



## Sunday 28th June – Third Sunday after Trinity

### Welcome!

Dear friends of Christ Church,

There's a lot going on in Christ Church. As well as the 10 am morning Sunday morning Eucharist streamed live on Facebook, (a reminder of the link is [here](#)), there is the 11 am Thursday morning weekday Eucharist, a spoken 30 minute service with a mini sermon. Think of it as Sunday worship lite.

Every Thursday evening the Pilgrim Group meet on zoom at 7.30. This is a self-selected group who read together and discuss and pray. We are just finishing the Gospel of John so you might like to join in and help us decide what to study next.

If that all feels a bit too serious why not come to the virtual coffee after the 11 am service on Sundays. There are usually about ten of us and it is a chance to catch up, have an informal chat and relax after the service. You have to bring your own coffee, though.

Now for the technical stuff: This bulletin will be emailed out to those on our email list. As always, material for inclusion should be emailed by Tuesday evenings to Jude Bishop at [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)

Please forward this bulletin to anyone to whom you think it would be of interest.

Do please email or post or text prayer requests and we will try to include them week by week. But be aware that the service will be online and so be careful of the confidentiality of friends and loved ones.

The June Link is available online now. If you have any articles you wish to be included in future copies please email Alex at [alexs@christchurchbath.org](mailto:alexs@christchurchbath.org).

The weekly readings are to be found in the Link. All copies of the Link can be found on the website [here](#).

**If you are experiencing financial problems**, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact the Priest-in-charge in confidence.

### Sermon for Thursday 21st June Praying the Lord's Prayer

OT: 2 Kings 24: 8-17                  Gospel: Matthew 7: 21-end

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.'

It has suggested by some behavioural psychologists that the reason Donald Trump is so persuasive is that he truly believes his own lies. He truly believes that he is a great genius and only he can save America. And because he can look us in the eye on a screen and tell us & thousands of others exactly that, millions of Americans believe only Trump can save America. Self-deception has great power. Most of us are masters of it, sometimes, like Trump, we deceive others too.

But Jesus cuts right through that. 'I don't care how pious you think you are, how holy you try to look to yourself and others; how much you pour ashes on our head to convince yourself and others of your repentance. What are you actually **doing**? That will show the heart. Are you feeding the hungry, loving your neighbour, doing good to those who hate you?' he asks. In Matthew 7: 17 Jesus tells us that a good tree produces good fruit and a bad tree produces bad fruit. Our actions demonstrate our priorities and motives.

The strong foundation for life is listening to the words of Jesus and putting them into action Like the Man who built his house on rock. John's Gospel tells us that Jesus, the Word made flesh, is 'full of truth and grace.'(John 1: 14). If we listen to his words and let them work in us, that grace and truth will not allow self-deception to get a hold in our hearts. To use his other metaphor, if we let his word take root in our hearts and grow we will produce much good fruit.

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### Today's service

10am

OT: Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Psalm: 13:

NT: Romans 6: 12-end

Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-end

### Tomorrow at 10:30am – online Eucharist on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Join Simon, his friends and colleagues and all of us at Christ Church as we celebrate Simon's 40 years of being a priest.

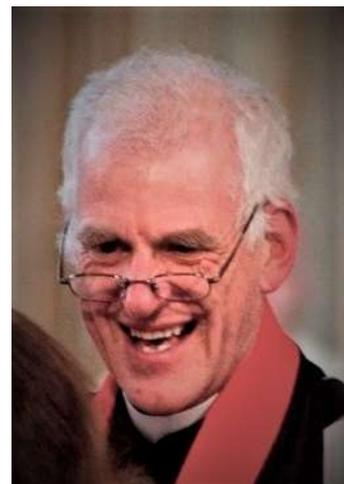
### Thursday online Eucharist at 11am

The readings will be:

OT: Amos 7: 10-end

Psalm 19: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 9: 1-8



**There is also Morning prayer available at 8am Monday-Friday.** If you would like to join this please email Lore, [lore.chumbley@me.com](mailto:lore.chumbley@me.com) or phone 07595 294146, for a **Zoom** invitation.

**In the meantime**, if you still haven't taken the plunge with Zoom or Facebook but would like to have a go do phone or email Lore as above.

