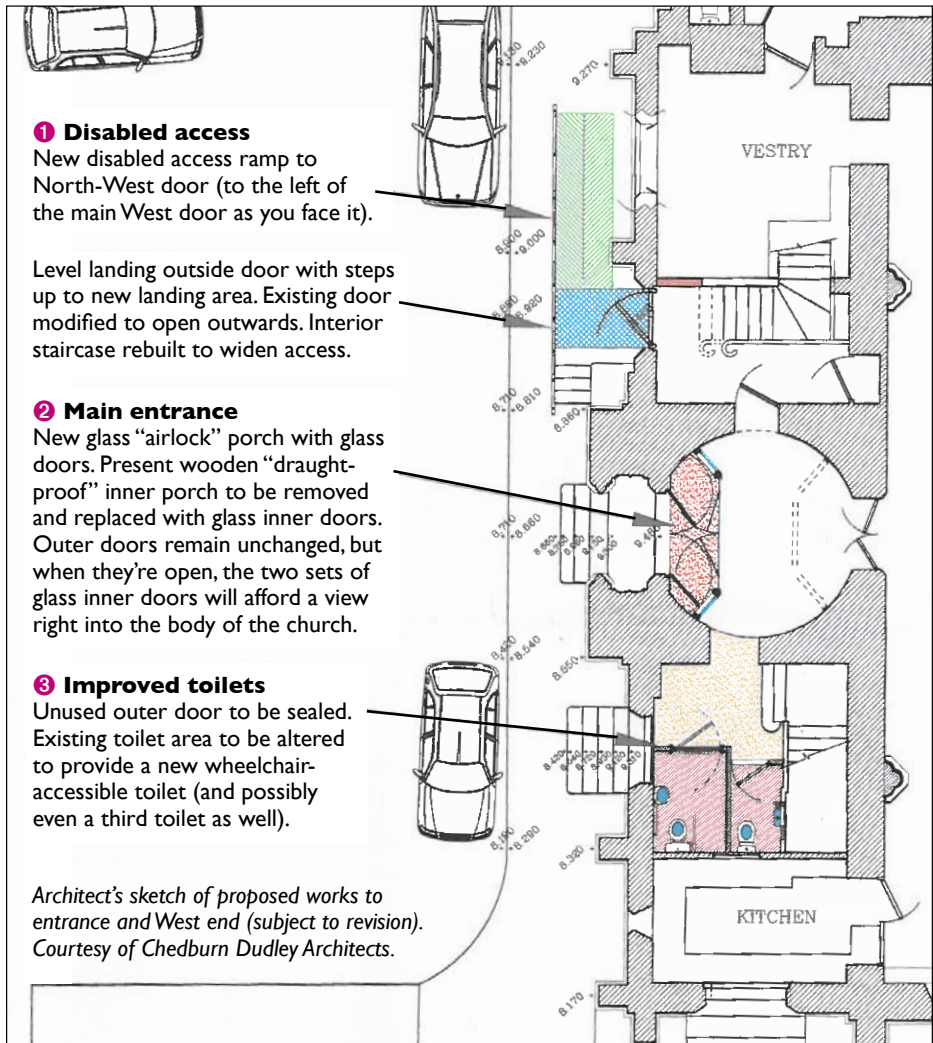




## A more welcoming church

*Proposals for the entrance, the porch and improved toilets...*



# Remaking the entrance to Christ Church

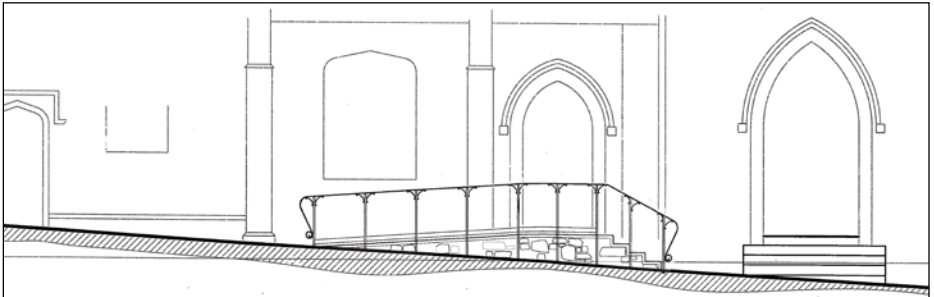
There's been wide consensus for some time that the church entrance and porch are an urgent priority. After much deliberation by the Buildings Working Group, our architect George Chedburn has prepared preliminary plans and sketches of what we might do.

