climate Change—What can we do?

Scientists estimate that for a sustainable world, we each have an allowance of 2.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year. In this country, we use an average of four times that. If you drive 12,000 miles a year, you've used up your allowance. Or, if you don't travel by car (or bus, or train), you could take a short air journey, but not too often; each trip to the continent eats up three years' allowance. On top of that you need to add in your gas, electricity, food miles, clothes, newspapers...

**If we shut down all of Britain's emissions tomorrow – the growth in China will make up the difference within two years. So we've got to be realistic about how much obligation we've got to put on ourselves.**

*Tony Blair, on returning from a Caribbean holiday  
Christmas 2006*

Of course, we've heard it before; probably said it before. What can I do? I'm only one person, one country. First we need not to under-estimate what impact we have. Goods made in China and shipped over to the UK don't add much to our official footprint, but if we buy the goods, it should go on our bill.

We take more than our share, but we won't be the first to pay. How much are we prepared to give up to tread more lightly? Are we loving our neighbour? Are we even treating him with simple fairness or justice?

For their part, the government have introduced a draft Climate Change Bill, the first government to do so.

Christian Aid is pressing for the Bill to set a target reduction in emissions of at least 80% by 2050 and to require companies to publish their carbon emissions in an agreed format.

The petition can be found at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/stoppoverty/climatechange/march/shoelace.aspx>.

There are no simple answers, and probably very few complicated ones. But are we even trying to find them?

All of the source material for this article is available online:

Christian Aid: The climate of poverty May 2006

Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

The Royal Society: A guide to facts and fictions about climate change

...The apocalypse will be televised...



## **MOTHERS' UNION NEWS**

The Order Form and monies for the MU Christmas items have all been despatched, and the parcels should arrive during October. The closing date for paying the £6 renewal fees for your 2008 Magazine is September 16th, so all contributions will now be gratefully received! May I once again thank those prompt payers who make life so much easier for your Treasurer.



We expect to hold our Branch Collection for the Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal on October 21st, although circumstances may alter this proposed date, and items can also be accepted during the following two weeks. Tea, coffee, sugar and cleaning materials are always needed, and it is still a regrettable fact that some of the women and children arrive at the Refuge with nothing but the clothes they stand up in, so anything in this line, particularly children's-wear, that we can give them will be very welcome. In previous years, our friends at Christ Church have been most generous with their donations, both in cash and kind, so we are confident that you will help us again this year. If you do prefer to give cash, we will use this to buy Supermarket Savings Stamps for them.

We will have a Mothers' Union Corporate Communion on 12th September, when there is a "Metcalf Lunch" to enjoy. We look forward to seeing all members there at that service.

*Sylvia M. Ayers (Secretary)*



The children's cartoon series "Friends and Heroes" is coming to terrestrial television for the first time.

[www.friendsandheroes.com](http://www.friendsandheroes.com)

Starting on 11 September, the series presents well known Bible stories in an appealing, fresh and memorable way, creating a clear connection between the religious themes and exciting adventure stories by the innovative use of combined 2D and 3D animation. Cartoon-style 2D animation tells the adventure stories, mixing seamlessly to 3D animation for the Bible stories, two or three of which are interwoven in each episode.

# La Sagesse

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1. Je bénirai le Sei - gneur en tout temps  
 2. Proclamez avec moi que le Sei - gneur est grand  
 3. Tournez vous vers le Seigneur' et vous se - rez illu - mi - nés  
 4. L' Ange du Seigneur a été - bli son camp,  
 5. Saints du Seigneur, ado - rez le Sei - gneur,  
 6. Venez, mes fils, écou - tez moi !  
 7. Que ta langue se garde du mal  
 8. Le Seigneur tourne sa face contre ceux qui font le mal  
 9. Ils ont crié, et le Sei - gneur a en - ten - du,  
 10. Tant de fois, le malheur a éprou - vé le Juste  
 11. Le mal fera mou - rir le mé - chant

1. sa louange est sans cesse à mes lèvres.  
 2. exaltons tous en - semble son Nom !  
 3. votre visage ne sera pas couvert de honte;  
 4. Il entoure et délivre ceux qui Le craignent  
 5. ceux qui Le craignent ne manquent de rien  
 6. je vous enseignerai la crainte du Sei - gneur;  
 7. et tes lèvres du men - songe.  
 8. pour effacer de la terre leur sou - ve - nir,  
 9. de la détresse, Il les a dé - li - vrés,  
 10. mais toujours, le Sei - gneur ' l'a dé - li - vré,  
 11. lui qui avait pris en haine le juste 'il se - ra con - dam - né