## Private Prayer in Christ Church progress report

The building works are progressing in Christ Church. The floors are now sanded and will be polished and sealed this week. The team from Treske drove down from Yorkshire on Thursday 25th bringing with them the new Communion rail. There were a tense few moments while we all wondered if the fixings on the Communion rail made by Treske in Yorkshire would fit into the sockets inserted into the floor by Robert our builder in Bath. To the credit of both teams they fit and for those of you who remember the design sketches it looks as elegant as the original drawings.

The Government has announced that church services may take place from July 5th. The Church of England, however has not yet issued their own guidelines. We are expecting them on or soon after July 1st. Whatever the bishops decide it seems clear that there will be a ban on singing and on any communal gathering afterwards for coffee. Once we have clear guidelines from the bishops we can decide how we want to move forward as a church. There may be some people who for health or other reasons may want to continue to share worship with us virtually. If that sounds like you, it would be very helpful to receive an email from you so we know how many people would appreciate the continuation of our live streaming. Whatever the advice on services in church, Christ Church will be opening for private prayer on Saturday mornings 11am - 1pm beginning on Saturday, July 4th.

## This month's charity – Project 28 (chosen by Junior Church)



**Project 28** is a young people's drug and alcohol service in Bath & North East Somerset. They provide advice, guidance and one-to-one sessions for young people who are having problems with drugs and/or alcohol. The service is free and confidential. They aim to provide a flexible and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing.

The charity helps young people by offering support and assessment around their drug/alcohol use, employment and training needs and other skills. The charity also supports parent carers of young people using drugs or alcohol problematically.

You can donate here: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/> or contact Emma Elliott, [emma@house-of-elliott.com](mailto:emma@house-of-elliott.com).

Please let them know if you are eligible for Gift Aid.

Thank you very much to those who have already made very generous donations.

Charity Website:

<https://www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/young-peoples-drug-alcohol-services/bath-north-east-somerset-project-28>

## Social action in Bath and Sustainable Food Partnership

The Compassionate Community Hub is now operational across the whole of B&NES, with large numbers of volunteers who are being asked to provide support to people in need in their local areas.

If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, and there is no local group that they can turn to, then they should send an email with the subject "Support" to [compassion@3sg.org.uk](mailto:compassion@3sg.org.uk) and the team will pick up your query within 24 hours.

Alternatively, telephone the **Banes Covid/Compassionate Community helpline 0300 247 0050**.

People wanting to register as a volunteer with Compassionate Community Hub should complete the form via this link: <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>.

3SG & the Sustainable Food Partnership have produced a list of local providers offering food to people across Bath and north east Somerset. You can find a comprehensive list [here](#).



Please tell your older friends about **DAILY HOPE**. Daily Hope is a response to the nearly 3 million older people living in the UK who cannot access the internet and who now find themselves even more isolated and cut off from those around them. Many are struggling with anxiety and fear. Please tell older people who you know about Daily Hope. It's for people with no access to the internet. It's a FREE phone line so that they can listen to

hymns, prayers, daily reflections, and a choice of church services. When you phone, the call is answered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Try it now! Thank you.

## Time and Talent

A huge **'Thank you'** to all who have offered goods or services for this project and those who have taken them up. We are steadily raising funds as a result and are proud to announce that the project has made **almost £2000** so far. We will update you on this on a regular basis. Because of the number of offers we have decided to send out a separate **Time and Talent Update every 2 weeks on a Wednesday** with all offers. Please watch out for it as an email message from Mark Elliott. If you would like further information please contact Jonathan Stead, email [jonathanstead20@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanstead20@gmail.com).



## The Mayor's bench sessions

The Mayor of Bath, Manda Rigby, will be sitting on a bench two times a week for socially-distanced chat.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am-11:30am outside St Stephen's church, Lansdown

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm-3pm on St Andrew's green, Julian Road

Anyone is free to come along and have a chat with the Mayor and if you have a dog, bring it along too as she likes dogs!

## Finally, a Prayer

You, Lord, are to be found in our lives,  
Help us to seek you.

You do wonders among us,  
Help us to see you.

You reign over our world,  
Help us to obey you.

You triumph over all,  
Help us to rise with you.

You enter your kingdom,  
Help us to live with you.