Disabled access at present is through the Choir Vestry. While this is legally adequate, it's not perfect – latecomers can be embarrassed at disturbing the choir while it's rehearsing or robing, and ideally everyone should enter by the same entrance (or as near as possible to it). What's proposed is a ramp to the North-West door, just to the left-hand side of the main door. Since this is uphill from the main door, the ramp would have a very gentle slope, but there are issues with this option – notably, the staircase inside would have to be rebuilt to give wheelchairs room to pass, and it's still not quite the same entrance for all. Accordingly, Church Council has asked the architect to examine whether a ramp to the main entrance would be feasible.

Also proposed is renovating, repainting and panelling the entrance lobby and toilet area, and building a fully-accessible disabled toilet. A new glass “airlock” door just inside the entrance is proposed, which will help keep both the lobby and the toilet areas warmer. It will also make it possible to remove the wooden inner “draught-proof” structure and install glass inner doors in its place. The existing outer doors would be unchanged, but when they're open, there would be a much more welcoming view through the two sets of glass doors right into the church.



*Above: the glass “airlock” doors in St Swithin’s, Walcot. At Christ Church the airlock structure would have a solid top with lighting in it, not glass. Below: the proposed disabled access ramp to the North-West door would have a gentle gradient. Photo and sketch courtesy of Chedburn Dudley.*



# From the Buildings Working Group

**Bob Siderfin, Chair of the Buildings Working Group, writes:**

I'm very grateful to all who kept things going with the pilot reordering scheme, lanterns, bells, boilers, etc, whilst I was recovering from my back operation! Following approval of the bell restoration plans by both Christ Church Council and Trustees, a Faculty petition (the Church of England equivalent of a planning application) has now been submitted. Council is also requesting an Advisory Visit from the Diocesan Advisory Council regarding the proposals for the church entrance, porch and toilets, the first step in the procedure towards a Faculty for those works too.

Meanwhile, the pilot scheme for the re-ordering of the Apse and Chancel – which began, of course, last May when we brought the altar forward and moved the choir into the Apse – comes to an end after Easter, with a view to applying for a Faculty for the re-ordering at the same time as the works at the entrance and porch. Recently, we have been experimenting with the position of the choir, and in the next fortnight the choir stalls will be moved away from the back of the Apse to a more forward position, which should help

create a more balanced, clearer musical tone.

We are very interested in how this will work and are preparing a short questionnaire to seek your views. There will also be an opportunity for everyone to come for a briefing meeting at church with the architect on Saturday 22 March, followed by guided visits to St Swithin's and St Michael's, both of which have in recent years been reordered. Both have interesting features, although we are not at all sure they are in a style suitable for Christ Church. A full programme is being prepared, and we hope there will be an opportunity show you the plans for the bells as well, but I will let you know when we have had our preliminary meeting with the DAC. Please reserve 22 March in your diary now!

We have had a number of comments, for and against, that have proved very helpful. Please do continue to let us have your views over and above the questionnaire mentioned above. Please e-mail [siderfins2@yahoo.com](mailto:siderfins2@yahoo.com) or speak to me or the other members of the Buildings Working Group (Canon Angela, Mark Elliott, Martin Palmer, Sarah Cade and Sarah and Robin Kerr). Or you may prefer to contact the churchwardens, Council members or Trustees.

## Creating Compassionate Cities

**Margaret Heath writes:**

The author and theologian Karen Armstrong has a vision of creating Compassionate Cities throughout the world. These would be places where decisions were taken according to the *golden rule*, that is "do unto others as you would they would do unto you". They would sign up to the Charter for Compassion.

Compassion is a common theme in all the great religions, a uniting force. Karen has studied other faiths, in particular Islam, and while herself a Christian frequently quotes other religions. I attended a short course on Compassion and was struck by the



contributions from those of different faiths.

In a troubled world this movement seems to me a sign of great hope. To find out more, visit the [charterforcompassion.org](http://charterforcompassion.org) website or Google "Charter for Compassion" and read one of her many books, such as *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.