1. En Dieu mon âme trouve sa gibire,  
 2. J'ai cherché le Seigneur et Il m'a répon - du  
 3. Un pouvre a crié, ' et Dieu a enten - du,  
 4. Goûtez et voyez que le Seigneur est doux,  
 5. Les riches s'appauvrissent et ils ont faim,  
 6. Quel est l'homme qui désire la vie  
 7. Ecarte-toi du mal et fais le bien,  
 8. Mais ses yeux regardent ceux qui L' aiment  
 9. Il est proche de ceux qui ont le coeur déchiré  
 10. Il veille sur lui, Il garde tous ses os,  
 11. Le Seigneur rachète la vie de ses servi - teurs,

1. que les pauvres m'en- tendent ' et soient en fête !  
 2. de toutes mes ter - reurs ' Il m'a déli- vré .  
 3. le Seigneur l'a sau - vé ' de toutes ses an- goisse  
 4. Bienheureux l'homme  
 qui trouve en Lui ' son a - bri !  
 5. mais ceux qui cherchent  
 le Sei - gneur ' sont com- blés de tout bien.  
 6. qui oïme les - jours ' où il voie le bon- heur?  
 7. recherche la paix, ' et poursuis- la tou- jours.  
 8. Il tend l'o - reille, ' vers ceux qui l'appellen  
 9. Il vient sau - ver ' ceux dont la vie est déchirée.  
 10. pos un seul ' ne se - ra bri - sé .  
 11. en Lui, ils ont cherché re - fuge, ' ils ne seront pas condam- nés.

I will always give thanks unto the Lord \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord \* the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.  
 O praise the Lord with me \* and let us magnify his Name together.  
 I sought the Lord, and he heard me \* yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.  
 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened \* and their faces were not ashamed.  
 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him \* yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.  
 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him \* and delivereth them.  
 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is \* blessed is the man that trusteth in him.  
 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints \* for they that fear him lack nothing.  
 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger \* but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.  
 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me \* I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
 What man is he that lusteth to live \* and would fain see good days?  
 Keep thy tongue from evil \* and thy lips, that they speak no guile.  
 Eschew evil, and do good \* seek peace, and ensue it.  
 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous \* and his ears are open unto their prayers.  
 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil \* to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them \* and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart \* and will save such as be of an humble spirit.  
 Great are the troubles of the righteous \* but the Lord delivereth him out of all.  
 He keepeth all his bones \* so that not one of them is broken.  
 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly \* and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.  
 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants \* and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

# Prayer Cycle for September

## *September*

- Sat 1** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Sun 2** For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders.
- Mon 3** For all those about to start a new school or in a new class. For all who pray for the opportunity of a fresh start.
- Tues 4** For intelligent interfaith dialogue; for all those affected by acts of terrorism.
- Wed 5** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Thurs 6** For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens; for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Fri 7** For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.
- Sat 8** For all the Christian churches of Bath. That, loving one another, they may spread God's word through their ministry to the people of this city.
- Sun 9** That, whatever burdens we bear, our worship today may reflect a deeper joy and thankfulness.
- Mon 10** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rota.
- Tues 11** For Angela, our Verger.
- Wed 12** For the work of the Mother's Union around the world. For our own branch at Christ Church.
- Thurs 13** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Fri 14** For David, our Treasurer.
- Sat 15** That rich countries may wake up to the disproportionate damage their societies do to the earth.
- Sun 16** For the work of Christian Aid in helping the world's poor.
- Mon 17** For our Church Council, meeting today, that they may seek God's guidance for the ministry of Christ Church.
- Tues 18** For those who work for the Emergency Services.

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- Wed 19** For Emma, Margaret and Sarah, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Thurs 20** For those who are lonely or feel uncared for.
- Fri 21** For ourselves, where we fall short of God's calling. May we, like Matthew, turn away from sin and follow you.
- Sat 22** For our LMG. For the three church councils, meeting today.
- Sun 23** For the work of Julian House. For all who have no place they call their home.
- Mon 24** For our Clergy Team.
- Tues 25** For those who mourn, that they may be comforted.
- Wed 26** For those who are preparing for ordination. For all who are considering their vocation.
- Thurs 27** For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Fri 28** For the work of Dorothy House, for those benefiting from its care and for their families.
- Sat 29** For Mark, David and the choir. For a spirit of joy in our worship of the Lord.
- Sun 30** We give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer the coming month to God.
- October**
- Mon 1** For the leaders of our country, that they may follow paths of peace and righteousness.
- Tues 2** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Wed 3** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity.
- Thurs 4** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice. For all prisoners who are held without trial or without the protection of legal systems.
- Fri 5** For all who have lost their way or their hope. For all feeling forsaken and alone.
- Sat 6** For children being bullied at school. For parents who worry about them and do not know how to help.

### **Julian House – Circuit of Bath Walk**

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

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

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

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

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

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# ***CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD***

## **DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

### **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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