



## Of bells and buildings

*Things have been happening at the west end of the church...*

When our bells were refurbished in 2014, measures were taken to reduce their loudness in the immediate area in order to minimise disturbance to our nearest neighbours. Once we started ringing in early 2015, however, it soon became evident that the sound control measures were not quite as effective as hoped. Now, after much investigation and thought, additional soundproofing has been fitted, and early indications are that this has significantly reduced sound levels to the west, where there is housing very close by. If this is verified by further testing, it should mean that ringing will cause less disturbance to our neighbours and in due course may be less restricted than it has been.

In other ringing-related news, Ian Hay Davison has stood down as Tower Captain and our bell-ringers, named in

traditional style “The Society of Christ Church Youths”, have elected Will Willans as Tower Captain. Will remains Ringing Master as well, Ian continues to serve as Tower Secretary, and David Kelly remains Steeple Keeper. Thanks to all three, and to all our ringers, for their continuing commitment to the revival of ringing at Christ Church!

Meanwhile, work on renovating the church entrance and lobby is cracking on. The main west doors have been re-hung to open outwards, and new oak-framed glass doors have been fitted inside, where the wooden doors used to be (although they’ve been temporarily removed again while the walls are being replastered and the floor is being laid). The electrical work is almost done, with the installation of radiators and then decoration to follow. More on page 3.



Looking north in the bell chamber, you can see the blockwork closing up what were open louvres on all four sides. This was designed to stop the bells “shouting out” loudly in the immediate area.



New soundproofing has been added to the blockwork on the west side to further lower the sound levels experienced by our nearest neighbours. Early signs are that it has cut levels by a huge 10dB!

## Reordering update



We are continuing to try out different configurations at the east end of the church. Last month we tried a variation of the arrangement with a “high altar” against the reredos and the choir seated in a semi-circle around a smaller second altar, this time much smaller. This month the choir are staying in this arrangement but with just one altar, our main altar moved forward again. What’s your opinion? Please share your thoughts with Lore, Mark or one of the Churchwardens – or better still, fill in a form to record your views. And if you have any ideas or suggestions, don’t hesitate to let us know. We need everyone’s input to discern how the east end can best serve our mission.

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## Lent lunches

It has been a tradition for some years to have shared Lent lunches with our neighbours at St Mary’s Roman Catholic church, Julian Road. The idea is to build ecumenical links and raise money for those in need. Donations are made at the end of the simple meal and are split 50/50 between our two churches for their chosen charities. This year the dates are:

- Thursday 16 March, at 12 midday, at Christ Church in the Lower Mews, and
- Thursday 23 March at midday in St Mary’s Parish Centre (behind the church; entrance via the car park off Burlington Street).

## Marking the season

### **Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Lent pile up on each other, all crammed into the coldest six months of the year. Then after Easter we enter Ordinary Time and the Sundays after Trinity stretch ahead towards eternity.

It’s no coincidence that Easter occurs in the Spring. The Pilgrim Group has just finished studying Mark’s Gospel and the author makes it quite clear that our Lord turns toward Jerusalem knowing that he will die in the city – and arrives in time for the great Passover feast. It’s probably no coincidence that most great religious festivals occur in the winter. Summer is a busy time for agrarian peoples and the old pagan feasts at solstice and equinox, which Christianity appropriated, took place in the colder months when workers could be spared for religious duties.

So, at Candlemas we made a conscious turn away from Christmas to look towards the events of Passion week. Our Lent theme, “God with us”, looks both back to the incarnation and forward to the cross. We will reflect on how God, with us as a newborn baby, is still with us as, grown to a man, our Lord lives through the events of Holy Week, is still with us as He dies an agonising and humiliating death, and is still with us today.

Rowan Williams has recently written a short, profound book, *God With Us: Understanding the Cross*. You will be relieved to hear that this is one of his more straightforward books. We have ten copies and will be studying it in our Lent Group, a chapter at a time, starting with chapter one on Thursday 2 March. The group will meet in the Lower Mews at 12:30 for an hour every Thursday in Lent (except 16 March, when there will be a joint Lent Lunch with St Mary’s Roman Catholic church instead).

Do think about joining us. Books are available in church now.

