



Reformation to reconciliation

Closer together on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

On the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, during a service at Westminster Abbey, the Archbishop of Canterbury affirmed the support of the Church of England for a statement of reconciliation between the Catholic and Protestant churches, resolving a core theological dispute behind the Reformation.

The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification was signed in 1999 by the Roman Catholic Church, Lutheran World Federation, World Methodist Council and World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Speaking ahead of the service, the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth, said: “The Joint Declaration was a historic breakthrough in overcoming the divisions that emerged from the Reformation through a fresh statement of its key

concern, how sinners can be put right with God and empowered to live in a new way. The good news of forgiveness and freedom through Jesus Christ is what unites us as Christians. It’s the word of grace and hope that – together – we want to share with all the world.”

The Anglican Consultative Council welcomed and affirmed the Joint Declaration in 2016, and General Synod this year passed a motion welcoming these “signs of convergence between the churches on the doctrine of salvation.”

The service at Westminster Abbey marked the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation in Europe, Martin Luther’s publishing his 95 theses protesting against the practice of indulgences, on 31 October 1517 in Wittenberg. During the service, the Archbishop presented copies of Synod’s formal resolution to representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation.

The Revd Canon Dr John Gibaut, Director of Unity, Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, said: “In our separate bilateral dialogues with both the Catholic Church and the communion of churches in the Lutheran World Federation, Anglicans have explored the questions of justification, and are agreed on the essential aspects of our salvation in Christ. During the historic 2017 anniversary, Anglicans rejoice in the extraordinary achievement that the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification represents as a sign of healing after 500 years of division.”



*Archbishop Justin Welby presents Synod’s resolution to Catholic and Lutheran representatives.
Photo: Andrew Dunsmore/Westminster Abbey*

Modern Church: Reading through Mark

The South West Group of Modern Church met on Saturday 21 October for a study morning reflecting on the Gospel of Mark and its significance for our times, led by Canon Chris Burdon. Nick Wells reports:

Modern Church? No, I hadn't heard of it either. Turns out it is a charitable society promoting liberal Christian theology in the Church of England, founded in 1898. It defends liberal positions on a wide range of issues including gender, sexuality, interfaith relations, religion and science, and biblical scholarship. In church affairs it supports the role of laity and women ministers. A good thing then!

A local group exists, meeting in Bath three or four times a year. The meeting I attended in October together with others from Christ Church took place in the well-appointed Manvers Street Baptist Church, when Christopher Burdon spoke about "Reading through Mark", followed by an informal lunch in the excellent café. Why Mark? Well, Mark's gospel is the one we will have read out in church each week, next year.

Mr Burdon said a number of thought-provoking things, not least that this gospel is a bit like the TV series *Columbo*, where the viewer is shown at the outset "whodunnit" and the rest of the story follows the detective, or in Mark's case the disciples and other "minor characters", working it out! The

opening words of Mark's gospel are "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." The give-away, then, is right at the beginning, but for much of the gospel Jesus instructs his disciples not to reveal who he is (the so-called messianic secret). So there is an element of mystery and even of riddles.

The impressions I took away were that while on the surface this gospel appears rather hurried and crudely written, when one looks closely it has symbolic and subtle links which structure the narrative, that detailed study really repays the effort, the crucial importance of chapter 8, and that Mark sets out a demanding message of what it means to be a Christian. It is, though, ultimately good news.

I do recommend coming along to the next Modern Church meeting in February. The format was informal, with the speaker taking interruptions for questions and comments, and there was time for us individually to read and share thoughts on that all-important hinge passage (8:27–9:1). Why not take time to read that passage yourself? Better still, read the whole gospel, perhaps out loud with others. Performing Mark's gospel is the best way to grasp its shape and spirit.

Modern Church's day conference on environmental issues is on Saturday 3 February 2018, with Margaret Barker (Temple Theology) and Bishop Nick Holtham (lead bishop on the environment).