I am no expert but there is a gleam in my eye as I dream that Bath might become a Compassionate City.



# Archbishop's Message for February

*Seeking justice is "absolutely central" to Christian faith*

**From The Most Revd Justin Welby,  
Archbishop of Canterbury**

When Christians speak in public about community flourishing or about justice, there's always someone who will pop up and ask why we're sticking our noses in, as if these things were miles away from the proper concerns of Christianity.

Recently there have been the issues of money and credit unions and power costs of which the church has spoken. Stick to God, we are told. So we do, and we find Jesus saying: Love God, love neighbour.

The common good of the community and justice are absolutely central to what it means to be a Christian. They flow from the love of Jesus on the Cross, offering salvation, enabling justice and human freedom.

Loving God and loving our neighbour go together like the warp and the weft of a piece of fabric. They hold each other in place and together can be strong, and beautiful, and adaptable, for any number of uses.

But each without the other would be disconnected strands. When we weave them together in our life as people of God, we open up a range of possibilities that can make a real difference. Possibilities that can transform lives and transform communities.

That is our calling. We don't speak about common good and justice because we think we have some automatic right to be heard, but because loving our neighbour places responsibilities upon us.

We have responsibilities to act, to do what we can to make a difference, to work for our neighbour's flourishing, to bring justice. We have responsibilities



*The Most Revd Justin Portal Welby, 105th  
Archbishop of Canterbury.*

to speak, even when it might be easier to stay quiet, to point to injustice and to challenge others to join us in righting it.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that the Church is part of the solution for building community blessing at local level – although I suspect that it might be questioned by some.

We need the imagination to see where we can do more. And we need to be rooted in that vision God has set out for us, of welfare and of justice. It is the common good and justice that transforms our communities.

**Taken from the Archbishop of  
Canterbury's speech at the Church  
Urban Fund Tackling Poverty Together  
conference, London. For the full speech  
visit [www.archbishopofcanterbury.org](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org)**

● **As noted in last month's Link, Sunday  
2 February is Poverty Action Sunday**

# Charities for 2014

Because Christ Church is a charity, money given to Christ Church cannot legally be diverted to other purposes. This means that unlike other churches, which might frequently give financial support to various deserving causes, we are not permitted to donate money to charity. This makes it tricky to put our faith into practice and support good causes in a practical way. We can, however, pass on money collected for a nominated charity in the first place rather than given to Christ Church.

Accordingly, Christ Church Council has nominated a list of charities we want to support. It includes a balance of local, national and international charities. Each month, the loose collection on the second Sunday of the month will go to a designated charity:

**January:** The Prince's Trust  
**February:** Dorothy House  
**March:** Mothers' Union  
**April:** Church Army  
**May:** Julian House  
**June:** Save the Children  
**July:** Help for Heroes  
**August:** Mentoring Plus  
**September:** Water Aid  
**October:** US (formerly USPG)  
**November:** Women's Refuge South West  
**December:** Open Christmas

To be clear: the loose collection in the plate on the second Sunday of each month, plus an optional retiring collection, will go to the designated charity of the month. Regular giving in Gift Aid envelopes must continue to go to Christ Church.

## This month's charity: Dorothy House



Dorothy House Hospice Care gives free, high-quality care and support to people with life-threatening illness. It is the local hospice charity for Bath, North and West Wiltshire and parts of Somerset. Dorothy House does not receive any funding support from national charities such as Macmillan and Marie Curie.

### **From Dorothy House:**

Dorothy House is a charity, founded on Christian principles of care. All our services in the community and the hospice are provided free of charge and with equal access to all. Our aim is to offer physical, psychological,

social and spiritual care to patients and their families facing life-threatening illness, death or bereavement, who have specific problems which need our specialist skills. In partnership with all others involved, we focus on quality of life, respecting the uniqueness of each person and their family. We seek to promote the development of palliative care through education of others and research. For more information, visit [www.dorothyhouse.co.uk](http://www.dorothyhouse.co.uk)



*Dorothy House is based in Winsley House.*

## Church celebrates successful Christmas Twitter Campaign

Latest figures released show that the Christmas Twitter campaign, #christmasmeans, successfully reached more than four million people.

Congregations and clergy in the 12,500 parishes of the Church of England were encouraged over Advent and Christmas to finish the sentence #christmasmeans... to spread the joy and meaning of Christmas over twitter.