# Pilgrim Spirituality Programme update

This term, having completed its study of Mark's Gospel, the Thursday evening Pilgrim Group will be reflecting on spirituality – our own and other people's. At each meeting an invited speaker will introduce us to the central theme. After a 30 or 40 minute talk there will be questions and open discussion. This is the programme, which is slightly revised and starts a week later than previously advertised but otherwise on the same dates:

- Thursday 23 March: Revd Canon Melvyn Matthews, "Spirituality and Mysticism". Canon Matthews was Chancellor of Wells Cathedral and has written widely on mysticism. Many at Christ Church will remember him and his wife June as members of our congregation.
- Thursday 6 April: Revd Canon Robert Reiss, "Spirituality and the sceptical Christian". Canon Reiss is Canon Emeritus of Westminster Abbey and author of *The Sceptical Christian*.
- Thursday 20 April: Revd Lore, "Spirituality of the Desert Fathers".
- Thursday 5 May: Revd Canon Mark Oakley, "Spirituality and Poetry – the Splash of Words". Canon Oakley is Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and visiting lecturer in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Kings College, London.
- Thursday 18 May: Revd Isobel Rathbone, "Going back to our roots – Saxon spirituality". Revd Isobel is Priest in Charge of Batheaston with St Catherine and has a research interest in Saxon spirituality.
- Thursday 1 June: Revd David Gatcliffe, "The Spirituality of Icons".
- Thursday 15 June: "Pilgrimages and Spirituality".

All meetings will take place in the Lower Mews and will start at 7:30pm.

We hope also to be able to offer evenings on "Spirituality and Contemplative Prayer" and "Celtic Spirituality" later in the summer.

## Last month in Christ Church



*The extended Christ Church family continues to grow: Ali Nourse became a grandmother – again! – when her second daughter Abi gave birth to a daughter, Flora Alison Bridges, at around 1:08am on 22 February, weighing 7lbs 1oz. Congratulations to Abi, her husband Jonny, and all concerned!*



*No, it's not the Tardis, but it has vanished... The old wooden inner porch has been removed as part of the entrance lobby refurbishment, which is on track for completion at the end of March.*



## REFORMATION 500 ~ 1517 - 2017

Wells Cathedral is holding a series of talks to mark 500 years since Martin Luther sparked the Reformation. It begins at Evensong on Sunday 5 March with Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Bristol, preaching on “The pre-Reformation imagination – what was it like to worship, believe and pray before the Reformation?” Then, at 4:15pm, he will deliver a talk on Luther’s achievement as a reformer, including a reading from Luther’s translation of the Bible, music of the period and refreshments.

The series continues on the other Sundays in Lent with addresses at Evensong by visiting speakers. All these events are free and there is no need to book. For more details, visit [www.wellscathedral.org.uk](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk) or see the notice at the back of the church.

## LMG Lent services

Our Local Ministry Group churches are holding a series of midweek Communion services for Lent on Wednesdays:

- 8 March, 11am at Christ Church.
- 15 March, 11am at St Mary’s, Charlcombe.
- 22 March, 11am at St Stephen’s, Lansdown.
- 29 March, 11am at Christ Church.
- 5 April, 11am at St Mary’s, Charlcombe.

### Sundays in our LMG churches

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

### Morning Prayer

- Mondays 8:45am St Stephen’s
- Fridays 9:15am Charlcombe St Mary’s
- Saturdays 9:30am St Stephen’s

## Coming events

### Reformation Tours

*What is it?* Wells Cathedral is offering special “Reformation Tours” as part of its celebration of 500 years since Martin Luther launched the Reformation. (No under-16s, and limited access due to stairs.)

*When is it?* Saturday 18 March and 25 March, 11:30am–1pm and again 2–3:30pm

*Where?* Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

*Tickets* £10 per tour. Limited spaces available, so please book at [www.wellscathedral.org.uk](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk)

### Bath Community Big Band

*What is it?* The Big Band (featuring our own Hazel and Matthew) are performing a gig in aid of Bath Foodbank. They will play a range of music spanning the last 100 years and there will be a bar in the interval.

