



Reflecting on our mission

Some thoughts on the process of discerning who we are

Our church Away Day on Saturday 11 July was not just about listing the gifts we want in our next priest-in-charge (though we did do that). It was a chance to reflect on ourselves, to talk not just about what kind of person we'd like in the job but what kind of church we'd like to be. It wasn't just about defining our ideal priest, but also about discerning what Christ Church is and does.

The thoughts raised on the day and in survey responses are still being collated and digested in preparation for drafting our church profile, which will be sent to those who respond to the job advertisement (which itself is also still to be drafted). Here are just some reflections on the process of "profiling" ourselves, not conclusions.

Our Away Day facilitator, Caroline Bruce, is diocesan Parish Consultancy Officer. This means she's done this kind of thing before, and she emphasised that a church profile ought to be an honest description of "who you are,

what you expect and what you offer". It's "a prayer, not a job description."

We approached the question of "who we are" in multiple ways. We discussed what we saw in our logo, which seems the kind of thing a business might do as part of a team-building (or induction) exercise, but it turned out to work a bit like a Rorschach inkblot test: what you see in an open-ended or ambiguous pattern largely reflects what you have in mind and what most matters to you. We discussed our corporate self-description (at the top of page 16 of the *Link* every month), which was a way to get at what we really value in Christ Church. We had to choose the Gospel reading we felt most appropriate for Christ Church, which made us ask what was our core mission, what part of Jesus' message we feel we are here to live out.

After a splendid lunch, we tried to formulate some aims and attempted to prioritise them. The highest-rated items were diverse: nurturing children and our Junior Church; learning to work nicely and effectively with volunteers; sharing our buildings (Mews as well as church) with the community; and raising the profile of Christ Church.

There were no simple conclusions, but Caroline did end with a number of observations. Among these: first, a healthy church is energised by faith and seeks to find out what God wants; it doesn't try to do too much, but does a few things and does them well. Second, it helps to have a vision, and it's nice if everything you do aligns with this.



A word cloud of the qualities we said we want in our next priest-in-charge.

New Bishop of Taunton named

Archdeacon Ruth Worsley to be our next suffragan bishop

The Venerable Ruth Worsley is to be the next Bishop of Taunton in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. She is currently Archdeacon of Wiltshire in the neighbouring Diocese of Salisbury, a position she has held since January 2013.

Bishop-designate Ruth said, "I am surprised and amused to be chosen as the next Bishop of Taunton as I grew up in a non-conformist church where women held no roles of leadership. I am delighted to be heading to Somerset to join the diocesan team in this wonderful part of the world, moving 'next door' as it were. It will be a privilege to meet and serve everyone who lives and works in the county.

"In a diocese with such a mix of rural and more urban parishes, each I'm sure with its own distinct personality, I'm really keen to experience how our churches and the diocese are meeting those different needs. And how we can engage in the process of transformation, one which changes lives, both our own and others', and then influences the way in which we are 'Church' and brings about a renewed sense of community."

Ruth was born in Hampton, Middlesex, in 1962 and grew up under the flight path of Heathrow airport in Ashford and Staines. She attended the University of Manchester and St John's College, Nottingham.

After her ordination in 1996, she served for 14 years as a parish priest in Nottingham

in one of the poorest areas in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. During this time she served as an Area Dean and was made Dean of Women's Ministry for the diocese in 2007. In 2010 she became Parish Development Adviser in the Diocese of Southwark, based in Bermondsey. At the start of 2013 she swapped inner-city life for Wiltshire.

Bishop-designate Ruth will be consecrated as a Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in London this autumn. She will then be officially installed as Bishop of Taunton in Wells Cathedral later this year. She will live in Wells and work from the Bishops' Office at the Bishop's Palace in Wells, assisting Bishop Peter Hancock.

Ruth is married to Howard, Vice-Principal at Trinity College, Bristol. They have three adult sons.

Ruth Worsley will become the fifth woman bishop in the Church of England. The first, Libby Lane, was consecrated Bishop of Stockport on 26 January, and Alison White became Bishop of Hull on 3 July. The first woman diocesan bishop, and the first to sit in the House of Lords, is Rachel Treweek, who became Bishop of Gloucester on Wednesday 22 July 2015. At the same ceremony, Archbishop Justin Welby consecrated Dame Sarah Mullally, formerly Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral, as Bishop of Crediton.