Figures show almost 7,500 tweets were sent using the hashtag, with peak traffic occurring on the morning of Christmas Eve. The hashtag was also used in America, Canada, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines and South Africa and others, making it a truly global campaign.

Taken over a 48 hour period from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day these figures represent an average of 114 tweets per hour, or a tweet every 30 seconds. The cumulative reach for the

7,305 tweets using the hashtags was 4.1 million twitter users.

Led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby (@abcjustin) via his Christmas instagram video message, and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu (@johnsentamu), churches took to the twittersphere to communicate the good news of Christ coming into the world.

Revd Arun Arora (@RevArun), Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council, said: "This is the second year the Church of England has adopted Twitter for a Christmas initiative and we are delighted with the results.

"This was a real team effort with archbishops and bishops, clergy and laity, all joining in to proclaim the good news. As with the rest of society, there are many social media enthusiasts in our pews and it is each of them we have to thank for making this happen."

## New Ministry experience scheme

Young people are being given a taste of life behind the dog collar with the launch of the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme (CEMES), run by the Ministry Division.

The scheme, which began with a pilot phase this September in four dioceses, is a one year programme of theological teaching, practical experience and personal development for young people aged 18-30 who are considering future ministry in the church. The scheme was set up to encourage more young people to consider being involved in ministry and focus on the nine criteria used in the selection of clergy.

The scheme is currently is being run in the dioceses of Sodor and Man, Newcastle, Peterborough and London. Ministry Division are working with 15 more dioceses interested in the scheme, with a view to provide a CEMES programme in every diocese.

The Bishop of Sheffield, Rt Revd Steven Croft, who is Chair of Ministry Division said: "The Church of England has a fresh vision and commitment to see people in their teens and twenties exploring God's call to ministry. The Ministry Experience scheme will help many young people explore that call in the years to come"

## Half a million pounds for Cathedrals

Thirteen cathedrals have been awarded grants totalling nearly half a million pounds to help repair and enhance their buildings for the future.

£350,000 will be awarded from the Cathedral Fabric Repair Fund, a partnership between the Wolfson Foundation, the Pilgrim Trust and the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England (CFCE), all organisations with long records of supporting England's historic church buildings and their contents. A further £149,500 of cathedral grant funding is being awarded under the Cathedral Amenities Fund, a Church of England fund which makes grants for improvements to the setting of ancient cathedrals and greater churches.

The Rt Hon Frank Field MP, Chair of the

Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England (CFCE), added: "This is a unique and much-needed fund, the only grant source targeted at critical repairs to England's historic cathedrals. Over its four years of operation we are pleased to have been able to help a number of cathedrals for which fund-raising is less easy, and also to support innovative solutions to problems posed by 20th century construction and changing weather patterns".

This year's 10 successful applicants were Birmingham, Coventry, Exeter, Liverpool, Norwich, Peterborough, Salisbury, Southwark and St Albans cathedrals and York Minster.

## Archbishop Justin meets Patriarch Bartholomew

The Archbishop of Canterbury affirmed his commitment to the reconciliation of Eastern and Western churches during a meeting with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in January.

Archbishop Justin Welby was meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew during a two-day visit to Istanbul.

During their meeting Archbishop Justin said that Patriarch Bartholomew had been "an example of peace and reconciliation, politically,

with the natural world, and in your historic visit to the installation of His Holiness Pope Francis I.

More details, including a common statement made by Archbishop Justin and Patriarch Bartholomew, and speeches made during the visit, can be found here:

[www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles).

[php/5227/archbishop-of-canterbury-meets-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomew](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5227/archbishop-of-canterbury-meets-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomew)

## Pilling Report resources available

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have published the Report of the House of Bishops Working Group on Human Sexuality.

In a statement thanking the working group - chaired by Sir Joseph Pilling - for its report, the Archbishops commented that the report "is a substantial document proposing a process of facilitated conversations in the Church of England over a period of perhaps two years. The document offers findings and recommendations to form part of that process of facilitated conversations.

It is not a new policy statement from the Church of England."

