



Bringing back the bells

Would you like to hear the Christ Church bells ring out again?

If you've been coming to Christ Church for some time, you might remember hearing the church bells. Up until about ten years ago, they were usually rung at least once a month. Since then, however, the bell frames have deteriorated so badly that they've been declared unsafe to ring.

Now there's a proposal to restore the bells, so that the traditional sound of church bells can ring out again to summon people to worship and let the neighbourhood know we're here.

"We need to let the world see *and hear* that we're alive," says Canon Angela.

The restoration plan is being led by Ian Hay Davison, himself a keen ringer.

However, the Trustees and Church Council are very much aware that our bells haven't been heard for some time, that they are very loud, and that some of our neighbours might not welcome the return of regular ringing.

Taking account of these concerns,

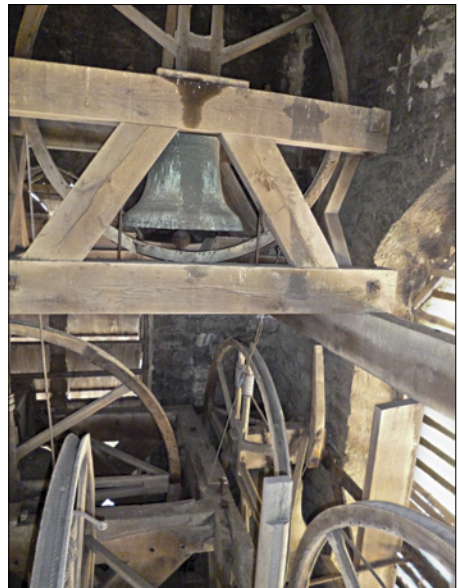
the proposal includes a plan to quieten the bells so that their sound is at a more acceptable level (and for practice can even be reduced to about the level of passing traffic).

In order to canvas the opinions of the neighbourhood, there will be an exhibition in the church from Saturday 12th to Monday 21st October. Notices are being distributed with Bath Life magazine and by mail drop in the immediate area.

Of course, your views are also wanted. Overleaf are answers to some questions you might have, but please *chime in* with queries and comments! ►



The bells are just inside the louvres in the tower, and hence very loud. Photos by Dave Kelly, Keltek Trust



Restoring the bells

Some answers to the questions you might have...

Why are the bells in such bad condition?

Actually the bells themselves are not too bad, except for the largest, the tenor bell, which is cracked. The real problem is the wood and iron bell frames, which are affected by wet rot, corrosion and general deterioration. The wheels which turn the bells are also broken in places, and the bearings are very worn. The clappers are very loose, badly worn and corroded. None of this is the result of any recent neglect – the local ringers complained about the state of the bells as long ago as 1913, and by 1922 they had become unringable. After partial restoration, they rang again in 1979, and further repairs were carried out in 1986, but the rot had set in – literally.

So what exactly is proposed?

The minimum needed is a new steel and iron frame, new wheels and headstocks. There are a number of possibilities for the bells themselves. The current preferred solution is to hand the seven sound bells over to the Keltek Trust, a charity which arranges exchanges of bells between churches. They would re-use these in other churches and, in exchange, let us have three redundant, but recently cast, bells from a Liverpool

church. We would then ask the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (who, as Mears & Stainbank, cast our bells in 1867-8) to cast three new bells to make a ring of six, making use of the metal from the cracked tenor bell. If we can raise more money, we may be able to add two more newly-cast bells to make a total of eight (the number we now have, though this is a large number for a small church – most have six).

Isn't this a rather grand plan? Why not just fix the frames and cracked bell?

Replacing the frames and recasting the tenor bell is an option, but paradoxically could cost us more. This is because donors tend to be more willing to give money for new bells (with appropriate commemorative inscriptions) than just for frames. However, this is a question that's open for discussion.

What about the cost? Won't this take money that could be spent on other things we need to do?

For the proposed plan, we will need to raise about £110,000. However, around a quarter of this has already been pledged, and Ian is confident that the rest can be raised without the Christ



Some more views of the bells and the condition of the bell frames. Courtesy of Dave Kelly, Keltek Trust



Church congregation or Trustees having to divert funds that might otherwise be spent on other things (except of course whatever they want to contribute!).

What about the noise issue?