Imagining the Divine at the Ashmolean



Why do we think of Jesus with a beard? Or Buddha sat cross-legged? It wasn't always like this. Once, the Buddhist faithful were inspired to worship merely by an impression of the Buddha's footprints. This unprecedented exhibition, at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford until 18 February 2018, showcases some of the world's oldest religious art from India to Ireland, including the first known depiction of Christ north of the Alps. There are exhibition tours, free with the price of admission, Wednesdays 3:30–4:15pm. Tickets at ashmolean.org/imaginingthedivine

Christmas campaign

The Church of England's Digital Communications Team has launched this year's national Christmas campaign, called #GodWithUs.

It follows successful campaigns last Christmas and Lent as part of the Church's digital strategy to reach more people and reach them in new way. It has three elements:

1. Video adverts that tell the story of people's journeys to church at Christmas and what Christmas means to them, which will be released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
2. The revamped "A Church Near You" website – the C of E's national church finder – which will point people to a Christmas service or event taking place in one of the 16,500 Church of England churches. The site receives 13 million page views per year.
3. "Your Christmas Journey", a series of short reflections throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby. The reflections are aimed at people who are new to faith and also intended to help us all grow in our love of God. People can receive the messages as texts or



e-mails or on social media, and Church House Publishing have produced a booklet described as ideal for churches to give to those attending Advent and Christmas services.

There will be a social media campaign to drive attendance and engagement with the above. You can sign up and get your friends and family to join the Your Christmas Journey reflections by texting GodWithUs to 88802.

Farewell to Martin Palmer

As this issue was going to press we heard the sad, if not unexpected, news that Martin Palmer died on Sunday evening, 29 October. (He's pictured here at a choir rehearsal in early 2014.)

Mark Elliott writes: Martin was a stalwart member of the Christ Church congregation, having sung in the choir for over 15 years, and also served as a committed and active Trustee for a number of years until his worsening health forced him to resign at the end of 2016. He was one of life's characters, with a love of music, food, wine and beer, jokes and a general lust for life.

A few years ago it became obvious that the brain tumour, which had plagued him off-and-on for much of the past decade, would get him eventually, but he treated this with his customary humour and directness. He spent much of the last couple of years confined to bed, and he died peacefully, with his family around him.



The whole Christ Church family send condolences to Jo, Jenny and all their family and friends.

After a private cremation, there will be a memorial service at Christ Church at 1pm on Sunday 19 November, followed by refreshments in the Lower Mews.

Martin Luther to Martin Luther King

Margaret Heath writes:

This was the snappy part of the title of a talk up at Kingswood on 25 October given by a leading Methodist theologian of Caribbean slave descent. I thought it of double interest, as we are remembering the 500th anniversary of Luther's (some say alleged) posting of his 95 Theses on the cathedral door, and next year we shall be remembering the arrival of the Windrush in 1948. Both topics have recently come up at Christ Church.

Professor Anthony Reddie explained he was not an academic historian but regarded the effect of the Reformation as a seismic change, transforming the notion of self. For him it had an enormous effect on the liberation of the New World. Protestants did indeed protest, asking critical questions, querying the status quo. The emphasis on reading scriptures for oneself, in one's own language, made slaves realise that Christ was on the side of the underdog and all were equal in the sight of God. Wesley was anti-racist and anti-slavery. The challenging of authority was key in securing human rights.

There were of course some unfortunate consequences of the reformation, such as extreme Dutch Calvinism and President Trump. There was also the good effect on the Roman Catholic Church, putting its own house in order with the Counter-Reformation.

In spite of extensive publicity by Somerset Churches Together there were only about 30 there, with one non-white face in addition to our speaker's. However the handful included the Roman Catholic Bishop Declan of Clifton and, I am told, our Bishop Peter from Wells, as well as the Chaplain of the school and two of my Batheaston friends. There was a long question and answer session, which, alas, I found rather difficult to hear. "Ongoing Reformation – Relevance for Today" was the earlier part of the title. I was very glad I had gone but now need to get down to Duffy and Peter Marshall to get academic revisionism clearer in my mind.

