



New lobby opens for Easter

Christ Church becomes an even more welcoming place

Everyone coming to Christ Church over Holy Week and the Easter period was welcomed through our newly refurbished main entrance and lobby, completed on schedule and on budget (in fact *under* budget, although some detail work and “snagging” is still to be done). In place of the unwelcoming old wooden “draught-proof” inner porch structure, which dominated the lobby space and

felt like a barrier to entry (see page 3), there is now a bright, open space with light oak framed glass doors, offering a view right through into the body of the church. Instead of the uneven, unstable wood-block floor, there’s a smooth limestone floor. And instead of a gloomy, chilly vestibule open to the winds, we now have a well-lit, more usable lobby warmed by large new radiators.

Some final work is being undertaken this month. The wooden main West doors have been rehung to open outwards, but hinged flaps are to be fitted to their top edges to enable them to open fully against the curved roof of the stone outer arch. They will also be stripped and re-oiled. Door closers will be fitted on the new inner glass doors.

The Trustees decided to defer installing automatic opening mechanisms on either set of new glass doors because of the huge cost – and because wheelchair users are not likely to be using the new entrance until the proposed access ramp is built, which won’t happen until we’ve done some serious fundraising – but the necessary wiring etc is in place in readiness. The originally specified “wheelchair-friendly” entrance mat turned out to be unavailable and coir has been fitted instead (at much lower cost); this is designed to be replaceable when the entrance is made fully accessible in due course. As reported at our AGM on Sunday 30 April, some work is also still to be done on our refurbished lavatories to make them fully compliant with accessibility requirements.



Totally transformed: the refurbished entrance lobby viewed from the front steps, complete with striking Easter flower arrangement. The strips of tape on the glass doors are a temporary safety measure – “manifestations” are being added this month.

Friendship flourishes



Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

This photo was taken in the tenth anniversary year of the Cedar Tree café, and for all that time Margaret Burrows and Tracey have met most Fridays at the café, where Tracey is a volunteer waitress and Margaret and her husband Cliff drop in for lunch and a chat. But their friendship goes back further than even that ten years, as Margaret explains.

Margaret met Tracy more than 30 years ago when Margaret was working to place students with the Youth Training Scheme. Margaret always tried to place a young person in a position where they would be near home and could learn new skills. Margaret taught Tracey to use public transport, and with her newly acquired skills she was able to take the bus to work at Greystones residential home at Bear Flat and later to St Martin's Hospital, where Tracey worked as a trainee supporting older people.

More than 30 years later Margaret and Tracey are still friends, and Tracey volunteers each week to work at the Cedar Tree café.

Church Council

At the Christ Church AGM on Sunday 30 April, Malcolm Wall and Alex Soboslay were re-elected as Churchwardens, and Janet Mahto, Sylvia Ayers and Jane Nicholson elected as Assistant Churchwardens. Sarah Kerr, Jane Nicholson and Brenda Wall were re-elected as our representatives on Deanery Synod for the next three years.

The members of Church Council for the coming year are as follows:

Ex officio members

Revd Lore Chumbley	Priest-in-Charge
Mark Elliott	Reader
Malcolm Wall	Churchwarden
Alex Soboslay	Churchwarden
Sarah Kerr	Deanery Synod rep
Jane Nicholson	Deanery Synod rep
Brenda Wall	Deanery Synod rep

Elected until 2018

Judith Bishop
Rowena Hall
Janet Mahto

Elected until 2019

Georgina Bowman
Penny Edwards
Virginia Knight

Elected until 2020

Matthew Jones
Sharon Rawlings

Warm thanks were expressed to Judith Anderson, who did not stand for re-election. The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday 6 June. Dates for meetings for the rest of the year should be set at the first meeting.

The next Annual General Meeting for all those on the Christ Church electoral roll will take place on Sunday 22 April 2018.

Last month in Christ Church...



Above: before and after...The barrier-like wooden porch is gone, creating room for much better things like the lovely flower arrangement by Carol Rice. Below: the moving Music and Meditations service on Good Friday. Bottom: our Easter Garden and some more of the beautiful flowers provided by all our flower arrangers. Right: the choir made good use of the acoustics of our new lobby on Easter Sunday, starting our 10am service with an anthem before processing into the nave.



Farewell Archdeacon Andy

Following the announcement that he is to retire at the end of June, a farewell service to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of the Venerable Andy Piggott, Archdeacon of Bath (and a Trustee of Christ Church), will take place at Bath Abbey on Monday 26 June at 7pm. This is not a ticketed event and all are very welcome to attend.