*When is it?* Wednesday 22 March, 7:30pm

*Where?* St. Luke’s Church, Wells (Hatfield Road, Bath BA2 2BD)

*Tickets* £6 (concessions £5), available on the door or from Matthew Jones in advance

### Mothers’ Day retreat

*What is it?* Children and young adults bring their mums along and whilst the mums chill out and get pampered, the young people prepare a meal (with a little bit of adult supervision!) to all eat together. For information visit <http://bit.ly/claremont-methodist>

*When is it?* Saturday 25 March, 12–2pm

*Where?* Claremont Methodist Centre, Eastbourne Avenue, Bath BA1 6EN

### The Journey of Meditation

*What is it?* “The Journey of Meditation: Breaking Through from Illusion to Reality”, led by Kim Nataraja. Explore how meditation helps to change relationship with our conditioned thoughts and grow into the freedom of our true Self in Christ.

*When is it?* Saturday 22 April, 10:30am, registration from 10am

*Where?* Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE

*Suggested donation* £12. Phone 01458 832704 or e-mail [john.wilcott@gmail.com](mailto:john.wilcott@gmail.com)

# Bishop's Message for March

*An appeal to welcome the stranger in need*



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

As I write this, in the past week we have been hearing of President Trump's travel ban, which includes the prevention of refugees from entering the US. US lawyers have suspended the ban and a fight is ensuing, on Twitter and in the courts. Archbishop Sentamu, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Durham, have been among those who have publicly spoken out and reminded us of the Christian charge to welcome the stranger in need.

Bishop Peter and I have made a very specific Bishops' Lent Appeal this year to support the work of welcome to refugees. To support this appeal, every day of Lent there is a story on the diocesan website of someone working for the common good. Amongst them are some specific stories of refugees and those who work to support them. We hope you will take the opportunity to read them and reflect on how they

open up Scripture for us through an example of "living the story". And in response, we ask you to consider giving something towards the work we are doing in the diocese and beyond to support such work.

Perhaps you are holding a Lent lunch or taking a special, additional offering each week in your church. Would you consider giving this to the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Refugees? Half of what is collected across the diocese will go to the work here in Somerset, and half will go to encourage the work of a church community in Greece supporting them in providing food and shelter for those in immediate need.

I have been very encouraged to hear of the stories of those who have found practical support and a warm welcome from the people of Somerset in the midst of despair, anxiety and fear. It has been a real joy to see folk gathering together to offer whatever they can by way of befriending, language support, homes to those in need. One primary school has even seen the children collecting money to buy bicycles for two Syrian children. Such generosity!

We've now welcomed four families to Taunton, with more on the way. In Yeovil and Bath there are young people and families being supported through the government resettlement scheme. And in Nailsea and Taunton, community sponsorship hopes to welcome others. Our diocese has played its part and provided £5,000 this past year for training and interpretive support, amongst other things. We are committed to doing more this year and would welcome whatever help you can offer.

**+Ruth Taunton**

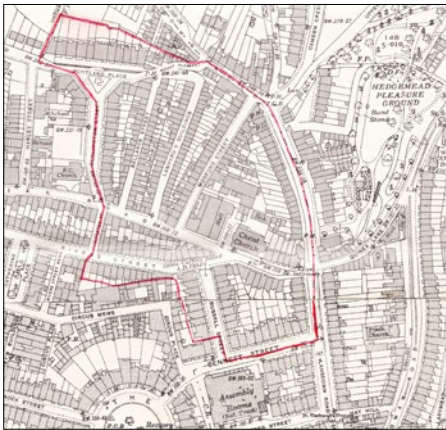


# Historical mystery solved

Why did Christ Church never become a parish? It came close, at least at one point in the 20th century, but it's always been a puzzle why this didn't work out. Archive material has been uncovered which provides the answer.

Christ Church is not a parish church but a proprietary chapel, owned by Trustees and not the Church of England. It's a legal anomaly, under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Bath and Wells but outside the parish structure on which the Church of England is organised. This is because, although it stands within the parish of Walcot, it was built to serve the then fast growing poorer population of Bath.

Over the 19th century, as Bath's population continued to grow, several daughter churches were built in Walcot, which was believed to be one of the largest parishes in the country,



*The official map of the Conventional District allocated to Christ Church by the Bishop in 1947.*

and subsequently carved off into separate parishes: St Saviour's (consecrated 1832, made a parish 1839); Holy Trinity (parish 1840); St Stephen's (opened 1845, parish 1880). Kensington Chapel in London Road was built as a chapel-of-ease for Walcot in 1795; so was the vast St Andrew's on Julian Road in 1873.