Spotlight on tackling modern-day slavery

The Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury have given their backing to the launch in October of a project aimed at mobilising the Church of England's 12,000 parishes in the battle to eradicate modern slavery. The Clewer Initiative is a three-year programme to help the Church of England's 42 dioceses work to support victims of modern-day slavery and identify the signs of exploitation in their local communities.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells is one of ten dioceses already signed up to the Clewer Initiative and launched its own local campaign at Wells Cathedral on 18 October. Find out more about this at <http://bit.ly/2zhaMet>

On Wednesday 15 November, 2-4pm, the second of the two events on the theme of "Modern Slavery, a Curse in our Age" will be held at Wells Cathedral. A variety of speakers will provide opportunities to discuss the challenges of modern-day slavery at a local level. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. For details visit wells cathedral.org.uk

Coming events

Interfaith Week 2017

What is it? A week to celebrate all we do with those of other faiths throughout the year. See general information and details of events at www.interfaithweek.org

When is it? Sunday 12 – Sunday 19 November

Free Lunchtime Barbershop Concert

What is it? The B Flat Barbers return following their successful concert last year, with a programme of barbershop standards, sea shanties, folk and Gospel numbers.

When is it? Friday 17 November, 1pm

Where? St Mary's RC Church, Julian Road

Admission free, with a retiring collection for the Post Fire Restoration Fund.

Bishop's Message for November

Going to church is good for you – research proves it!



**From the Rt Revd Peter Hancock,
Bishop of Bath and Wells**

A recent article, “How to live to 100-plus,” caught my eye. It basically crunched the numbers and listed 12 things which researchers believe contribute to a longer life. Some of it comes down to genes, but lifestyle is thought to be the biggest factor in longevity. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently reported that Britain now has 15,000 centenarians – twice as many as in 2002 – making this the fastest growing age group. The ONS attributes this largely to improvements in nutrition, lifestyle and living standards.

So what are these factors that influence life expectancy? One is being a woman and another is being Japanese, who have the longest life expectancy of anyone in the world. Family and friends are also very important. In a study from

California those with a close family and good friends live longer. “Getting down with the kids” – whether those are children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, or the children of our neighbours and friends – is a good thing to do. Marriage is also known to be beneficial to good health. Diet is obviously important, and although advice on diet seems to change every time the wind changes direction, there is general consensus that dark chocolate, leafy greens, strawberries, chillies and small amounts of wine are good for us. Exercise is obviously important too, as Fauja Singh, now 106, said just after he completed running his latest marathon.

However, among the list of factors that can lead to longer life was “Going to church”. Until her death last year, 116-year-old Susannah Mushatt Jones was the world’s oldest person. When asked for advice as to how to live a long life, she said “Believe in the Lord”. A recent study by a Public Health School at Harvard supported this. It concluded that those who go to church more than once a week are less likely to die of heart attack or cancer. Staying for coffee afterwards is also likely to be beneficial. Age UK has demonstrated that social contact promotes well-being and helps stave off loneliness in later life.

In the gospels we hear Jesus saying: “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” Life in all its fullness is not however simply about how long we live, but how we live. Jesus’ promise is to be with us in this life, in all that life may bring, and also to bring us safely to the life that is to come, life everlasting.

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Synod to consider blessing same-sex couples

In October the Diocesan Synod in Hereford passed a resolution calling for General Synod to debate a motion on services of prayer and dedication for same-sex couples. The Bishop of Hereford, the Rt Revd Richard Frith, said: "The motion came from three deanery synods concerned to respond to requests from same-sex couples in the diocese.

"Clergy are already encouraged to respond pastorally and sensitively when approached.

"The motion, which is part of a much wider debate, asks for guidance on materials to be used in affirming and praying with same-sex couples."

A spokesperson for the Church of England said: "The diocesan synod's decision does not change the teaching or practice of the Church of England, whether in Hereford or anywhere else in the Church. Clergy of the Church of

England are unable to marry couples of the same sex and, under the House of Bishops' Pastoral Statement on Same Sex Marriage, 'services of blessing' should not be provided for those who enter into civil partnerships or same-sex marriages.