Coming events



Saint Elisabeth Convent Choir

What is it? A concert of chants of the Orthodox Divine Liturgy and Russian and Belarusian trad folk songs by the Monastic sisters' choir, in support of social ministries of Saint Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus

When is it? Monday 8 May, 7:30pm

Where? St John the Evangelist church, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF

Admission free, with retiring collection

Prayer Conference

What is it? Prayer Conference for the City of Bath & Beyond, with Revd Keith Powell, Bath & Wells Diocesan Adviser on Renewal with a Prophetic Ministry, and Ms Rania Sayegh, founder and director of HOPE Nazareth in Israel. Details: <http://stsaviours.org.uk/home/prayer-conference>

When is it? Saturday 20 May, 10am–4:30pm

Where? St Saviour's church Larkhall, BA1 6RT

Christ Church May outing

When is it? Sunday 21 May

Where? Kelston Roundhill. We'll leave after our 10am service, have lunch together, enjoy the afternoon with space for play, creativity and worship, and finish after sharing supper.

Beyond Belief

What is it? An interfaith discussion about religion and consumerism, after sharing a recording of Radio 4's *Beyond Belief* on the topic. See www.bathchurches.org.uk/interfaithevents.htm

When is it? Monday 22 May, 7:30pm

Where? Christian Science Meeting Room, Claverton Street, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4LE

Thy Kingdom Come

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

This year Ascension

Day will fall on 25

May and we will

celebrate Pentecost

on Sunday 4 June.

Traditionally this

has been a period

of watchful prayer

for Christians, just as

it was for the disciples

who watched Jesus ascend

into heaven (Acts 1:14). This year, Archbishop

Justin has asked people throughout the world

to treat the ten days between Ascension Day

and Pentecost as a period of prayer and wor-

ship focusing on the theme "Thy Kingdom

Come." At Christ Church we will hold an

Ascension Day Eucharist in the evening

of Thursday 25 May and an all-age service

on Sunday 4 June. If you would like to be

involved in planning a further event at Christ

Church, please let one of the ministry team

know. There are resources to get you think-

ing at www.thykingdom.co.uk



Pilgrim Spirituality

Our Pilgrim Group continues reflecting on spirituality. At each meeting an invited speaker introduces the central theme. After a 30 or 40 minute talk there is open discussion.

• Thursday 5 May: Revd Canon Mark Oakley,

"Spirituality and Poetry – the Splash of

Words". Canon Oakley is Chancellor of

St Paul's Cathedral and visiting lecturer in the

Theology and Religious Studies Department

at Kings College, London.

• Thursday 18 May: Revd Isobel Rathbone,

"Going back to our roots – Saxon spiritu-

ality". Revd Isobel is Priest in Charge of

Batheaston with St Catherine and has a

research interest in Saxon spirituality.

• Thursday 1 June: Revd David Gatcliffe,

"The Spirituality of Icons".

All meetings take place in the Lower Mews

and start at 7:30pm. More to come!

Bishop's Message for May

Thanks for responding with generosity



**From the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton**

This month I want to say a huge "THANK YOU!" to you all. In 2016, for the first time since 2009, the parishes in the Dioceses collectively contributed over 99% of the Parish Share requested for the Common Fund. All but 21 parishes made their full financial contribution. We know that for most parishes the Parish Share is the largest amount in your budget. You have made great efforts. Thank you so very much!

There will always be a few parishes each year that have particular financial issues which mean you can't quite make the full amount and I want to say "thank you" to you too. Thank you for doing your best and thank you for working with our central staff in finance and stewardship as they seek to help your parish rise to the challenge.

Parish Share is essential to the mission of the Church in the diocese; without it our parochial clergy could not be supported. The Common Fund is the diocese's largest single income stream. Through Parish Share, each church is given the opportunity of contributing towards the financial cost of ministry in the entire diocese. Larger and wealthier parishes are asked to make greater contributions so stipendiary ministry can be provided to less wealthy areas that otherwise might not have been able to afford it.

As Paul wrote:

"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need."

(2 Corinthians 8:13-14a, NIV)

So, "Thank you!" for your commitment and generosity in this past year. It is a wonderful response to the generous love of God for us which is demonstrated so amazingly in the Easter story.

+Ruth Taunton

Cyril Selmes, RIP

Just as this issue was going to press, we got word of the death of Cyril Selmes in the first days of May. Cyril contributed much to Christ Church over many years, as Reader (many will remember his clear, direct and very short sermons!), a former editor of the magazine (*Christ Church Challenge*, as it then was) and in so many other ways. Our prayers and condolences go to his friends and family, particularly to Eileen. May he rest in peace.

