



## Farewell to Kara and Jane

*Our curate and ordinand both leave with our best wishes*

On Sunday 16 June, the Christ Church community said farewell to Revd Kara Maylor, our curate, and Jane Hoe, our ordinand, who are both taking the next step on their journeys of faith.

“Kara is off to the Wilderness – that is, the church of St John in the Wilderness, in Exmouth,” said Nick Wells, chair of the Trustees of Christ Church, in his farewell. “Jane is being ordained deacon and will serve her curacy at Batheaston and Bathford. Our prayers are with her as she takes this step.

“Kara has been here since 2021,” Nick continued. “She’s been described

as energetic, enthusiastic, passionate, great with the children, and a breath of fresh air.

“She is the first to say that she has learned a lot from us, in part because she had not experienced our brand of Anglicanism before. Let me say we have also learned much from her,” Nick added. “We have seen someone with a strong belief and a closeness to God. Her sermons have gone from strength to strength. Also, she has an ease in prayer and in her contacts with others, especially with children, young people

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*Nick invites Jonathan and Jane, our churchwardens, to present flowers and gifts to Jane and Kara.*

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▶ and the vulnerable. She will be missed by all of us but especially by our students, Junior Church and the Cedar Tree café attendees.”

To both Kara and Jane, Nick said: “Thank you for all you’ve done. We’ve enjoyed having you!” Our prayers and best wishes go with both of them.



Jonathan presents Kara with flowers and farewell gifts from all of us.



Jane models the stole presented to her by Nick on behalf of the whole Christ Church community. It has a design of her own choosing.

“The stole – an essential part of Christian worship since earliest times – was possibly a modification of the Jewish prayer shawl,” Nick said. “Christian priests adopted the stole as a sign of their authority and as a symbol of ‘yoke’ or ‘burden’, representing their responsibility to care for the spiritual needs of their people. Jane, please pray for Christ Church when you wear this stole.”

## Jane’s journey of faith

On the Diocesan website, Jane tells the story of how she came to faith and eventually ordination. She grew up in a family that didn’t regularly attend church, but “the trajectory of her faith took a significant turn at Christmas 2010, when her family faced a tragic loss. A few weeks later, in her village church, she experienced what she has described as ‘a profound spiritual moment, captured by the words of Psalm 46:10: *Be still and know that I am God.*’ Jane says this event pushed her to seek deeper meaning in life.”

You can read the whole of Jane’s story at <https://bit.ly/jane-hoes-story>.



Jane was ordained deacon by Bishop Michael on Sunday 30 June in Wells Cathedral. She is pictured here with the other deacons ordained with her. Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells



After the ordination service, Jane was congratulated by family and friends.

## New Archdeacon



*Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells*

The Diocese has announced the appointment of Revd Charlie Peer as Archdeacon of Bath. He succeeds Adrian Youngs, who is leaving to take up a leading role with the Wales-based Christian charity Care for the Family.

Charlie Peer is Head of Mission Support and Ministry Development for Bath and Wells, and is currently acting Archdeacon of Wells. He has been ordained for 22 years. From 2005 to 2012 he was Vicar of Kea Church in Cornwall, a large church on the outskirts of Truro which covers both rural and town ministry. He then spent four years as Mission Development Officer in the Diocese of Portsmouth, working with churches to support their growth and community engagement.

Revd Charlie joined the Diocese of Bath and Wells in 2016 to lead the diocesan strategic programme. Since 2021 he has served as Head of Mission Support and Ministry Development. In this role, he has worked with many parishes and deaneries across the diocese on significant initiatives such as Deanery Mission Planning, the Pioneer Project, and Partnership for Missional Church.

He is expected to take up his new role in September. Details of his installation will be shared in due course.

The Archdeacon of Bath is ex officio a Trustee of Christ Church, representing the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Revd Charlie Peer knows about Christ Church and wishes us well in our recruitment process, which he looks forward to assisting as he may.