"It is recognised, however, that there is real and profound disagreement in the Church of England over questions relating to human sexuality, and the House of Bishops has recently embarked on the preparation of a major new teaching document on marriage and sexuality.

"We are seeking to find ways forward rooted in scripture and the Christian faith as we have received it and which values everyone, without exception, not as a 'problem' or an 'issue', but as a person loved and made in the image of God."

This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 12 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to USPG's Community Development project in Malawi. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

We are supporting a programme promoting education for girls, better hygiene and sanitation in villages, protection of the environment, and income generation in all four dioceses of the Church of Malawi. In addition, there is an across-the-board focus on gender

equality and issues relating to HIV and AIDS. The programme – officially titled the Anglican Church of Malawi Community Integrated Intervention (ACMCI) Project – will operate at parish level among those communities deemed most in need.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking 174 out of 186 nations on the Human Development Index. An estimated 74% of the population lives below the poverty line. What's more, almost 30% of poor children do not even start primary school, even though it is free in Malawi, while secondary and higher education is largely confined to wealthy households due to the cost of fees.

USPG – United Society Partners in the Gospel – is an Anglican mission agency supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve. USPG was founded 1701 by Revd Thomas Bray, who also founded SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge).

More details about the project, the issues it seeks to address, and what it is doing about them, at www.uspg.org.uk/worldwide/malawi



By the numbers – a special report

Belief and attendance falling, digital reach and clergy rising

Fewer people than ever identify themselves as Anglicans, and more than half the population say they have no religion, a new survey has found. At the same time, despite a long-term decline in church attendance, slightly more people attended Christmas services in 2016 than the year before, and the Church of England is reaching more than a million people every month on social media.

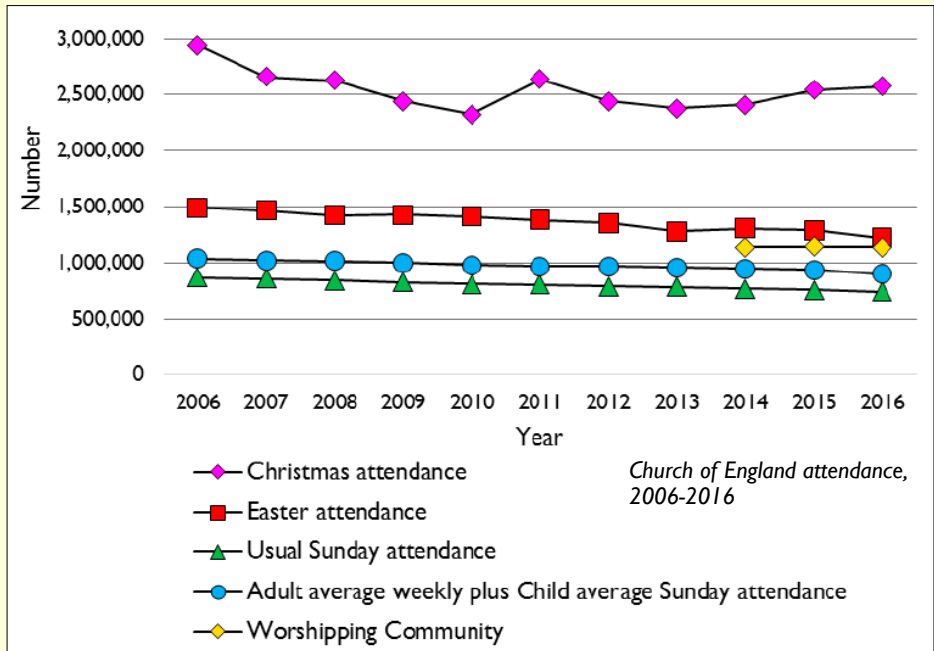
The faith figures come from the British Social Attitudes Survey conducted by the National Centre for Social Research. The BSA Survey first took place in 1983, and in that year 40% of the population identified themselves as belonging to the Church of England. The figure has been steadily declining

in each survey ever since, and in the 2017 survey just 15% said they were Anglicans. Of those aged 18-24, only 3% said they were Anglicans.