Wells Cathedral special interest tours



Are you interested in medieval stained glass? Wells Cathedral has one of the biggest collections in England, and on Tuesday 16 May is offering three different stained glass special interest tours. One focuses on angels, with images including trumpeting resurrection angels, barefoot seraphim on wheels, an arch-

angel slaying a dragon, and the Annunciation. Or possibly you're interested in medieval stone carvings, such as those on the remarkable West Front of Wells Cathedral? Another special interest tour will describe them, their carvers and the stone they were create from.

Each 90-minute tour is part of the Cathedral's programme of pre-bookable special interest tours for 2017, led by experienced guides, which offer an insight into the Cathedral embroidery, stained glass, carvings, gothic architecture and chained library.

Numbers are limited, so places do need to be pre-booked, and the cost is £10 per person. Other dates and themes are available throughout the year. For details and dates visit www.wells cathedral.org.uk/special-interest-tour or call 01749 671663.

This month's charity: Burlington House

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 14 May, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of May, will go to Burlington House, run by DHI in Burlington Street. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Burlington House, an abstinence-based supported house in Burlington Street, near Christ Church, is a unique and cost effective supported dry house. As well as offering a highly affordable alternative to residential or hospital detox rehab, the 11 bedroom shared house enables people to consolidate their recovery within their community.

Burlington House is a unique detox and supported housing project that supports vulnerable (often but not necessarily homeless)

adults to overcome drug and/or alcohol dependency and to make a full and sustained recovery in the community. Approximately 70% of beneficiaries leave drug/alcohol free and

successfully move on to independent lives. This compares to 20-60% success rate for residential rehab. A whopping 80% of our residents are in employment, training, education and/or volunteering when they leave.

Developing Health and Independence (formerly known as the Drugs and Homeless Initiative) is a local charity set up in 1999 to help people out of the cycle of homelessness, social isolation and drug or alcohol abuse. Our aim is to offer people a wide range of services that help them gain control of their lives again and live independently.

We now have a unique opportunity to buy our supported house in Bath and safeguard its long-term use for vulnerable and homeless drug/alcohol users in Bath who wish to turn their lives around. We need to raise £155,000 to buy the property outright (the remaining cost of the purchase would be covered by a generous grant by Public Health England). Burlington House costs approximately ten times less than traditional rehab facilities, so sustaining it for the future saves public money.

Find out more about the charity generally at www.dhi-online.org.uk



Thy Kingdom Come - A Call to Prayer

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. Cathedrals, churches and other venues will host Beacon Events, gathering people across towns and cities to worship

and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective witness.

We hope that churches, families and individuals will take part.

To find a Prayer, Beacon or Cathedral event near you and download resources for churches, individuals and families:

<http://bit.ly/pledge2pray>

Time to celebrate vocations

With Vocations Sunday on May 7th this is a great opportunity to celebrate lay and ordained vocations in your community. Ministry Division has prepared a set of resources to support parishes taking part in Vocations Sunday and individual stories are being shared via social media. We are encouraging as many people

as possible to tell us their own testimonies to show the impact that Christians can make in the world.

<http://bit.ly/vocationresources>

<http://bit.ly/peoplefree>

Be part of Dying Matters Awareness Week

Every year the Dying Matters coalition holds an Awareness Week; in 2017 it's 8-14 May. There will be a public conversation about coping with dying, death and bereavement. It's a great opportunity for the church to be part of that conversation, share our experiences and the Easter message of Christian hope. Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/dyingaware>

Taking Funerals Seriously 2: Fresh Perspectives, the Church of England's bi-annual conference around funeral ministry returns in June 2017, with a wider look at death, grief

and funerals, and fresh perspectives on cultural change around funerals, including trends from other countries which are finding their way to the UK. The conference includes a wide range of thought-provoking workshops and plenary sessions, given by national and international speakers. Also included is a special visit to the National Funeral Exhibition, the funeral industry's showcase event. More details here: <http://bit.ly/funeralshowcase>

New Baptism resources

Three new resources to support parishes in welcoming children and their families for Baptism have been published by CHP. They have been developed in collaboration with the Archbishops' Council's Life Events team and the Liturgical Commission.

Two new service cards for Holy Baptism

It's important to help guests at a baptism feel welcome and at ease, and providing an easy-to-follow service is part of that. The two new Service Cards offer the text of the baptism service for use within or outside of Holy Communion, featuring the Additional Baptism Texts in Accessible Language. Their bright, full-colour design matches the rest of the Christenings materials, designed to be engaging and accessible to those less familiar with church. The three panel fold-out format ensures it is slim enough

to fit neatly onto a pew shelf and is made with a heavier weighted card to help it last.