After St Andrew's was destroyed in the Bath Blitz of 25-26 April 1942, it occurred to the diocesan authorities that rebuilding it made less sense than making Christ Church (apparently undamaged in the blitz) the parish church of a new "West Walcot" parish. In anticipation of this, in 1947, Christ Church was formally allocated a "Conventional District" – a geographical area of responsibility, granted by the Bishop of Bath and Wells with the agreement of the Rector of Walcot. This was a common preliminary step, and our records of the time make frequent mention of the expectation that Christ Church would be a parish within a couple of years at most.

Until now, it hasn't been clear why this did not come to pass. Hidden away in the Christ Church Council minutes for 28 January 1954, a small note records the truth: figures from the 1951 census revealed to the diocesan authorities that Walcot parish, which they had believed included some 15,000 inhabitants, actually had only 9,000 people living within its boundaries – too small a population to divide into two viable parishes.

Was the number so much lower because so many people in the area had died during the war, or had the estimate simply been wrong? We don't know. So one mystery is solved, but many more questions remain...

## Road closures for Bath Half Marathon



Watch out when travelling to church on Sunday 12 March – it's the day of the Bath Half Marathon. Roads along the route (in red on the map) will be closed from 9:45am to 3:30pm (and parking on those roads will be suspended from 6am to 3:30pm). Traffic is likely to be heavier than usual on the diversion routes (in purple), which include Julian Road, so you might wish to allow extra time to get to and from Christ Church.

## Archbishop calls for reimagination of Britain

**In the Presidential** speech at the February General Synod, the Archbishop of Canterbury has argued that the current political and social climate is an opportunity for re-imagining the nation's practices, values, aspirations and global role. The Archbishop said "this could be a time of liberation, of seizing and defining the future, or it could be one in which the present problems seize our national future and define us."

The Archbishop went on to argue that the Church of England can be a part of the answer: "we have a voice and a contribution and a capacity and a reach and above all a Lord who is faithful when we fail and faithful when we flourish."

"We have the skills, the strength, the heritage, most of all the Christ sent vocation, what are we going to do as Britain is reimagined? How are we going to contribute to the national future?"

"There is before the churches of this land, over the next many years, an

extraordinary opportunity to be part of reimagining a new Britain, its practices, values, aspirations and global role. To do so we must ourselves be cross shaped, Jesus following, confident in faith and humble in service, above all outward looking."

The Archbishop went on to draw on the narrative of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness in Luke 4:1-2 to warn against the temptation to self-indulgence, power, and grand gestures. Instead the Archbishop argued: "We are called to be the people of the cross ... seeing and loving the world around as Christ does, so that in this time of a choice between national hope and opportunity or threat and fear we may play the part to which we are called in reimagining our country and seizing the best future that lies before us."

You can read the Archbishop's full speech here: <http://bit.ly/reimaginebritain>

# Culture change for seven days a week faith welcomed by General Synod

**The Church of England** is to undergo a major "culture shift" to mobilise lay members to spread the gospel in their everyday lives. General Synod has given its support to the report, "Setting God's People Free", which calls for Christians to be equipped to live out their faith in every sphere - from the factory or office, to the gym or shop - to help increase numbers of Christians and their influence in all areas of life.

The paper is a key element of Renewal and Reform, an initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, to help grow the Church. It asks a key question of how to empower around 1 million Christians who are not ordained to live out their faith in all aspects of life Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday.

Introducing the report, Canon Mark Russell, CEO of Church Army, said: "We want to help Christians be even better influencers for the gospel in their everyday lives. We see this report as marking the start of a vital journey."

Setting God's People Free calls for a shift in culture, looks beyond the institutional Church, seeks to affirm and enable the complementary roles of clergy and of lay people, and proposes steps to nourish, illuminate and connect what is working already in parishes.

Calling on the Church to be more confident of the difference it makes to the good of the nation, Canon Russell said: "There are a million people out there, in every village, every town and every city. People working in every profession, young and old, in rural areas and inner cities, and they give over 23 million hours of voluntary service."