## Windrush celebrated



*Our Sunday Eucharist on 23 June marked 76 years since the arrival of the Empire Windrush and celebrated the contribution of the Caribbean community to Bath and the UK. The church was decorated with flags of Caribbean nations, and the Rainbow Steel Band played (above). Bishop Trevor Willmott presided and preached, and guests included the Mayor of Bath. We heard the stories of some of the Windrush generation who were not made welcome and, decades after they settled in the UK, even faced deportation, and re-affirmed that Christ Church welcomes all.*



*Pauline Swaby-Wallace of BEMSCA (and one of our Deanery Synod reps) thanks the distinguished guests who joined us for the service, including the Mayor, Councillor Michelle O'Doherty (right).*

# A report from Deanery Synod

**Brenda Wall reports** from the latest Deanery Synod meeting.

It was very pleasing that at the beginning of the meeting, Christ Church and all its congregation was prayed for, with a hope that we remain constant in our faith until we have a new priest.

We were presented with information about the Deanery working energetically on pioneering and partnership ministries throughout the city. There is a lot of ecumenical cooperation, the city looking “up and out” in faith.

Chaplaincies are increasingly important in the city. Bath now has 28,000 students, many of whom have never heard of Christianity, many others who are questioning their faith. A big part of a chaplain’s role these days is to help Christian students feel safe in their faith.

It is worrying that a number of students feel excluded by the Church and need help to find a safe church home, in an open and inclusive atmosphere, such as Christ Church. Christian unity is vital in these situations and more people are being asked if they could give some time on campus, to be a Christian presence and maybe be a source of knowledge and reassurance. Is there anybody at Christ Church who would like to become involved? If so, contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people.

A new organisation has been set up in the Deanery called ACTS2 for outreach and helping youth workers. There are plans to mount a city wide Youth Alpha.

In a recent survey of youth in the city, only 21% believed that Jesus is active today. There is a long way to go and we are asked to pray for everybody involved in this missionary work. Maybe that could be included in our intercessions here at Christ Church?

There are some interesting innovations happening with young people generally in Bath. For 18-30 year olds, city wide gatherings are being planned once a month with games nights, biblical discussion groups and suppers. New styles of worship and prayer are being tried at St. Michael’s Within. At Grace Church on Upper Bristol Road a new 4 o’clock ser-

vice has been started for children and parents who can’t make it to church in the morning because they are involved in football and rugby teams.

A new monastic type order has been set up at St Michael’s, called “Still Waters”, offering the chance for silence and contemplative prayer, and what they are calling “radical hospitality”. Members are meeting at St Michael’s every third Wednesday of the month. Revd Philip Hawthorn at St. Stephen’s Church has more information.

Deanery Synod heard from Bath Abbey that they are now getting 350,000 visitors a year and they urgently need more volunteer stewards and “welcomers”. Our dear departed congregation member Andrew Sillett was an expert “welcomer” and he is still spoken of fondly. Is there anybody who could follow in his footsteps? Please contact the Abbey if you may like to be involved in this really important work.

The City Chaplaincy group are already thinking about their role in the Christmas market this year. Last year their role was really important and successful.

Finally the next lay pastoral assistants course from the Diocese will be starting in late September, running at St Stephen’s Church. I’m told this is a really interesting course leading to a worthwhile and valuable role at Christ Church.

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## Daily Morning Prayer

One of the impacts of being without a Priest-in-charge is that there will be no 8am Sunday morning service at Christ Church during the Vacancy. However, a group of us meet on Zoom at 8am every day, Monday to Friday, to pray Morning Prayer together. This will continue through the Vacancy. If you would like to join us please contact Simon Tatton-Brown on [simon@tattonbrown.myzen.co.uk](mailto:simon@tattonbrown.myzen.co.uk) or 07891 898472 and he will send you the link.

