



An eventful summer

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

It's been a busy summer already at Christ Church, and there are more events and activities to come.

At the end of June we hosted a service to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the *Empire Windrush* and to celebrate the Caribbean community in Bath, their contribution to the city and to Christ Church. If you couldn't attend you can still enjoy the video, which is accessible from our Christ Church Facebook page. It's worth seeing and hearing.

At the beginning of this month Michael and Marcus were confirmed at a service in Bathford. We warmly welcome both of them as full members of the church.

We are looking forward to Professor Bruce Chilton's visit on Thursday 20 July, when he will speak on the first celebration of the Eucharist – and how it might have felt actually to be there. Don't miss your chance to hear this internationally renowned speaker.

On Saturday 22 July we have a chance to give back to the community when, together with the Museum of Bath at Work, St Mary's Catholic Church and DHI, we will hold a Julian Road Community Celebration. This will be the second such event and, as Jane our churchwarden explained, "It's a church fête!" She's right. There will be everything you would expect at a church fête plus glorious "end of the pier" organ music played by David Wrigley, a chance to try out bell ringing

in Christ Church, a film in the museum showing Julian Road after damage from the bombs of the Second World War, a vintage ice cream tricycle, and the Rainbow Steel Band will play.

There's so much going on, it might make one feel tired. But no. In the hot, dry days of summer we are to get our spiritual roots deep into the streams of living water of which Jesus speaks. If we are deeply rooted in the Holy Spirit then however active we are or whatever happens to us and those around us, we will be "like trees planted by the water whose leaves never wither." So as well as the excitement of our summer activities may we also make a conscious effort to be, as Paul suggests, "rooted and grounded in God." Have a good summer.



Marcus and Michael were among those confirmed by Bishop Michael Beasley at Bathford in early July. Congratulations to all!

Time and Talent

Thank you and congratulations to all who took part in this year's Time and Talent challenge. The provisional total so far, including the amount raised by our Mini Fête on Sunday 21 May, is more than £4,500. The money will be split between Christ Church and our chosen charity, Mentoring Plus, a local charity that supports young people who are struggling at school or at home

If you still have to return any funds raised, please give them to Jonathan Stead together with your numbered envelope and the £20 seed money, if you haven't used it to buy ingredients or materials. If you have Time and Talent activities still in progress or planned, please let Jonathan know but don't worry about the date.

A visible presence

The Church Tent has been at two of the largest gatherings in the diocese this year; the Bath and West Show and Glastonbury Festival. The tents were manned by ecumenical teams and served a steady flow of visitors.

At the Bath and West Show, Glastonbury's Yeast Scrapstore created a display on the theme *The Servant King*. A series of questions prompted people passing by to add their thoughts, comments and prayers to a board outside the tent: *What are you worried about? Who has been your greatest influence? What are you thankful for? And How do you serve?*



Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells

Upper Mews update

Nick Wells, Chair of Trustees, writes:

Many of you will know that the rooms above the Lower Mews were let commercially to the Bath Academy of Media Makeup for many years. Sadly, BAMB left last summer and we therefore sought a new tenant. This was no easy task and also required obtaining permission to broaden the usage of the premises. We are delighted that Emily Mander Hair Ltd opened for business in the middle of June following an internal refit of the premises. We wish Emily every success in her new premises.

Shortly after signing the lease, in March, during a period of heavy rain, both the flat roof on the kitchen (at the right-hand side of the Mews looking from the car park) and the main roof started leaking. Following investigation, the flat roof has now been completely replaced and the main roof patched, some of the associated woodwork repaired and the guttering adjusted.

We hope this work will cure the leaks in the main roof. If not, we face having to replace the roof, which is thought to be around 70 years old.

We are grateful to our neighbours for their forbearance regarding the scaffolding and noise from these works.

Maintaining our buildings costs a lot of money but the Upper Mews and the Cottages, together with the car park, are also an important source of income for the Trust, helping us in our work and outreach to the local community.

June ordinations

The last weekend in June was filled with joy as 10 people were ordained priest in two separate services at Bath Abbey and Taunton Minster on Saturday, and on Sunday Wells Cathedral was filled with family and friends for the ordination of 13 new deacons. Read more and meet the new priests and deacons at <https://bit.ly/bath-wells-june-ordinations>.