The report follows research that shows lay people lack confidence in applying their faith into their Monday to Saturday lives. An implementation plan will be rolled out to introduce new "learning communities" in pilot dioceses. A bid will be made this year for financial support from the Church Commissioners which through the Archbishops' Council which is resourcing key elements of Renewal and Reform. This will be used to resource the changes called for in the report.

The debate heard from a wide range of speakers from Newcastle to Winchester, Essex to Bath and Wells and included people working in diverse contexts from the Armed Forces to the NHS as well as parish priests, Archdeacons, Bishops and the Archbishop of York.

For more information and access to the full report: <http://bit.ly/layculture>

## House of Bishops' Report on sexuality

**The General Synod** has voted not to "take note" of a Report by the House of Bishops following a debate on the report earlier on Marriage and Same Sex Relationships.

A take note debate is a neutral motion which allows Synod to discuss the

content and recommendations contained in a report without committing the Synod to the formal acceptance of any matter.

Responding to the vote, the Rt Revd Graham James, the Bishop of Norwich said: "I can guarantee that the House of Bishops will consider carefully (cont'd)



and prayerfully all the contributions made in the debate today...We have listened to those who have spoken, and those others who have made contributions to us directly. Our ongoing discussions will be informed by what members of Synod and the wider church have said as a result of this report."

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written setting out the way forward for the next few months. Setting the tone, the Archbishops write: "How we deal with the real and profound disagreement - put so passionately and so clearly by many at the debate - is the challenge we face as people who all belong to Christ. To deal with that disagreement and to find ways forward, we need a radical new Christian inclusion in the Church ... The way forward needs to be about love, joy and celebration of

our common humanity; of our creation in the image of God, of our belonging to Christ - all of us, without exception, without exclusion."

The Archbishops have set out a number of initiatives: for every Diocesan Bishop to meet with their General Synod members to gauge their desires for the way forward; for a new Pastoral Oversight group led by the Bishop of Newcastle to discern the development of pastoral practices; for a new teaching document from the House of Bishops around the subject of human sexuality. They will also be suggesting a debate at Synod in general terms on the topics of marriage and human sexuality.

For more information on the vote:

<http://bit.ly/reportvote>

You can read the Archbishops' letter here: <http://bit.ly/archbishopsletter>

## Fixed Odds Betting Terminals: Synod calls on Government to lower maximum stake

**Synod called on** the Government to reduce the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) to £2 in a debate where members heard of the "huge suffering" caused by the machines.

Members unanimously backed calls for the Government as a 'matter of urgency' to bring forward proposals to lower the maximum stake on FOBTs for a single game from £100 to £2, in an amended motion brought by London Diocesan Synod.

The motion spoke of 'widespread public concern' over the large amounts being wagered on FOBTs in high street betting shops and the 'destructive' impact of the machines on the lives of families and whole communities.

Members also called on the Government to bring forward proposals to amend existing legislation to grant local authorities the power to make provision about the number and location of FOBTs in order to reduce the (cont'd)

risk of harm to vulnerable people.

London Diocese member Clive Scowen, introducing the motion at the General Synod, said there was evidence that the ability to lose £100 'a spin' ruins lives - and that the presence of FOBTs on the high street was contributing to a 'spiral' of poverty in some of the poorest areas of the country.

The Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Revd Alan Smith, welcomed a Government

review already under way into the maximum stakes for FOBTs.

Of FOBTs, he said: "They pose a very serious danger to people living at risk of gambling related harm. Not only do they take advantage of those struggling with gambling addiction but they take huge amounts of money from the pockets of some very vulnerable people."

For more information:

<http://bit.ly/lowerbetting>

## General Synod hails reconciliation as Christians mark 500th anniversary of the Reformation

**The General Synod** has welcomed signs of "convergence" between churches on key doctrinal differences which divided Christians for centuries in the wake of the Reformation.

Members of the Synod, meeting in London, backed a motion supporting further reconciliation between Roman Catholic and reformed churches as Christians around the world commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation and celebrating the "rich spiritual blessings" the Reformation brought to the Church of England.