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The Archbishop of Canterbury consecrates Bishops Rachel Treweek and Sarah Mullally.

Talking point

Empty pews? Not a problem...

Declining numbers at services should not necessarily be a cause of despair for churches because people will still “encounter God” without ever taking their place in a pew, the new Bishop of Crediton has insisted.

Speaking to *The Telegraph* in early June after she was nominated as Bishop, Dame Sarah Mullally, the former NHS Chief Nurse for England, said clerics must recognise that young people are as likely to hear the Christian message through social media sites such as Facebook or in cafés as in a church.

Survey and census data shows that membership of the Church of England in particular has declined over the last decade. The proportion of the UK adult population classing themselves as Roman Catholic has remained essentially stable at around 8% over the last 30 years. Those classed as “other” Christian – which includes Methodists, Presbyterians and others – is also steady at about 17%. Yet the proportion of British adults who describe themselves as Anglican fell from 40% in 1983 to 17% in 2014.

The then Bishop-designate agreed that while the Church should be concerned about this decline, it must view it as part of a wider social shift in which organisations of all types are seeing declines in formal membership.

“We have seen a change generally in society,” she said. “Membership of anything, whether it’s a club, a political party or the Church, has changed. There are people who engage with the Church, with God, but may not be regular attenders.

“I think the Church does need to take seriously the change in the Church’s membership,” she added, “but part of that is also to recognise that there are really good examples where the church engages with individuals that isn’t around the pews.

“It may be through church or youth groups or it could be social media or a café run as a community project, and that is what we need,” she said.

The *Telegraph* story, with links to details of declining numbers: <http://bit.ly/empty-pews>

Coming events

Wells Summer Organ Festival Recital

What is it? The final recital of the 2015 Summer Organ Festival is given by Jonathan Vaughn, Assistant Organist at Wells Cathedral. The programme includes Sibelius’ *Finlandia*, Franck’s *Prelude, Fugue and Variation*, Hindemith *Sonata no 1*, Ives *Variations on America*, and Buck *Variations on the Star Spangled Banner*
When is it? Wednesday 5 August, 7:30pm
Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US
Tickets £10 (including a post-concert drink), from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and at the door
wells cathedral.org.uk

Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis

What is it? Pick apples and enjoy an afternoon in Janet Mahto’s garden in aid of Genesis Trust
When is it? Sunday 13 September 2015
Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

Early music Wells: Unaccompanied Bach by candlelight

What is it? Following a stellar performance in the Early Music Wells 2013 Season, prize-winning baroque violinist Colin Scobie returns to play more music by JS Bach for unaccompanied solo violin, in the beautiful candlelit Quire of the Cathedral, on the anniversary of the composer’s birth
When is it? Saturday 26 September, 7pm
Where? Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US
Tickets £12 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and at the door
wells cathedral.org.uk

LMG Away Weekend 2016

What is it? An opportunity to take time out and build closer links with our Local Ministry Group friends from St Stephen’s, Lansdown, and St Mary’s, Charlcombe
When is it? Friday 23 to Sunday 25 September 2016 (i.e., next year) – date changed to avoid clashing with Glastonbury!
Where? Lee Abbey on Exmoor. For details of the venue, visit <http://leeabbey.org.uk/devon/>
More details and sign-up coming in September 2015 (i.e., this year!)

Fire at St Mary's

Shortly before 4pm on Thursday 23 July, a fire broke out in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, just down the road in Julian Road. It was quickly brought under control, though at its height, according to local media reports, eight fire crews with around 40 firefighters were involved.

Although the fire did not spread far, there is a lot of smoke damage and the building will be unusable for some months.

We have been in touch to offer any help and support we can give, including the use of Christ Church if needed, but for the time being St Mary's have decided to hold their services in their Parish Centre (behind the church, accessible via the car park off Burlington Street).

"Painting parties" have been held to spruce up the Parish Centre, and these will continue on Thursday 6 August, Friday 7th, and possibly Saturday 8th, from about 10:45am to 12:45 or so. Anyone who wants to lend a hand will be very welcome; tea, coffee and cake are provided. If you're making a special trip, it would be worth checking with the St Mary's Parish Office (01225 311725) before setting off.

The fire seems to have broken out in a confessional at the side of the church (on the south or Julian Road side). The cause has not been disclosed, although local media have reported that a 47-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of arson.

Please include our fellow Christian neighbours in your prayers.