Julian Road Celebration Curate's corner

If you live on or near Julian Road, then don't miss this free community event! Organised jointly by the Museum of Bath at Work, Christ Church, St Mary's Catholic Church, and DHI (Developing Health and Independence), it will take place in the Christ Church car park on Julian Road on Saturday 22 July, 11am – 4pm.

There will be stalls and raffles, with games and a colouring project for children. You'll be able to enjoy the Rainbow Steel Band – probably the oldest Caribbean steel band in Britain – who will play outside if the weather is fine or in Christ Church if it rains. In the Museum of Bath at Work there will be a chance to watch a short film of Julian Road during some of the fiercest bombing of the Second World War. David Wrigley will be playing cinema-style music on the Christ Church organ. You can visit the hidden Eco Garden, enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake, or treat yourself to an ice cream from the vintage ice cream tricycle.

We are delighted that the Mayor of Bath will visit at around 2:30pm and has agreed to draw the raffle at 3:30pm.

This month's charity

In July and August we are again supporting the USPG's Malawi project. The loose collection on the second and fourth Sunday of each month – 9 and 23 July, plus 13 and 27 August – will go to USPG. (Donations in collection envelopes continue to go to Christ Church.)

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. The key areas the programme focuses on are: girls' education, livelihoods, environment and climate change, water, sanitation and hygiene. To improve literacy among girls, it 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.

Revd Kara Maylor writes:

I have just returned from a triumphant netball match where our Year 6 team from St. Andrew's beat Bathford school. This was the team's first match and the first time they had ever played on a full-size court, so we were all thrilled with the result. Many of the parents came to support. They send their gratitude to the community of Christ Church for buying the netball posts and for allowing me to coach their children. It has been fun and gratifying. I will miss the children as they move on to secondary school but am delighted to hear that there are a number of their siblings who are looking forward to joining us from September. So thanks all for the prayers, support and the funding.

As part of my Curacy training I have to do a placement in a contrasting tradition. On Saturday I am heading down to North Devon to first participate in the Croyde Ocean Triathlon on Sunday – billed as Stunning but Savage it certainly is! – and then for the following two weeks I will be working in a number of churches in the area. It will be interesting to work in a place instead of just holidaying there, so am really looking forward to it. Your prayers as always would be appreciated and look forward to seeing you all on my return.



Meet our newest Trustee



Zoë Bushell

writes: I moved to Bath on New Year's Day 2018 to start a six-month contract at the University as a Teaching Fellow in Physics. Before moving, I had looked up churches with choirs in the city, as I had been singing at St John's

Church in West Byfleet for a number of years previously and it was important for me to find somewhere to continue this. I came across Christ Church and it looked a perfect fit for me, not only in style of worship and music, but the choir robes are an almost identical design to my previous church – it felt like it was meant to be!

I quickly settled in Bath, with my friends from Christ Church being a very important part of that. When my fixed term contract ended, I therefore looked for other jobs in the area. It was then that I rather fell into accountancy as a career, starting by being

placed through a temp agency as a purchase ledger clerk at the National Trust in Trowbridge. Both my parents are accountants, so I had always tried to avoid following in their footsteps, but I found that I really enjoyed the work and it suited my mindset. I started my ACCA studies, which I completed in January this year to become a fully qualified accountant. I currently work at Godfrey Wilson in Bristol, an accountancy practice specialising in charities.

When David mentioned last year that he would quite like to retire as Treasurer after 13 years of service, I felt that of all the roles which need to be filled at Christ Church, this is one where I had particular skills to offer. I have previously served on Council, standing down when my term ended this year so that I could become a Trustee and take over the Treasurer role. The handover process of Treasurer duties will be gradual during the rest of this year – not least due to the time it will take to negotiate the many hoops that have to be jumped through to be added as a bank signatory – so please send any Treasurer related matters to both myself and David for the time being.

Interactive talks: Inventing the Eucharist



The last of our series of interactive talks on the theme of “Body, Mind and Spirit” takes place on Thursday 20 July at 7:30pm in the Lower Mews. The topic is “How Jesus Invented the Eucharist”. Revd Professor Bruce Chilton, Biblical

scholar, priest and theologian, will open up the cultural context of Jesus' words *This is my body* and *This is my blood of the covenant*.