Moving the motion, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth, Chair of the Faith and Order Commission, said: "The 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which began with Luther's courageous insistence that salvation is not for sale, invites every

Christian to join with the whole church to be renewed in the grace of God and share the astounding news of God reaching out to the world, running to meet us in Christ and embracing us into his life by the Spirit with an infinity of love that lifts us into the full stature of our humanity and raises us into the joyful responsibility of being human."

He went on to say that the Church of England "has a particular responsibility for ensuring that the commemoration of the Reformation Anniversary this year can be an occasion of healing and for growth in unity between the churches in this country."

In a joint statement earlier this year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, spoke of the need to "repent of our part in perpetuating divisions".

For more information:

<http://bit.ly/500reformation>

# Christ Church calendar March 2017

<b>Mar</b>	1	Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday / David, Patron of Wales</i> 7pm Holy Communion with Ashing
	2	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee, then Lent Group meeting
	3	Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>5</b>	Sun	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>
	8	Wed	Local Ministry Group Lenten Eucharist, 11am
	9	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee, then Lent Group meeting Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
	10	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>12</b>	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Bath Half Marathon – watch for diversions and road closures First anniversary of Lore's installation as our Priest-in-Charge
	16	Thu	Lent Lunch with St Mary's RC church, noon, at Christ Church
	17	Fri	<i>Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>19</b>	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	20	Mon	<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>
	21	Tue	Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	23	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Lent Lunch with St Mary's RC church, noon, at St Mary's Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	24	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	25	Sat	<i>The Annunciation</i> Service, 7pm
	<b>26</b>	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</i>
	29	Wed	Local Ministry Group Lenten Eucharist, 11am
	30	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee, then Lent Group meeting
	31	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
<b>Apr</b>	<b>2</b>	Sun	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>

# Prayer Cycle for March 2017

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	That we may have a spirit of penitence
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>	For the elderly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3</b>	For victims of natural disasters
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	For good relationships among the nations
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	For those at school
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>	For our Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	For those finding it hard to earn a living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	For Julian House
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>	For those who work in financial services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	For the lonely and depressed
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	For all who produce publicity for Christ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</b>	That we may show mercy and compassion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	For countries experiencing civil unrest
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	For the local Deanery Synod
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>	For the Queen and all heads of state
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	For those who work in dangerous conditions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	That we may be good stewards of creation

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those who use and run food banks
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	For Mark, Keith and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28</b>	For our compassion fund
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b>	For good relationships between different faiths
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31</b>	For victims of violence

## Long-term Prayer List

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

John, Cliff and Margaret Burrows  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Ned and Angela Townshend  
 Joyce Fairburn  
 Martin Palmer  
 Katharine  
 David Slater  
 David Lavis

Jason Batup  
 Don Sparks  
 Keith Warren and Jean  
 Tabitha and Fonella Coles  
 Hilary Hunter  
 Steve Faulkner  
 Pamela and John Gosling

***Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.***

### *Christ Church Link*

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# Rotas for March 2017

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>5 March</b> Lent 1	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> Romans 5:12-19	<b>Margaret Heath</b> Matthew 4:1-11
<b>12 March</b> Lent 2	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Genesis 12:1-4a	<b>Richard Gabe</b> Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	<b>Charles Rice</b> John 3:1-17
<b>19 March</b> Lent 3	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> Exodus 17:1-7	<b>Clive Tilling</b> Romans 5:1-11	<b>Judith Anderson</b> John 4:5-42
<b>26 March</b> Mothering Sunday	<b>Jonathan Stead</b> Exodus 2:1-10	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	<b>Penny Edwards</b> John 19:25b-27
<b>2 April</b> Lent 5	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Ezekiel 37:1-14	<b>Judith Bishop</b> Romans 8:6-11	<b>Mark Elliott</b> John 11:1-45

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Chalice assistants</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>5 March</b>	Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Rowena Hall	Georgina Bowman
<b>12 Feb</b>	Clive Tilling, David Rawlings	Margaret Heath, Morny Davison	Mark Elliott
<b>19 Feb</b>	Jane Fletcher, Keri Chivers	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards
<b>26 Feb</b>	David Rawlings, Brenda Wall	Janet Mahto, Margaret Silver	Rebekah Cunningham
<b>5 March</b>	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Rowena Hall, Morny Davison	Sarah Jones

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

## Regular Sunday services

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

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



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