A new Baptism certificate

Parents expect and like to receive a commemorative certificate of baptism which they can keep as the child grows up. This new design continues with the light, water and journey themes of all the other Christenings materials produced by the Life Events team. It includes space to write in all the important details: the child's name, date of birth, date of baptism, the names of parents and the godparents. And for as long as they have the certificate, children and parents will be reminded to pray with a simple prayer on the reverse of the certificate.

<http://bit.ly/christeningresources>

Covenant Champions

The Anglican-Methodist Covenant is seeking up to six people from the two churches to be Covenant Champions in each of nine regions for a term of up to four years.

The champions can be lay or ordained people in the Church of England or the Methodist Church, who long for both churches to

move towards fuller unity in mission, worship, and holiness.

This is an opportunity to raise the profile of the Covenant and to champion the work currently being done to enable both churches to fulfil their commitments to God and each other.

<http://bit.ly/covenantchampions>

New communications and media courses

Two new spring courses are now available, offered by Church of England communications & media training in 2017

Parish Magazines: On this fun and fast-paced course, delegates will learn the art of constructing a successful parish magazine 'in house'. Delegates will leave not only with an insight into the principles of good design and print layout, but also understanding of the importance of finding compelling stories and the tips and techniques for creating great magazine copy.

Religion for Radio: This day is aimed at would-be contributors for Thought for the Day, Something Understood, Pause for

Thought (or the similar local equivalent). As well learning from industry experts how to develop an engaging presentation style for broadcast, delegates will learn how to script theology for broadcast – how to write with style and originality; how to incorporate theology in a powerful way (without preaching) to capture the audience's imagination and provoke thought and reflection...

For further details, please visit the website, www.churchcommstraining.org or contact comms.training@churchofengland.org

Lent and Easter on social media

The Christian message of Lent and Easter reached millions of people this year thanks to the support from the CofE's 16,000+ churches who joined our national social media campaign. Here's a birdseye view of our approach:

1. Taking people on a discipleship journey. We worked together with Church House Publishing and Christian Aid to share their #LiveLent discipleship booklet on social media, which included daily reflections and Bible passages. We also posted prayers.

2. Asking our 16,000+ churches and Christian communities across the country to share photos and videos. Twitter Moments continue to catch the eye and we also used Facebook albums and Instagram to help content reach the widest audience.

3. Using simple graphics to explain what each of the key moments on the Lent, Holy Week and Easter journey mean.

The key thing with the above was to engage as many people around the country in our campaign and we've been really encouraged by the results. We reached over 2.5 million people on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

We could not have run the campaign without dioceses and parishes across the country sending in and sharing prayers, pictures and other posts.

Top tips for churches to reach more people on social media

The value of photos in social media updates that bring your community to life - they make a huge difference to levels of engagement with your posts.

Use small amounts of money to boost your posts, particularly on Facebook - £5, £10 or £20 behind a post that shares your Holy Week events, pictures from a recent service or something that you're doing can vastly increase reach. Take a look at this guide for more.

Try and post your content on the same day it happens - this helps your photos, videos or messages have the most impact. We've found the best times to post on a weekday are 7-9am, 12-1pm and 5-7pm, and 8-9 or 5-7 on Sundays.

Please do share any feedback, thoughts and ideas with us, either in the comments below or by emailing digital@churchofengland.org.

Christ Church calendar May 2017

May	1	Mon	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>
	4	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	7	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
	8	Mon	<i>Mother Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer</i>
	11	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
	12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	14	Sun	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	15	Mon	<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
	18	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	21	Sun	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Church Outing to Kelston Roundhill, with evening service
	24	Wed	<i>John and Charles Wesley, evangelists and hymn writers</i>
	25	Thu	<i>Ascension Day</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Ascension Day Eucharist 6:30pm Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	28	Sun	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
	31	Wed	<i>The Visitation (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth)</i>
June	1	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	4	Sun	<i>Pentecost</i>

Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the “Magazine Editor” pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to magazine@christchurchbath.org. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for May 2017

Monday	1	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	2	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Wednesday	3	For Christian unity
Thursday	4	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
Friday	5	For the homeless
Saturday	6	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Sunday	7	For Angela our Verger
Monday	8	For our armed forces and police
Tuesday	9	We give thanks for family and friends
Wednesday	10	For the work of hospices
Thursday	11	For peace
Friday	12	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	13	For our own personal ministry
Sunday	14	For Alex and Malcolm our Churchwardens
Monday	15	For those who work in the transport industry
Tuesday	16	For the Chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Wednesday	17	For prisoners and prison workers
Thursday	18	For our plans for the church building
Friday	19	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	20	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	21	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	22	For farmers
Tuesday	23	For Bible scholars and theologians