What did those words, reportedly said by

Jesus at his final meal with his disciples before his Passion, mean to the people who heard them? How could a society that avoided contact with blood possibly understand that we were to drink his blood? And is that what he meant anyway?

Bruce Chilton, ordained a deacon in New York and a priest at Ely Cathedral, is a scholar of early Christianity and Judaism. He wrote the first critical translation of and commentary on the Aramaic version of Isaiah (*The Isaiah Targum*, 1987), and academic studies analysing the New Testament in its Judaic context (*A Galilean Rabbi and His Bible: Jesus' own interpretation of Isaiah*, 1984; *The Temple of Jesus*, 1992; *Pure Kingdom*, 1997; *Synoptikon: Streams of Tradition in Mark, Matthew, and Luke*, 2023).

Bishop's Message for July

What a joy!



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

“In response to God’s immense love for us we seek to be God’s people living and telling the story of Jesus.” In conversations with people from around the diocese about our vision in recent months, we have talked of all the different ways that we can serve the communities in which we are based – how we can enable the life of the whole of the people of God.

One of the community connections that many of our churches nurture is with their local school, in particular with our church schools, where day in, day out teachers and their support staff reflect God’s love and teachings with the pupils in their care. As rewarding as that role is, it is a tough one. The long summer holiday may be in sight but anyone who knows a teacher or member of school staff will tell you how

much that is needed as well as how much work is done during that “break”. They truly need our support and love and prayers. We should also give thanks for those working in our schools during the summer, cleaning, building, or preparing for the new academic year.

Not all of us are blessed with the gifts to teach, but many of us have other gifts that can help our school communities. For some it is the gift of storytelling, sharing the teachings of Jesus as an Open the Book volunteer; others serve as chaplains. Some will simply live out their Christian faith by volunteering in classrooms or in the playground or by praying regularly for the school community. All of these roles are valuable to our schools, and rewarding for those who fulfil them.

What our schools and Academy Trusts need in particular are governors and trustees. There are many opportunities, especially for foundation governors and trustees, who have a distinct responsibility for championing the Christian character of our schools [see page 6]. That may sound daunting, but that responsibility isn’t held alone, as there is support locally and from our excellent diocesan education team. And if you do take on that role, what a joy to know that you are playing your part to support and nurture our young people in the way of our Lord, who said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” (3 John 1:4).

+Michael

Face to Face

A new exhibition at the Museum of Bath at Work shows people from 130 years ago, in more than 300 photographs from the 1890s and 1900s. All of them are portraits taken in the studio of Tom Carlyle Leaman, which was at number 7, The Corridor. The photos were made from the original glass plate negatives, which were digitised by the Museum.

The pictures are a real window on the past – the clothes then in fashion, accessories, and the way people styled their hair. Many of the plates have a surname written on the back, and volunteers at the Museum have researched some of them. In the exhibition you can meet Mr David Press, who ran a bakery and confectioners in Broad Street; the girls of the Candy family, whose parents were farmers at Bathampton; Mr Charles Moutrie, the General Manager at Bath Racecourse; and Miss Daisy Fentiman, who worked stitching corsets.

“Face to Face shows us the faces of ordinary people, and gives a snapshot of the kind of jobs they did and where they lived,” says Museum Director Stuart Burroughs. “However, there are many portraits where the person’s identity remains a mystery – come and see if you recognise any names or faces from your own family album!”



Face to Face: Victorian and Edwardian Portraits of Working People in Bath runs until 31 October at the Museum of Bath at Work (up the steps from the Christ Church car park), daily 10am – 5pm.

Supporting our schools

In Bath and Wells we are blessed to have 182 Church of England schools. While they each support their children in their own unique way, their values are underpinned by the Church of England’s values of wisdom, hope, community and dignity. Supporting our schools with their own unique talents are our school governors.

Ed Gregory, Director of Education for Bath and Wells, says, “Governors are an essential part of the leadership team in a school or trust. You don’t need to be an expert in education; the strength of a governing board comes from skills and experiences each person brings. While we have some amazingly supportive governors, we also have many gaps to fill, particularly Foundation Governors and Trustees, so if you feel this is something you are called to do, why not find out more about how you could help? It doesn’t take much of your time, we provide lots of support and I have no doubt you will find it extremely rewarding.”