# Bishop's Message for July

*A richness of ministry*



**From the Rt Revd Michael Beasley,  
Bishop of Bath and Wells**

If we're all alike, we tend to think the same. This can be comfortable and reassuring – "Everyone around here sees things just like I do". But it doesn't help us think out of the box, or worse, spot risks and dangers of which we're unaware – "Crumbs, we never saw that one coming!". For this reason, companies and all kinds of organisations are seeking to become more diverse. Having differing viewpoints, skills and abilities is increasingly recognised to grow ability to think not only more widely but more effectively too.

Recognising diversity has been very much part of our life here in our Diocese of Bath and Wells during recent weeks. Back in May we acclaimed the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. It's almost impossible now to imagine what our Church would be like without the contribution of women throughout the ordained ministry. At the end of June the Celebration of Lay Ministries held at St Paul's, Weston-super-Mare, saw us affirm, thank and bless the many different roles and responsibilities that lay people are undertaking across our churches and in local communities – from leading worship to pastoral care,

ministry with children and young people to preaching and teaching the faith. Again, it's almost impossible to imagine what our churches would be like without such richness.

Our hope is that the diversity we've been honouring will only flourish and grow. For it's essential if we're to bring the light of the Gospel to everyone in our communities – and especially those we find hard to connect with. For none of us alone, either individually or as a group, has the ability to reach everyone. All of us are needed. It's for this reason that one of the priorities we're commending across our diocese is "shared local ministry". This recognises that everyone, everywhere, has a contribution to make. Now surely that's something to celebrate!

**+Michael**



*After ordaining new deacons in Wells Cathedral on Sunday 30 June (see page 2), Bishop Michael appeared on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury that afternoon. Read what he said to the festival goers at <https://bit.ly/bishop-michael-glasto>.*

# This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

*The loose collection on the second and fourth Sundays of the next two months – 14 and 28 July, plus 11 and 25 August – will go to USPG's ongoing Malawi project. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)*

This month we are again supporting USPG's project in Malawi. This is a commitment we have made over recent years to support USPG's work among women and girls in developing education, health and economic self-sufficiency in Malawi.

There are four areas of focus, which also take into account issues relating to gender equality and HIV/AIDS:

- education for girls,
- protecting livelihoods,
- management of the environment,
- water, hygiene and sanitation.

To improve literacy among girls, the programme focuses on increasing school enrolment and also works with communities and parents to reduce early marriages, early pregnancies, and the rate at which girls drop out of school.

You can also donate at <https://uspg-donation-form.raisely.com/>. If you specify it is for the Partners in Mission programme in Malawi and write **RE103, Christ Church Bath** on the form, USPG can send us an annual total.



# Youngest bell ringer

An 11-year-old schoolgirl from Somerset has become one of the youngest elected members of a bell ringers' association in the country. Sophie Taylor, who rings at Locking Church, near Weston-super-Mare, discovered her passion for bell ringing a year ago, inspired by her father, James.

"I became interested after my dad started bell ringing," Sophie said. "I found it fascinating, and I loved the history. So, I asked him if I could have a go and after I tried it, I fell in love with ringing."



Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells

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# Church Tent at show

The Church Tent returned to the Bath and West Show last month, with a Caring for Creation theme. The tent was staffed by volunteers from local churches who offered free tea and coffee to visitors. There was a drawing wall where people could post their prayers and Bible Chat mats to colour in, as well as a large version, created by the Revd Andy Gray, to explore and enjoy.



# Christ Church calendar July 2024

3	Wed	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>
4	Thu	11am Eucharist
5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
7	Sun	<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
11	Thu	11am Eucharist
12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
14	Sun	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
18	Thu	11am Eucharist
19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
21	Sun	<i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist 4:30pm Choral Evensong
22	Mon	<i>Mary Magdalene</i>
25	Thu	<i>James the Apostle</i> 11am Eucharist Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
28	Sun	<i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist 5pm Iona Contemplative Service
29	Mon	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus</i>
30	Tue	<i>William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)</i>
<b>Aug</b>	1	Thu 11am Eucharist
	2	Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	4	Sun <i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist

**Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at** [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath/live](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath/live)  
**and** [www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchBath1798/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchBath1798/streams)