Christ Church stands in a closely built up area, and tests have confirmed that our bells are very loud. This is because they hang right inside the open louvres in the tower. Part of the proposal is to block up the louvres, leaving only a small gap at the top. A sound-proofed floor would be inserted above the bells, with a trap-door which, when opened, will let the sound out through the top of the louvres but at a much reduced volume. When the trap-door is closed – for bell practice, for example – the bells should become barely any louder to someone on the pavement outside than ordinary passing traffic.

What about the historical significance of the bells and frames?

None of the bells is included in the Church Buildings Council's Lists of Bells of Historic Importance. They are not particularly old: six of them date from 1867-8, when the existing four-bell frame was extended to hold the six, and the last two were added in an improvised upper level in 1873 (though one of these bells had to be recast in 1874). Almost everything in the tower has been repaired, replaced and tinkered with many times, and past work has been quite piecemeal – some of the frame extensions are just sat on wooden blocks. However, it is possible that part of the tenor pit, although described in a report to the diocesan authorities as “not unusual”, might date from around 1800, and the proposal is to preserve this structure (though not in situ) for its historical interest.

Do you have any further questions, or comments you'd like to make? Please contact Canon Angela, one of the churchwardens, any member of the Church Council or one of the Trustees.

Devil's advocate

An alternative view in the interest of stimulating open discussion

Many people love the sound of church bells. For centuries, bells have been the traditional way to summon people to worship in the Church of England. These days, however, we have alarm clocks and reminder apps to let us know when it's time to go to church; many of us – in fact, probably most of us – live beyond the sound of the bells of the church we attend; and some people who do live nearby don't want to be disturbed by bells on Sunday morning at all.

This last issue is the critical one. There are some among our congregation who are very keen on restoring the bells, but for others the bells fall into the category of “nice to have but not essential”. Surely the crux is: will they further the mission of Christ Church? Will they help in our outreach to our neighbours, or are they in the end mainly for the benefit of those whose hobby is bell-ringing?

You might say it's no problem if the answer is somewhere in the middle – if, for argument's sake, the main beneficiaries will be the bell-ringers but their activities won't do any harm to our relationship with our neighbours. But there are still some important questions. First, we're being assured that money can be raised for the bell restoration without impinging on other needs, but can we be certain that it won't draw funds which donors might otherwise have given for other projects?

Second, if our bells really are vital, how have they been allowed to fall into such disrepair in the first place? If they were not a priority in times when church bells were yet more mainstream – times when restoring them to full working order must have been a less costly prospect – what has changed to make them a priority now, when we'll also need to raise funds for other works? Let's decide what we want, not just go along with the enthusiasts!

Marriages and births

News is reaching us about members of the extended Christ Church family...

Congratulations to Allie Gladstone, who married Jamie Scott in Yorkshire on Saturday 7 September. Their daughter Erin Peggy was baptised at the same ceremony.

Congratulations also to Kevin Twissell, Dorothy's elder son, on his marriage to Emma-Jayne Ottewell. The celebration took place in Bath Abbey on 27 September.



Jane Nicholson's daughter Katie Derbyshire has had a son, Maximillian Alexander Nicholas, born on 3 September, weighing 7lb 13oz. You might remember that Katie and her husband Nick were married here in Christ Church some eight years ago. (Photo courtesy of Jane "Granny" Nicholson.)

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia M. Ayers reports:

It has been good to have various visitors at our monthly Corporate Communion, and since this service has been specifically requested, we do hope that more of our own members and friends will also be able to attend these in the future. They take place in the Lady Chapel on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am, and will be followed by coffee. At the next of these, Canon Angela will both report on our Group meeting on Thursday 12 September, and publish the subject and venue for the next one, when this is agreed.

In last month's magazine, I detailed our Autumn Sales bundle, which includes Calendars, Christmas Cards, Diaries and the MU Families First Magazine for 2014, but so far I have received only two firm orders. The cards cost from £3.60 to £3.80 per pack of ten, and I have pictures of these that I can give to any interested enquirers. I am hoping that the members of our newly rejuvenated Group will want to take advantage of at least some of these offers. If so, do please let me know a.s.a.p. and, most importantly, let me have the payment with your order. I hope to send off the complete list of orders by the end of September, so I look forward to hearing from you all.