*A remarkable shot of the fire at St Mary's.
Photo: Sam Cox, www.nowbath.co.uk*

Pastoral care

There are times in everyone's life when there is need for help and support from friends and neighbours. At Christ Church, we have a team of people able to help at times like this. This might include social, home and hospital visits, practical help and spiritual care (prayer, home communion and confidential listening).

If you or someone you know would like a visit, a pastoral talk or Holy Communion at home or in hospital, or if you are aware that someone at church hasn't been with us for a bit and might need following up, please contact either of the following:

- Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown (01225 835404, simontb@christchurchbath.org) or
- Keri Chivers (01225 421265, keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org).

Alternatively, there is a box at the back of the church (usually on top of the bookcase) in which you can tell us – anonymously if you wish – about anyone who may need support.

Join the mailing list

There's a lot going on at Christ Church these days, and you might be wondering how you'll keep up if, for example, you're planning to be away from Bath at some point over the summer. Christ Church has a e-mail mailing list, which we use to keep our friends up-to-date with our latest news. If you'd like to be included on the mailing list, then please e-mail matthew.jones@christchurchbath.org

Sounding off about bells

Now that bell-ringing is established again at Christ Church, we need to record comments a little more formally. If you receive any comments – positive or negative – please pass them on to Andrew Sillett or one of the churchwardens. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing – or just curious to see how it's done – the ringers would welcome visits to the ringing chamber between 9:30 and 10am on Sunday mornings.

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia Ayers writes:

Thanks to the success of the "Charity of the Month" programme, this year our MU Big Wheels Appeal has received £80 from the Christ Church congregation. Owing to the reduced numbers attending the services during the Interregnum, we were not expecting as large an amount as in previous years, so we are really thrilled at your generous response to our appeal, and we do thank you all very much. As detailed in the June issue of *Christ Church Link*, the money raised for will go to pay the transport costs of our African Community Development Co-Ordinators and also to help distressed individuals both in Africa and the UK to turn their lives around.

Our next MU project will be our annual request for items for the Bath Women's Refuge. Details of this will be in the October magazine, but we know we can rely on your support. We will also shortly be offering our usual Christmas goodies, so please feel free to see me if you would like to purchase any items.

As mentioned last time, Margaret and I are still appealing for someone else to take over our leadership in order that all Angela Townshend's hard work for us will not be wasted. I am happy to remain as your Treasurer, but as I cannot undertake much more than this at present. Perhaps one of the ladies who recently joined the Christ Church Branch will feel drawn to take on the organisation of our group. We still want our Branch to grow, but hopefully with a new, younger leader. *We really do need your help!*

Let your light shine

One of the priorities identified at our Away Day was valuing our volunteers. Much of what we do – and not just during an interregnum! – relies on people giving their time and abilities. So if you've been thinking you have talents that could be put to use, yes please! These are the areas of particular need at the moment, but it's not an exhaustive list, so please feel free to offer whatever you wish.

■ **Publicity co-ordinator**

This involves ensuring that our services and events are publicised as appropriate – posters, postcards, newspaper articles, etc. Perhaps you have some new ideas about how we can promote ourselves? See page 6 for more.

■ **Flower rota**

Could you help with flower arrangements to adorn the church and enhance our worship? There's now a fund towards the cost of the flowers. If you're interested in helping from time to time, please speak to Angela Soboslay.

■ **Junior Church**

Can you help lead Junior Church activities? Material is provided, so you're not required to think of ideas from scratch! Please speak to Sarah Cade, Sarah Jones or Emma Elliott.

■ **Coffee rota**

Socialising after our Sunday service is a vital part of community. If you can help in serving coffee or washing and tidying away afterwards, please sign the list on the kitchen door..



Christ Church publicity co-ordinator wanted

Matthew and Sarah Jones have decided that it is time to hand over the role of publicity co-ordinators to someone new.

The role involves making sure that our services and events are advertised using the most appropriate methods – posters, post-cards, stories in the newspaper, etc. Of course the co-ordinator doesn't have to do it all single-handedly; you'll be familiar with the way that a number of volunteers distributed post-cards advertising our Easter services calendar in the local area.

If you're interested in taking on this important role, please talk to Matthew or Sarah. (See page 15 for their contact details.) Matthew is happy to carry on updating the church website.

Last month at Christ Church



Alex and Angela Soboslay were married in Christ Church in July 1990, so have just celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a get-together in the Lower Mews. They're pictured here at the party with their children Jen and Lex, who were both baptised in Christ Church. They send warm thanks to all the Christ Church community for its good wishes and the generous theatre voucher!