Wednesday 24	For carers
Thursday 25	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Friday 26	For refugees
Saturday 27	For the mentally ill
Sunday 28	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday 29	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday 30	For the Church Council
Wednesday 31	That we may have the gift of joy

Long-term Prayer List

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

John, Cliff and Margaret Burrows
 Ned and Angela Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Martin Palmer
 Katharine
 David Slater
 David Lavis
 Jason Batup
 Don Sparks
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Tabitha and Fonella Coles
 Hilary Hunter
 Steve Faulkner
 Pamela and John Gosling

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 let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.

Other LMG services

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

Sundays

- 9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's
- 10:45am Choral Communion, St Stephen's Lansdown
- 6:30pm Evensong (BCP), Charlcombe St Mary's – 3rd Sunday of the month

Morning Prayer

- Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
- Friday 9:15am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Christ Church Link

This magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month. Please send any contributions of news and articles by the 15th of the preceding month to the editor; Alex Soboslay, or by e-mail to magazine@christchurchbath.org

Rotas for May 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
7 May Easter 4	Georgina Bowman Genesis 7	Richard Gabe Acts 2:42-end	Penny Edwards John 10:1-10
14 May Easter 5	Janet Mahto Genesis 8:1-19	Daphne Radenhurst Acts 7:55-end	David Bishop John 14:1-14
21 May Easter 6	Emma Elliott Genesis 8:20-9:17	Virginia Knight Acts 17:22-31	Rowena Hall John 14:15-21
28 May Easter 7	Sylvia Ayers Ezekiel 36:24-28	Brenda Wall Acts 1:6-14	Rebekah Cunningham John 17:1-11
4 June Pentecost	Morný Davison Acts 2:1-21	–	Isaac Elliott John 7:37-39

Laitý rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
7 May	Jane Fletcher, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
14 May	David Rawlings, Jane Fletcher	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Penny Edwards
21 May	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Morný Davison, Jonathan Stead	Georgina Bowman
28 May	Clive Tilling, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Mark Elliott
4 June	Jane Fletcher, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Junior Church

Who's who at Christ Church

Priest-in-charge Revd Lore Chumbley
07595 294146
lore.chumbley@me.com

Supporting clergy
Revd Prof. Cliff Burrows
Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown

Reader, Director of Music Mark Elliott
01225 445360
mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org

Churchwarden Malcolm Wall
01225 864933
malcolm.wall@christchurchbath.org

**Churchwarden,
Christ Church Link editor** Alex Soboslay
07769 655927
alexs@christchurchbath.org

Vergers Angela Soboslay
01225 333297
angela.soboslay@christchurchbath.org

Chair of Trustees Charles Rice
01225 332915
charles.rice@btopenworld.com

Treasurer David Bishop
01225 869409
david.bishop@christchurchbath.org

Safeguarding officer Lewis Boyd
07739 989639
lewis.boyd@christchurchbath.org

**Organist and Assistant
Director of Music** Keith Pigot
01225 723801
keithpigot@gmail.com

**Concert bookings,
weekly notice sheet** Judith Bishop
01225 869409
concerts@christchurchbath.org
notices@christchurchbath.org

Pastoral care co-ordinators Keri Chivers
01225 421265
keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org
Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown
01225 835404
simontb@christchurchbath.org

**Tower Captain,
Ringing Master
Tower Secretary** Will Willans
Ian Hay Davison
07932 160482
bells@christchurchbath.org
Steeple Keeper David Kelly

Laitie rotas (acting) Judith Bishop

Prayer cycle Virginia Knight

Cedar Tree café Janet Mahto

Publicity co-ordinators Janet Mahto,
Lewis Boyd, Hazel Boyd

Junior Church Emma Elliott

**Churches Together in Bath,
USPG** Rebekah Cunningham

Traidcraft stall Sally Churchyard,
Chris Tanner, Judith Bishop

Mission to Seafarers Sylvia Ayers
01225 463976

Deanery Synod Reps Sarah Kerr
Jane Nicholson
Brenda Wall



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, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

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 normal 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. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on Sunday and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir; new singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Pilgrim Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
On the second Sunday of every month
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually on the third Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details

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



Contacting us

Christ Church,
Julian Road,
Bath BA1 2RH
Phone: 01225 338869
(answer phone)
Email: admin@christchurchbath.org
Website: www.christchurchbath.org