Listen to the interview with Sir Joseph Pilling here:

<https://soundcloud.com/the-church-of-england/the-pilling-report-on-human>

More details on the Pilling report are available here:

[www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/11/pilling-report-published.aspx](http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2013/11/pilling-report-published.aspx)



## Archbishop of York Youth Trust opens grant making programme

The Archbishop of York Youth Trust has re-opened its grant making programme for youth projects across the north of England.

Since the Archbishop's Youth Trust began awarding grants in 2009, it has awarded £70k to more than 20 youth projects that reach out to thousands of young people every day. Many of these supported projects have been in areas of real deprivation where young people have been facing many challenging situations. As a result the Youth Trust has seen lives changed and young people inspired to become active citizens in their communities, making a real difference through serving others.

The Archbishop of York said: "I am delighted that my Youth Trust is working hard to support valued youth projects through its Grant Making Programme. I hope that through these grants the Trust will help young people become more active in their communities and I'm looking forward to hearing more stories of inspirational young people growing in leadership and serving others."

For more details about the programme, please visit:

[www.archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/3031/archbishop-of-york-youth-trust-opens-grant-making-programme](http://www.archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/3031/archbishop-of-york-youth-trust-opens-grant-making-programme)

## Bishop of St Albans on maiden speech in Lords

The Bishop of St Albans, Rt Revd Alan Smith, reflects on his maiden speech at the House of Lords and beginning as a member of the Lords Spirituals group of Bishops.

In an interview conducted on the day of his maiden speech, Bishop Alan compared his experience in starting in the House of Lords to that of a first day of school: "you only discover the rules when you break them and somebody tells you, and you think everybody knows what they're doing".

Bishop Alan also discusses his maiden speech highlighting the role of church schools in a debate on high quality education leading to economic growth; and outlines his areas of interest in the House of Lords, looking to focus on Rural affairs, multiculturalism, and the ethics and values of business.

The full interview with Bishop Alan is available here:

<https://soundcloud.com/the-church-of-england/the-bishop-of-st-albans-maiden>

## Church boosts digital presence with new app

A new app has been released to help more people to follow Sunday services using their mobile devices.

Sunday Worship (a new app for iPad/iPhone) presents the full Bible readings for the main Sunday service, together with the Collect & post Communion prayers for the week in a simple and elegant way, using the award-winning Common Worship design.

This follows two other apps published to support congregations in their devotional lives:

For those seeking a daily pattern of Bible reading, prayer and inspiration, Reflections for Daily

Prayer has also been launched and is available on the Google Play Store for Android devices, after seeing over 50,000 downloads since being launched.

The Lectionary - a key tool for clergy and worship leaders, providing them with the Bible readings for every service and full details of feast days and other information - is also available this year for the first time as an iPad/iPhone app, Kindle ebook or as a printed booklet.

Reflections for Daily Prayer is also available from Google Play Store for Android devices.

<http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/our-apps>

## New Bishop of Bath and Wells

The next Bishop of Bath and Wells will be the Rt Revd Peter Hancock. His current role is Bishop of Basingstoke in the Diocese of Winchester, which he has held since 2010.

Bishop Peter says he is “delighted” at the prospect of becoming the 79th Bishop of Bath and Wells. Before his ordination to the episcopate,

Bishop Peter served two curacies before serving as a parish priest in the Diocese of Portsmouth., and as Archdeacon of Meon.

Bishop Peter said he was looking forward to leading the Diocese of Bath and Wells and joining and supporting the strong Christian voice already present across the region.

## General Synod February 2014

The General Synod meets for three days from Monday 10th until Wednesday 12th February, and Churches and individuals who would like to pray for all those on the Synod can use the following (see right) as a guide for prayer.

The Synod will be discussing a number of important issues for the life and mission of the Church, including further legislation on Women Bishops, Gender-based violence, Girl Guides, the environment and ethical investment, and a presentation on the House of Bishops Working Group on Human Sexuality.

For podcasts, videos and to view a live web stream of the proceedings of General Synod, please visit:

[www.churchofengland.org/media-centre](http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre)

### **Monday 10 February**

- Report by the Business Committee
- Presentation by the Ethical Investment Advisory Group
- Gender-Based Violence: Report by the Mission and Public Affairs Council

### **Tuesday 11 February**

- Further work on legislation for Women in the Episcopate

### **Wednesday 12 February**

- Presidential Address by Archbishop Justin
- Private Member's Motion on Girl Guiding
- Presentation on the Pilling Report
- Diocesan Synod Motion on Environmental Issues

## New Bishop to the Armed Forces

Bishop Nigel Stock will become Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has appointed the Bishop at Lambeth, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, as Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands, upon the retirement of the Rt Revd Dr Stephen Venner. He will take up these additional responsibilities on June 19th, 2014.