This month's charity: Brain Tumour Support

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 9 August, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Brain Tumour Support.

Brain Tumour Support is the only brain tumour charity dedicated to support across the South West and Midlands, and provides specialist, tailored services for anyone affected by any type of brain tumour, for as long as support is needed.

The charity is based in Thornbury, near Bristol, and supports not just patients themselves but also families, carers and loved ones who are dealing day to day with the impact of a brain tumour diagnosis.



In addition to numerous local support groups, the charity offers counselling, home visits, information and guidance. Through a partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support it has been able to build an experienced and specialised team with six Brain Tumour Support Workers operating at a local level across the South West and Midlands.

Brain Tumour Support had its origins in one family's experience of a brain tumour diagnosis, and was founded in 2002 as Hammer Out (named after brain tumour patient Paul Mitchell's beloved football team, West Ham United). Under its new name, the support network today is made up largely of people who have experienced or been part of a similar journey.

The charity is launching its major corporate fundraising drive, The Great BTS Bake-Off, to coincide with the new series of *The Great British Bake-Off*. For details of this and more about the charity, visit the charity's site at www.braintumoursupport.co.uk

In Focus

Synod calls for climate change action

Further coverage from July's General Synod inside

The General Synod pledged that urgent action is needed to tackle climate change, in a wide ranging motion acknowledging that global warming is disproportionately affecting the world's poorest.

The Synod overwhelmingly backed a call for world leaders to seek to limit the global rise in average temperatures to a maximum of 2 C - widely considered to be the threshold above which the impacts of climate change will be the most severe.

The motion on combating climate change, the Paris climate change conference and the mission of the Church, included a pledge to draw attention to an initiative to pray and fast for the success of the Paris talks.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop on the environment, introducing the motion, said: "In the last 150 years we have burned fossil fuels that took one billion years to lay down in the earth. The earth cannot sustain this level of consumption. This is about our 'reading the signs of the times' and 'seeking the common good'.

"The science, economics and politics all point in the same direction.

"Climate change disproportionately affects the poorest. They are most vulnerable to increased storms, rising sea level, changing patterns of rainfall, floods and drought. We live interconnected lives. What is bad for our neighbours is bad for us."

Speaking during the debate, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby called on the Church to look outwards to tackle climate change.

Archbishop Justin said:

"We have unrivalled access to networks around the world. How are we going to use them and look beyond our own boundaries as the Church of England to draw in the resources of the whole Communion? This is a moment not for just looking inwards."

Negotiators from more than 190 nations will gather in Paris in December to discuss a new global agreement on climate change aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions from 2020 when current commitments run out.

During the afternoon session, the Synod also overwhelmingly welcomed the new climate change policy adopted by the Church's investing bodies.

The new policy has already been welcomed from both within and outside the Church. The Bishop of Salisbury called the policy 'exemplary'. Nick Stern, Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change, has praised the investing bodies 'fine and wise leadership'. Christiana Figueres, the Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, has said the policy is 'expressive of investor integrity'.

Read more about the Church's work on the environment at:

www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint

Synod gives final approval for Safeguarding legislation

The General Synod gave final approval to a package of proposals intended to take further the process of making the Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults. Namely, by making the disciplinary processes under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 more effective where safeguarding issues arise and by strengthening the Church's wider legal framework in relation to safeguarding in various ways. The legislation was originally introduced in February 2014 following a consultation launched at Synod in July 2013.

Speaking in the debate, Bishop Paul Butler, lead bishop on safeguarding said:

“We all want every single one of our churches and institutions to be safer places and communities for all people; notably for children and adults at times of risk and harm, whether that be long or short term.” He added that along with facing up to the consequences of the past “our emphasis has to be on prevention” stressing that, along with the new legislation, high quality training, safe recruiting and effective quality assurance needed to be implemented at every level of church life.

Read the full news story at:
bit.ly/safeguardingfinalapproval

Latest developments in Reform and Renewal

The work of the Reform and Renewal agenda for change in the Church was affirmed at General Synod with the passing of measures to simplify clergy terms and conditions.

Building on the work of the Simplification Task Group General Synod formally passed amendments to the Ecclesiastical Terms of Office regulations in response to requests from dioceses across the country.