# Prayer Cycle for July 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	For our armed forces and police
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	For our Pilgrim Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	For those who are persecuted for their faith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	For Mark, David and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	For a good harvest
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	For the sick and suffering
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	That we may have the gift of faith
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	For those finding it hard to earn a living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	For peace
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	For carers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	For our plans for the appointment of a new priest in charge
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	For those on our long-term prayer list
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	For victims of violence
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those on holiday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	For our Junior Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	For those who work in social services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23</b>	For our charity of the month, USPG Malawi



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	That we may show mercy and compassion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	For those in slavery and bonded labour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27</b>	For those on our church rotas
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	For the Trustees of Christ Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31</b>	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

## Long-term Prayer List

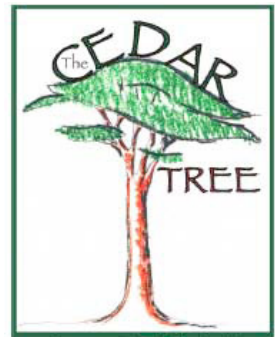
*Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...*

Geoff	Chris & David
Joyce	John
Daniel	Win
Milo	Chris
Naomi	Ken
Frankie	Del
John & Sheila	
Peter & Margaret	
Sheila W	
John & Jean	
AJ	

**Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or speak to the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.**

## Cedar Tree is open

The Cedar Tree community café is open every Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. All are welcome! If you live or work in the area, do consider dropping in for a chat, a cup of coffee, home-made cake or a light snack, to support this important part of our outreach to the local community. If you can help on a Friday or make a cake we can sell, then please contact Jenny Hesketh. Your offers will be very gratefully received.



*'Under it every kind of bird will live'*

Bath  
**Julian Road**

# Rotas for July 2024

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>7 July</b> Sixth Sunday after Trinity	<b>Marcus Bull</b> 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	<b>Angela Soboslay</b> 2 Corinthians 12:2- 10	<b>Rachel Preston</b> Mark 6:1-13
	Intercessions: <b>Simon Tatton-Brown</b>		
<b>14 July</b> Seventh Sunday after Trinity	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 2b-19	<b>Beryl Bowes</b> Ephesians 1:3-14	<b>Graham Stacey</b> Mark 6:14-29
	Intercessions: <b>Mark Elliott</b>		
<b>21 July</b> Eighth Sunday after Trinity	<b>Peter Bowes</b> 2 Samuel 7:1-14a	<b>Judith Anderson</b> Ephesians 2:11-22	<b>Morny Davison</b> Mark 6:30-34,53-56
	Intercessions: <b>Beryl Bowes</b>		
<b>28 July</b> Ninth Sunday after Trinity	<b>Brenda Wall</b> 2 Samuel 11:1-15	<b>Nicky Stacey</b> Ephesians 3:14-21	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> John 6:1-21
	Intercessions: <b>Jonathan Stead</b>		
<b>4 August</b> Tenth Sunday after Trinity	<b>Angela Soboslay</b> 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a	<b>Robin Kerr</b> Ephesians 4:1-16	<b>Mark Elliott</b> John 6:24-35
	Intercessions: <b>Simon Tatton-Brown</b>		

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,  
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty  
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included John Moore, Archbishop of Canterbury, and William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery. We must recognise, however, that much of Bath's wealth at the time derived, directly or indirectly, from the trafficking and exploitation of enslaved human beings, so that inevitably some of the funds donated ultimately derived from this source.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the Church of England

parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our robed choir and organist. New singers of all ages are always very welcome.

As well as worship on Sundays and Thursdays, there are many other activities going on in our community, including our weekly community café every Friday. Our ecumenical Pilgrim Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting. Visit the website to check service times and events.

## Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – *Suspended while we are in Vacancy*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people – *Every Sunday – also streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong – *Usually on the third Sunday of each month*
- 5pm Contemplative Quiet Service (Iona) – *On the fourth Sunday of every month*

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!

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