Bishop Nigel said: “I am delighted to be able to take on this important role and look forward to meeting the Chaplains and the men and women

of the services, who serve tirelessly, often in the most arduous and dangerous circumstances.”

Bishop Stephen said: “The links between the Forces, the Falkland Islands and the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury are greatly valued. It is good that these links will be maintained in this way, and I am particularly delighted that Bishop Nigel's own wide experience and many gifts will provide Episcopal care and support to our chaplains and those whom they serve in the name of Christ.”

# Christ Church calendar Feb. 2014

**Feb 2 Sun** *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)*  
*Poverty Action Sunday*  
4:30pm Choral Evensong

5 Wed 11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

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7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**9 Sun** *Fourth Sunday before Lent*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

14 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**16 Sun** *Third Sunday before Lent*

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**23 Sun** *Second Sunday before Lent*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

25 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

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28 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**Mar 2 Sun** *Sunday before Lent*  
4:30pm Choral Evensong  
Bath Half-Marathon – watch for road closures and diversions

4 Tue *Shrove Tuesday*  
Pancakes – see weekly notice sheet for details

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5 Wed *Ash Wednesday*  
11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

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7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**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](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org).**

**For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for February 2014

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	For the Fairtrade movement
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	For Mark our Lay Reader
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	For the emergency services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	For Christian unity
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	For the unemployed
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	We give thanks for those who inspire us
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	For the future plans for our church building
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	For the Chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b>	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	That we may be stewards of the world around us
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	For those who work in dangerous conditions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our Local Ministry Group partners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	For Angela our priest-in-charge
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	For those who teach
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	For the appointment of a new organist for Christ Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19</b>	For victims of violence
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20</b>	We give thanks for the beauty of creation
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21</b>	For those persecuted for their faith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	For those on the rota and those who draw it up
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>	That we may have the gift of faithfulness
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>	For our Church Council, meeting tonight
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	For the Queen and heads of state
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	For those who care for the sick

## Long-term Prayer List

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

Kay Clark  
 Rachel Sillett  
 June Metcalfe  
 May Palmer  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Ken Austwick  
 Marjorie Nicholson

Rowena Hall  
 David Ough  
 Ned Townshend  
 Lionel Sobers  
 David Slater  
 Ian Hay Davison

**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.**

### **Christ Church Link**

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# Rotas for February 2014

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>2 Feb</b> Candlemas	<b>Penny Edwards</b> Malachi 3:1-5	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Hebrews 2:14-18	<b>David Bishop</b> Luke 2:22-40
<b>9 Feb</b> 4th before Lent	<b>Judith Anderson</b> Isaiah 58:1-9a	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> Matthew 5:13-20
<b>16 Feb</b> 3rd before Lent	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Deut 30:15-20	<b>Bob Siderfin</b> 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Matthew 5:21-37
<b>23 Feb</b> 2nd before Lent	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Genesis 1:1 – 2:3	<b>Andrew Sillett</b> Romans 8:18-25	<b>Judith Bishop</b> Matthew 6:25-34
<b>2 March</b> Sunday before Lent	<b>Martin Palmer</b> Exodus 24:12-18	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> 2 Peter 1:16-21	<b>Margaret Burrows</b> Matthew 17:1-9

*Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Chalice assistants</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>2 Feb</b>	Lewis Boyd	Iain Barrowman, Andrew Sillett	Martin Palmer
<b>9 Feb</b>	Clive Tilling, Brenda Wall	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Mark Elliott
<b>16 Feb</b>	Andrew Sillett	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards
<b>23 Feb</b>	David Rawlings, Clive Tilling	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Canon Angela Townshend
<b>2 March</b>	June Matthews, Bob Siderfin	Morny Davison, Rowena Hall	Rebekah Cunningham

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# 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 a Sunday morning, 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 Home 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 and fourth Sunday of every month*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people  
*Every Sunday*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong  
*Usually the first Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details*

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



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