Jayne Rochford-Smith, Headteacher of St Andrew’s Church School in Bath, says, “Governors are what I would call ‘critical friends’. They bring advice, they help us to move the school forward, and they also help us to make the right decisions.”

Foundation Governors are appointed as Governors and as “Champions” for the preservation and development of the religious character of our Church of England schools, a responsibility of the entire Governing Board. They can be from any walk of life and any age over 18, and be a practising Anglican or a member of another Christian denomination within the Churches Together movement. If you’d like to be a governor, even if you don’t have a current church connection, if you have the support of the school and church community and are passionate about ensuring that the religious character of the school is flourishing, we’d still be keen to talk to you, so get in touch.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Foundation Governor visit bathandwells.org.uk/governors.

Christ Church calendar July 2023

3 Mon *Thomas the Apostle*

6 Thu 11am Eucharist

7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

9 Sun *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Eucharist

13 Thu 11am Eucharist

14 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

16 Sun *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist
4:30pm Choral Evensong

20 Thu 11am Eucharist

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

22 Sat *Mary Magdalene*
Julian Road Community Celebration 11am – 4pm

23 Sun *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist
5pm Contemplative Service (Iona)

25 Tue *James the Apostle*

27 Thu 11am Eucharist

28 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

29 Sat *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus*

30 Sun *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

Aug 3 Thu 11am Eucharist

4 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

6 Sun *The Transfiguration of our Lord*
10am Eucharist

Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath

Prayer Cycle for July 2023

Saturday	1	For our young adult Lighthouse group
Sunday	2	For Mark, David and the choir
Monday	3	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	4	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
Wednesday	5	For countries in conflict
Thursday	6	For the ministry of hospices
Friday	7	For the homeless
Saturday	8	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Sunday	9	For our Church Council
Monday	10	For those who work in education
Tuesday	11	For those on our long-term prayer list
Wednesday	12	For those who are confined to their homes
Thursday	13	For Bible scholars and theologians
Friday	14	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	15	For those recently confirmed or ordained
Sunday	16	For Christian unity
Monday	17	For architects and designers
Tuesday	18	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
Wednesday	19	For refugees
Thursday	20	That we may have grace to love
Friday	21	For those who care for the sick
Saturday	22	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Sunday	23	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells

Monday	24	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	25	For our charity of the month
Wednesday	26	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Thursday	27	For good use to be made of this prayer cycle
Friday	28	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Saturday	29	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Sunday	30	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	31	For those who work in the hospitality industry

Long-term Prayer List

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

Chris
David
Hui Tao Ling
Jean and John
Joyce K
John K
Kat
A J Kninchi
Roger and Francis
Evelyn
Mary Elizabeth Bull
Natalia Bull
Sheila
Paul and Kate
Jeremy and Roz

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



Rotas for July 2023

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Rachel Preston Jeremiah 28:5-9	Zoë Bushell Romans 6:12-23	Brenda Wall Matthew 10:40-42
	Intercessions: Jonathan Stead		
9 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Angela Soboslay Zechariah 9:9-12	Nick Wells Romans 7:15-25a	Judith Anderson Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
	Intercessions: Georgina Bowman		
16 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Robin Kerr Isaiah 55:10-13	Georgina Bowman Romans 8:12-27	Morny Davison Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
	Intercessions: Jonathan Stead		
23 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Bob Siderfin Genesis 28:10-19a	Mark Elliott James 1:17-25	Peter Bowes Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
	Intercessions: Beryl Bowes		
30 July Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Sue Caden 1 Kings 3:5-12	Malcolm Wall Romans 8:26-39	Virginia Knight Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
	Intercessions: Mark Elliott		
6 August Trans- figuration of our Lord	Jude Bishop Daniel 7:9,10,13,14	Beryl Bowes 2 Peter 1:16-19	Jonathan Stead Luke 9:28-36
	Intercessions: Peter Bowes		

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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, 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 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.

For anyone still concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we do not sing at the 8am BCP Communion or 5pm Quiet Service.

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) – *On the second Sunday of every month*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people – *Every Sunday – also streamed at 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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