Women's Refuge Appeal

Once again we ask for your help with our annual Women's Refuge Appeal. If you think you can donate something, please let us have it during the next two weeks – on 20 and 27 October, or at the latest by 3 November. There is, as always, an on-going need for practical items, e.g. light bulbs, scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing machine and dishwasher powders, washing-up liquid, household cleaners, soap, toilet rolls, cloths,

dusters, polish, etc. If you use it at home, then they need it too! Also required are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. Christ Church have always supported the Refuge in the past, so we again look forward to receiving your offerings, with very many thanks for all your generous contributions.

**Margaret Burrows and Sylvia Ayers
(Christ Church MU)**

Diocesan Message for October

Caterpillars and Twiglets

**From The Venerable John Reed,
Archdeacon of Taunton**

Both are edible, as I now know since my visit to Zambia in July.

When presented with a tray of crispy fried caterpillars by Archbishop Albert one night in Kitwe, I had to go for a new experience. I have a rule never to turn down food offered, no matter how strange. The trick is not to look too closely, then equate the food to something you like. I love Twiglets, and happily the caterpillars had a similar texture and not much taste – apart from the fatter ones, which were a bit bendy and chewy.

I had longed to visit Zambia since helping set up a link between Ilminster and Msoro in 1996. I thought I would never get there. So, when asked to go with the Reverend Simon Hill, our Diocesan Director of Clergy Training, to represent the Diocese at two conferences and to visit some key links, I jumped at the opportunity. Simon and I certainly worked for our passage and it was a privilege to spend time with so many Zambian Christians in very diverse settings, exchanging our understandings on ministry and mission, opportunities and obstacles. We have much in common and much which is incomparable.

The Zambians we met in over 15 urban and rural centres were not lacking in vision, ideas and plans. What I observed and am still working through in my mind is why so many projects appeared to get off to a flying start and then slow up or come to a temporary halt. Often the blockage is said by them to be caused by lack of funds and materials; but I also sensed a different feel about organisation, timescales, targets and urgency.



Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Bath & Wells

I am comparing this with what I often observe around the parishes of Bath & Wells. Many talk the talk about organisation, timescales, targets and urgency, but have less to say about vision, ideas and plans. And this is not my judgment: it is what Churchwardens have said to the Archdeacons in this year's Articles of Enquiry. 55% of parishes say that they do not have plans for the development of their churches – whether in worship, ministry, outreach, service or the buildings. I confess always to find this incomprehensible. But then, parochial church councils can run out of ideas and be preoccupied with the immediate care and running of their churches.

This article may be read by those of a church congregation and people on the fringe of their local church who would not be inclined to offer their thoughts on how their church can serve Our Lord and local people in the future. But maybe you should.

In Zambia people eat caterpillars: catch a caterpillar and fry it. In England we eat Twiglets: buy a packet containing things made from wheat flour, yeast, vegetable and spice extracts and oil, niacin, riboflavin, salt and pepper. Quite a contrast. Do we here complicate things and miss the simpler questions and answers?

Share the Christmas story

It might be difficult to believe, but knowledge of the Christmas Story is fading. Among 5- to 7-year-olds, recent surveys have disclosed, 36% don't know whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas, and 72% don't know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Among adults, less than 12% know the full nativity story, and 51% say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. This is a tipping point.

The *Christmas Starts with Christ* campaign hopes to reverse the trend by telling the Christmas story in new ways.

One is the Real Advent Calendar. Behind each of its windows is a line of the Christmas story and a Fairtrade chocolate star. Behind the final window is a 24-page Christmas storybook.

The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99 (part of which goes to The Children's Society). It will be available from most Tesco stores, singly or in bulk (for bulk orders, call your



local store to check its stocks first), or through Traidcraft stalls. Individuals can also arrange for home delivery by calling 0845 330 8900 or online at www.realadvent.co.uk/shop

The *Christmas starts with Christ* campaign involves some of the nation's leading Christian groups, including the Church of England, the Evangelical Alliance and the Children's Society. The campaign kicks off on 1 December and runs up to Christmas Day, with a national advertising programme using posters and radio ads.

The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Peter Maurice, says: "The *Christmas Starts with Christ* campaign is an invitation to the Church to put Christ and the wonderful story of his birth at the heart of the nation's favourite time of the year. The story of the birth of Jesus is where it begins for Christians.