The passing of the legislation follows consultation by the simplification task group with dioceses on what aspects of “ecclesiastical red tape” got in the way of churches carrying out their mission.

As a result of the vote taken at Synod it will now be open to dioceses and parishes to:

- Create and appoint to a new category of “interim posts” for up to three years
- Extend training posts for curates for up to one year
- Ensure that onerous reporting regulations for Self Supporting ministers are removed if they fall ill.

These measures form the first part of a series of reforms requested by dioceses and which will come to Synod over the next five years as part of the reform and renewal programme.

Read more about Reform and Renewal at:
<https://churchofengland.org/reform-renewal.aspx>

New group to develop sustained increase in vocations

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have appointed the Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, as chair of the new Vocations Working Group - set up as an outcome from the Resourcing Ministerial Education, RME, report. It will provide stimulus and encouragement for the Church of England and its dioceses in seeking to widen and deepen the development of vocations to ministry and leadership.

The Vocations Working Group will take forward the output from the consultation process and debate in synod, to develop a medium term strategy to achieve a sustained increase in vocations as a whole. The membership will be drawn from expertise in the Dioceses and regional representatives will also be appointed to help the flow of ideas and create real momentum across the Church.

Church should reflect reality of multi-cultural society

More needs to be done to promote the full inclusion and representation of minority ethnic Anglicans at every level of the Church of England, including the most senior clergy appointments, the General Synod heard.

Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford introducing a presentation to Synod by the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) said it was “critically important” that the leadership of the Church of England at every level reflects the reality of a multi-cultural society.

“Quite simply, the leadership and ministry of the Church of England no longer looks like or adequately reflects the diversity and creativity of the communities it serves. This should be a huge concern and directly affects our credibility as a national Church and our mission,” he said.

“Until we look like the community we serve, not only are we denying ourselves of talent and insight, we are making the work of evangelism and service so much harder. That is why this work of inclusion and representation is unfinished business.”

Elsewhere at Synod

Final votes to approve Alternative Baptism Texts and amended regulations for Holy Communion sat alongside presentations, addresses from the Archbishop of York and Archbishop of Uppsala, Antje Jackelen and other business in the final meeting of the current General Synod.

The Bishop of Sodor and Man, Robert Paterson introduced final approval motions for Alternative Texts for Holy Baptism, which will complement the current service and are designed to make the rite of baptism more accessible; and Administration of Holy Communion Regulations which were both approved for use in churches.

His remarks were made after Synod members watched a video, part of a follow-up to the 2011 report Unfinished Business on inclusion and representation of minority ethnic Anglicans in the Church of England.

Those featuring in the film include Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, Revd Jason Roach, and Sheila Root and Shay Prince, who are both lay members of the Church of England.

Bishop Stephen was joined by Dr Elizabeth Henry, CMEAC national adviser, the Archdeacon of Reigate, Danny Kajumba, Fr Paul Cartwright and Canon Linda Ali in a panel question-and-answer session following the presentation.

The discussion at General Synod followed the publication today of Everyone Counts, a congregational survey carried out in a sample of parishes as part of a long-term commitment to monitoring diversity within the Church.

For more information about the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns, visit:
bit.ly/cmeac

The Synod heard presentations about the work of the National Society and the Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

In a presentation about the work of the National Society, Joy Carter, Vice Chancellor of Winchester University and Nigel Gender, Chief Education Officer for the Church of England Education Office presented proposals for new training and leadership development to support teachers and governors and other groups involved in Church of England schools.

Every speech, debate and presentation from General Synod is available online now on the Church of England's Soundcloud account:
bit.ly/SynodJuly15

Church encouraged to contact MPs over assisted suicide Bill

The Bishop of Carlisle has encouraged congregations in the Church of England to contact their MPs to highlight the risks involved in proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide.

James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, has asked that parishioners either make an appointment to see their MP or write them a letter expressing their concerns about a Private Member's Bill to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday September 11.

The Bill is expected to seek to grant physician assisted suicide for mentally competent, terminally ill adults, who have six months or less to live.

Bishop James, the Church of England's lead bishop on health care, said the proposed legislation, if passed into law, would have a detrimental effect both on individuals and on the nature of society.

He said: "Our concern about this proposed legislation is rooted in our practical care for the most vulnerable in our society. In our commu-

nities and through healthcare chaplaincy, the Church of England cares daily for the elderly, the ill, the dying and their families.