In the 1983 survey, more than two-thirds of the population said they were Christian. This has now fallen to 41%. An unprecedented 53% said they had no religion – the highest proportion of non-believers ever. What’s more, half of those aged 55-64 said they had no religion, the first time believers have not been in the majority in this age group.

Other faiths accounted for the final 6% – 3% were Muslim, 2% Hindu, and the rest Jewish, Sikh, Buddhist and other denominations.

The proportion of Roman Catholics has remained steady over the last 30



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▶ years, possibly thanks to immigration from Eastern Europe and other Catholic regions, and stands at 9% (down very slightly from 10%). Immigration is also thought to have contributed to the fact that the proportion of “Other” Christians, including Pentecostal and Methodist groups, has stayed exactly the same at 17%.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Revd Paul Bayes, put a brave face on the figures, saying: “In this modern world people are more willing to be honest and say they have ‘no religion’ rather than casually saying they are ‘C of E’. This honesty is welcome.

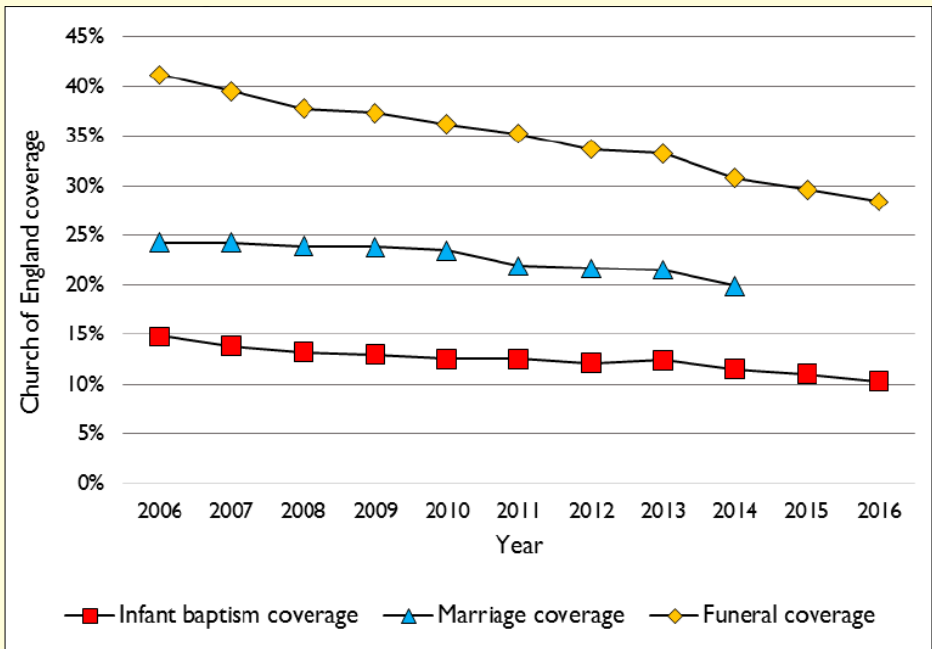
“Of course the latest BSA figures bring a continuing challenge to the churches, to speak clearly of our faith into a sceptical and plural world. But

saying ‘no religion’ is not the same as a considered atheism. People’s minds, and hearts, remain open.”

Attendance statistics

In October, the Church of England released its annual Statistics for Mission. They showed:

- Usual Sunday attendance at Church of England churches in 2016 was 740,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16). This figure is lower than the previous year, continuing a long-term trend of decline: it represents about 1.2% of the population, down from about 3.5% in 1968 and around 2% in 2000.
- On average, 930,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16) attended church services (including



Infant baptisms, marriages and funerals in the Church of England as a percentage of all births, marriages and deaths, 2006-2016. You’ll find the full report at <http://bit.ly/stats-for-mission-2016>

mid-week services) each week in October 2016 (October is the sample month used each year). A further 180,000 children and adults attended services for schools in churches each week, a rise of 6.2% on 2015.