"Up and down the country, the star which lights the stable reminds us of the light of love and compassion that churches seek to bring into their communities throughout the year, and it is important that we don't forget 'the reason for the season.' Our purpose is to continue to tell the story because it reveals a God who chose, out of sheer love, to make his home with humanity, offering hope and promise even into its darkest corners."

Baptised at Christ Church

Ismail Rebanni, who has been coming to services here for some time and has decided to become a Christian, was baptised at our 10am service on Sunday 22 September (photo at right). Congratulations and welcome to the Christian family, Ismail!



IN FOCUS

Welcome to the latest edition of *In Focus*, a monthly newsletter from the Church of England. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *In Review*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS ANGLICAN COMMUNION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

The Archbishop of Canterbury completed a week-long visit to Barbados, Guatemala and Mexico as part of a series of visits to the Primates of the Anglican Communion which he is making in his first 18 months of office.

Archbishop Justin met with leaders from the three Provinces and universally praised the work of the church in each region. The trip began with a visit to the Province of the West Indies, followed by visits to the Anglican Church of the Central American Region, based in Guatemala, and finally visiting the Anglican Church in Mexico, making him the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Mexico.

Archbishop Justin and his wife, Caroline, began the week-long trip visiting Barbados at the invitation of the Most Revd Dr John Holder, Archbishop of the Church of the Province of the West Indies and Bishop of Barbados.

Archbishop Justin then visited Guatemala City, saying that he was “honoured”

to be invited by the Most Revd Armando Guerra, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of the Central American Region and Bishop of Guatemala.

Finally, Archbishop Justin’s visit to Mexico made him first Archbishop of Canterbury to formally visit the country. On doing so, he expressed ‘special appreciation’ for its Anglican Church’s witness to Christ and the Anglican Communion.

During his first 18 months in office, the Archbishop plans to visit all of his fellow Primates around the Anglican Communion. His desire is to build personal and professional bonds, understand the Primates’ work in its local context, and lay foundations for collaboration over the coming years.

More information: http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php?action=search&tag_id=7

NEXT BISHOP OF DURHAM ANNOUNCED

The next Bishop of Durham was named as Rt Revd Paul Butler on Thursday September 12th during a day of events across the area.

During his visit, he said that the priorities for his tenure as Bishop would be growing the Church, helping to tackle poverty and addressing the role of children and young people in the Church.

“I arrived still slightly stunned but I am deeply honoured and humbled to have been asked to be Bishop of Durham.”

”Growing the Church is something that has to be the highest priority for the Diocese, growing it in numbers, growing it in depth and growing its discipleship of Jesus Christ.”

The bishop, who will continue in his role as an Advocate for Children and in Safeguarding, said: “I believe passionately that children and young people should not be seen simply as our future society but our present society and we have to integrate them in everything we do. We should not see children and young people as the future but the present.”

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK SUPPORTS NEW ACTS 435 CAMPAIGN

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu is supporting a new campaign being run by his charity www.Acts435.org.uk which reminds people that little acts can make a big difference, reflecting on the “invaluable work” of the charity for “those going through tough times [to] get the help they need”.

Acts 435 is a Christian online giving charity which puts people in need in touch with those who have the ability to help. Based in York, but serving communities across the UK, Acts 435 has already helped more than 2,100 people since its launch in July 2010.

Acts 435 has launched a campaign called ‘Little Acts go a Long Way’, which will run over the next eight weeks, encouraging people to make a difference in small ways in their communities.

Jenny Herrera, Director of Acts 435, said: “Why not Tweet your own messages of how in these difficult times little acts of kindness have made a difference, using the hashtag #LittleActs

For more info on #LittleActs campaign read the Acts 435 blog at: www.acts435.org.uk/blog

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELCOMES NEW ANGLICAN ALLIANCE DIRECTORS

Archbishop Justin has welcomed the appointment of a new leadership to the Anglican Alliance, the body which brings together Anglican churches and agencies to support development, relief and advocacy work.

The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and Chair of the Anglican Alliance, today announced the appointment of Revd Rachel Carnegie, currently the Archbishop of Canterbury’s international development secretary, and Revd Andrew Bowerman as the alliance’s new joint executive directors.

Archbishop Justin said he was “delighted” about the new appointments, saying they would give “firm foundations” for the Alliance’s mission around the Communion, and also support his own ministry.

Archbishop Justin said: “I am delighted about this really creative appointment, and wish Rachel and Andy every blessing in this key role, which I am keen to support.”