"If this Bill is passed we will have crossed a line that will make the future very uncertain and dangerous for a significant proportion of the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and those living with disabilities.

"This is a key moment for all of us as we decide what sort of society we want to live in and what future we want for our children and grandchildren, one in which all are valued and cared for, or one in which some lives are viewed as not worth living.

"I ask those who are happy to do so, to contact their MPs, either by making an appointment to see them in person at their constituency surgery, or by letter, to make it clear that they oppose this Bill."

To hear a full interview with James Newcome on the Assisted Dying Bill listen at: bit.ly/resistassistedsuicidebill

Acts 435 celebrates five years of financial support

70 representatives from 48 churches and charities met at Bishopthorpe Palace to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the launch of Acts 435, the Archbishop of York's online giving charity.

The Archbishop thanked and encouraged the local churches and charities for their work in helping those living in poverty across the UK. The event included practical workshops to equip the Acts 435 advocates. The Archbishop

also cut an anniversary cake to mark the 5th anniversary.

Acts 435 was launched in July 2010 at General Synod by the Archbishop of York and over 5 years has helped over 5,000 people with specific items they needed such as a cooker, clothes and a bed. £500,000 has gone directly to those in need.

To find out more about the charity, visit: www.acts435.org.uk

Pensions Board publishes annual review

The Church of England Pensions Board has published its full Annual Report and Accounts for 2014. The Board provides retirement

services set by the Church of England for those who have served or worked for the Church.

The report and review are available at: www.cepb.org.uk

Christ Church calendar August 2015

Aug 2 Sun *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*
(Choir break – no Choral Evensong today)

6 Thu *The Transfiguration of our Lord*

7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

9 Sun *Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

14 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

15 Sat *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

16 Sun *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

23 Sun *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

28 Fri *Augustine, Bishop of Hippo*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

29 Sat *Beheading of John the Baptist*

30 Sun *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Sep 4 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

6 Sun *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*
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 August 2015

Saturday	1	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
Sunday	2	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	3	For those who work in the transport industry
Tuesday	4	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Wednesday	5	For the elderly
Thursday	6	For our plans for the church building
Friday	7	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Saturday	8	For a good harvest
Sunday	9	For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens
Monday	10	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	11	For Christian unity
Wednesday	12	For those on holiday
Thursday	13	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Friday	14	For the homeless
Saturday	15	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday	16	For our diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	17	For adoptive and foster families
Tuesday	18	For our own personal ministry
Wednesday	19	For local members of the Mothers' Union
Thursday	20	For vocations to the ministry
Friday	21	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Saturday	22	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Sunday	23	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	24	For those who work in financial services

Tuesday	25	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Wednesday	26	For the local Deanery Synod
Thursday	27	For those who live or work in care homes
Friday	28	For countries in conflict
Saturday	29	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
Sunday	30	For our search for a new priest-in-charge
Monday	31	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

Long-term Prayer List

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

Rachel Sillett
 Cyril Selmes
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Ned Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Val Curtis
 Katharine

Nadja Druke
 Denise Erlandsen
 Martin Palmer
 Jo Ann Briton
 David Slater
 Rosemary Bethel

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 August 2015

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 August Trinity 9	Daphne Radenhurst Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	Brenda Wall Ephesians 4:1-16	Lewis Boyd John 6:24-35
9 August Trinity 10	Judith Bishop 1 Kings 19:4-8	Margaret Burrows Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2	Jane Fletcher John 6:35,41-51
16 August Trinity 11	Morny Davison Proverbs 9:1-6	David Bishop Ephesians 5:15-20	Margaret Heath John 6:51-58
23 August Trinity 12	Emma Elliott Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Penny Edwards Ephesians 6:10-20	Rebekah Cunningham John 6:56-69
30 August Trinity 13	Rowena Hall Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9	Mark Elliott James 1:17-27	Malcolm Wall Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23
6 Sept Trinity 14	Alex Soboslay Isaiah 35:4-7a	Janet Mahto James 2:1-10,14-17	Virginia Knight Mark 7:24-37

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
2 August	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
9 August	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Sarah Jones
16 August	Jane Fletcher, Andrew Sillett	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Rebekah Cunningham
23 August	Keri Chivers, Brenda Wall	Andrew Sillett, Morny Davison	Georgina Bowman
30 August	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
6 Sept	Clive Tilling, Jane Fletcher	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Revd Cliff Burrows

Who's who at Christ Church

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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 Sunday of every month, resuming in September
- 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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