More information: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5132/archbishop-justin-welcomes-new-anglican-alliance-directors->

NEW SELF-SERVICE PAYROLL SYSTEM FOR CLERGY

A new payroll service has been launched to give more control to clergy with their finances and payroll services.

The new service, MyView, enables clergy to view and print pay documents including monthly stipend statement, view personal details and amend bank details online. Clergy will also be able to view and print any historical statements dating back to November 2012.

In addition, a comprehensive user guide for using MyView, with pictures to help navigate around MyView, has also been released in easily printable PDF format, and can find them using the following link:

<http://bit.ly/1f1y10r>

The new service is available at:
<http://bit.ly/14inK50>

GROWING DECADE FOR CATHEDRAL CONGREGATIONS, SHOW LATEST STATS

Church of England cathedrals are continuing to see congregations increase in numbers according to new statistics, continuing a trend seen since the Millennium. Total weekly attendance grew to 35,800, according to Cathedral Stats 2012, an increase of 35% since 2002. From celebrating the festivals to special services such as Ely cathedral's pet service, the worshipping life of cathedrals has proved more popular than ever over the past decade with cathedrals pointing to stronger community links attracting more people.

Easter 2012 saw the highest attendance in the last decade, at 54,700, and Christmas saw similarly high attendance with Liverpool cathe-

dral which held carol services almost every evening December building up to nearly 2,500 people attending midnight and Christmas morning celebrations.

Nearly one million people attended more than 5000 public/civil events in the cathedrals, down from a peak in 2010 but still nearly twice as many as in 2002. 2,900 specially arranged services, such as annual festivals and school leavers' services attracted a further 930,000.

More statistics and case studies: <http://bit.ly/16aQNUX>

PILGRIM - NEW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FOR ALL

A new Christian discipleship course for church congregations and groups of all traditions is being published this autumn. This is the first time a national course has been commissioned by the House of Bishops. Billed as offering an approach of "participation, not persuasion' Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey is published by Church House Publishing (<http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/pilgrim>) and is part of the Church of England's focus on spiritual and numerical growth. Assuming little or no knowledge of the Christian faith, Pilgrim can be used at any

point on the journey of discipleship and by every tradition in the CofE.

Pilgrim is made up of two parts:

- Follow introduces the Christian faith for newcomers or those exploring confirmation or affirming their faith
- Grow aims to develop a deeper level of discipleship

Each stage features four six-session books accompanied by a leader's guide, with extensive, free video and audio resources to support every session online at:

<http://www.pilgrimcourse.org>

CHURCH STATEMENTS ON 'FRACKING'

Following enquiries about fracking on church land, the Chair of the Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs Council, Philip Fletcher issued a statement placing recent media reports in context.

"The Church of England has no official policy either for or against hydraulic fracturing (known as 'fracking'). However there is a danger of viewing fracking through a single

issue lens and ignoring the wider considerations.

A Church of England statement was also issued on the registration of mineral interests with the Land Registry in response to suggested links with fracking, which can also be found here:

<http://bit.ly/19n2Kvg>

CHURCH JOINS IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY-OWNED ENERGY

Church of England representative David Shreeve joined others from the Community Energy Coalition to hand in a nearly 60,000 signature petition to the Department of Energy and Climate Change. The petition was delivered during Community Energy Fortnight, and it calls on the Government to provide greater support for co-operative and community-owned energy projects.

St John's Sunshine, based in Manchester, is one project showing the Church of England's commitment to supporting Community Energy. Photovoltaic panels installed on the south facing

church roof generate electricity for St John's Centre next door. The Centre, which serves a diverse faith and cultural community, becomes more sustainable in the process.

David Shreeve the Church of England's national environment adviser said: "The Church is very well placed to encourage communities to come together and develop energy projects. "

<http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.org/> is the CoffE's national environmental campaign supported by the Cathedral & Church Buildings and Mission and Public Affairs divisions of the Archbishops' Council.

WAR MEMORIAL FOCUS FOR WWI CENTENARY

To mark commemorations for the World War I starting in August 2014, there will be increased focus in war memorials, and churches are likely to see more visitors seeking out their local war memorial. Churchcare, the Church of England's national resource for church buildings, have provided materials to help churches make the most of the commemorations.

The War Memorials Trust's learning programme has been set up to support churches to engage visitors of all ages as part of the remembrance. The Trust's learning website has lesson plans for school groups and suggestions for youth groups, Guides and Scout troops.

More information: <http://bit.ly/1g9X49k>

DIOCESE OF WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE DALES (LEEDS) PLANS ANNOUNCED

The new diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales: Leeds will come into being next Easter. A proposed 'roadmap' for the transition to the new diocese has been agreed by the Archbishop of York and Diocesan Bishops which includes celebrations to give thanks for each diocese (Ripon and Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield) as they come to an end with the birth of the new diocese.

Key to the transition will be the appointment of the first diocesan Bishop of Leeds. The appointment process begins with consultations in the three dioceses, and a transitional Vacancy-in-See Committee from all three dioceses holding meetings to produce a 'statement of need'. The 'roadmap' which has

been published sets out a step by step process towards the full implementation of the scheme, with the Area system fully taking effect by 2016. The first diocesan Synod will meet in the Autumn of next year and a new Diocesan Synod will be elected in 2015.

The Archbishop's letter about the administrative preparations for the Transformation Programme here where he nominates the new Acting Diocesan Secretary John Tuckett can be read here:

<http://bit.ly/1awGJef>

The Archbishop's Roadmap to the new diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales: Leeds can be read here:

<http://bit.ly/1eLmQ5I>

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2013

Oct	2	Wed	10am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	4	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	5	Sat	Harvest Supper, 6:30pm
	6	Sun	<i>Harvest</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	11	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	12	Sat	Bells Exhibition opens
	13	Sun	<i>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	18	Fri	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	20	Sun	<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	25	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	26	Sat	<i>Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons</i>
	27	Sun	<i>Bible Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	28	Mon	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
Nov	1	Fri	<i>All Saints' Day</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	2	Sat	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i>
	3	Sun	<i>All Saints</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong

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 October 2013

Tuesday	1	For all at school
Wednesday	2	For Matthew, who manages the website
Thursday	3	For countries affected by the economic downturn
Friday	4	For Keri and the Cedar Tree
Saturday	5	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Sunday	6	For those preparing for baptism or recently baptised and their families
Monday	7	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	8	For good relationships between different faiths
Wednesday	9	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Thursday	10	For the appointment of a new organist at Christ Church
Friday	11	For the homeless
Saturday	12	For those who travel
Sunday	13	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	14	For carers
Tuesday	15	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Wednesday	16	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Thursday	17	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Friday	18	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	19	That we may have grace to love
Sunday	20	For the appointment of a new Bishop of Bath and Wells
Monday	21	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	22	For the local Deanery Synod
Wednesday	23	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church

Thursday	24	For the Fairtrade movement
Friday	25	For those who are unable to keep warm
Saturday	26	For good relationships between the nations
Sunday	27	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	28	For the emergency services
Tuesday	29	For victims of natural disasters
Wednesday	30	We give thanks for beauty in our world
Thursday	31	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church

Long-term Prayer List

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

Kay Clark
 Rachel Sillett
 June Metcalfe
 May Palmer
 Cyril Selmes
 Margaret Warren

Marjorie Nicholson
 Andy Quarren-Evans
 Louise Taylor
 Rowena Hall
 John Piper

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

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 October 2013

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
6 Oct Harvest	Judith Bishop Joel 2:21-27	No reading	Jane Fletcher Matthew 6:25-33
13 Oct Trinity 20	Sylvia Ayers 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	Georgina Bowman 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Rebekah Cunningham Luke 17:11-19
20 Oct Trinity 21	Penny Edwards Genesis 32:22-31	Margaret Burrows 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	Virginia Knight Luke 18:1-8
27 Oct Bible Sunday	Mark Elliott Isaiah 45:22-end	Rosanne Gabe Romans 15:1-6	Rowena Hall Luke 4:16-24
3 Nov All Saints	Morny Davison Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	David Bishop 2 Thessalonians 1	Margaret Heath Luke 6:20-31

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
6 Oct	Janet Mahto, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Canon Angela Townshend
13 Oct	Jane Fletcher, Bob Siderfin	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	TBC
20 Oct	Andrew Sillett	Morny Davison, Margaret Heath	Mark Elliott
27 Oct	Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Andrew Sillett	Penny Edwards
3 Nov	Bev Pont	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Cliff Burrows

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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 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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