- The “worshipping community” of the Church of England – a measure of the number of people who come to church once a month or more – stood at 1.1 million. Of these, 20% were aged under 18, 49% were aged 18-69, and 31% were aged 70 or over.

- 1.2 million people attended Church of England churches at Easter 2016. Of these, 71% received communion.

- Christmas attendance – on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – rose by 1.4% in 2016 to 2.6 million. Of these, 34% received communion. During Advent, 2.5 million people attended special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.8 million people attended special services for civic organisations and schools.

Over recent decades, attendance at Church of England church services has steadily fallen. These trends continued in 2016. Most key measures of attendance fell by between 10% and 15% between 2006 and 2016.

Although the overall pattern is one of gradual decline, however, the analysis notes that this masks the differences in experience in individual parishes over the past ten years. Over this period, 11% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth in all-age “usual Sunday attendance”; 38% have seen statistically significant decline; in 52% there has been no statistically significant trend.

The Church of England’s Worshipping Community was 2.0% of the population in 2016. The overall attendance in an average week in October 2016 was 1.7% of the population, rising to 4.6% of the population at Christmas. There was



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significant variation in total attendance from diocese to diocese, which the report calls unsurprising given the differences in size and number of churches.

The Mission Statistics are based on returns from Anglican churches around the country but do not include services in university chaplaincies, schools, hospitals, prisons and military chapels.

Baptisms, marriages and funerals

- In 2016 there were 120,000 Church of England baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child. To put this another way, in 2016 there was an infant baptism in the Church of England for 10% of live births, as compared with 15% of live births in 2006. (Both figures exclude later child or mature baptisms.)

- In 2016 there were 45,000 Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages. This means an estimated 20% of marriages in England and Wales took place in or were followed by a service of prayer and dedication in an Anglican church; this compares with 24% in 2006.

- In 2016 there were 139,000 Church



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▶ of England led funerals, 57% of which took place in churches and 43% at crematoriums or cemeteries. In other words, there were Anglican services for 28% of deaths, well down from 41% of deaths in 2006.

Digital reach

Relatedly, the Church of England reports that its new digital strategy is bearing fruit: videos, podcasts, blogs and images including prayers are reaching an online audience of 1.2 million people a month through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. During Christmas 1.5 million were reached through the Church's award-winning #JoyToTheWorld campaign featuring short films. A further 2.5 million were reached during Lent through the #LiveLent project.

The three-year digital and social media transformation project is part of the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme. Mike Eastwood, Director of Renewal and Reform for the Church of England, said: "This project has shown how social media can be used to communicate the Christian faith and life to a huge audience outside our church walls, bringing new hope to the communities we serve. The figures



In our diocese, 12 priests and 11 deacons were ordained in Wells Cathedral in July 2017.

for mission confirm the urgency of the challenges we face, especially as we want to become a growing church for all people in all places."

More priests in training

Separately, the Church of England revealed at the end of September that the number of people entering training to become Anglican priests is at the highest level for a decade at 544. This is an increase of 14% on 2016.

Nationally, 274 of the ordinands – more than half – are women, the biggest intake of female ordinands for a decade, and an increase of 19% compared to last year. At the same time, the number of younger ordinands (under 32 years old) rose by nearly two-fifths, and now accounts for 28% of the total.

The number of women serving in ordained ministry in the Church of England rose by 7% from 5,310 in 2013 to a record high of 5,690 in 2016. However, women still make up just 29% of the total number of active clergy.

The annual statistics also show a fall of just over 2% in the number of serving clergy from 20,020 in 2013 to 19,550 in 2016, reflecting an increase in the numbers of clergy reaching retirement age.

The number of clergy in paid positions fell by 4% during the same period, from 8,120 in 2013 to 7,790 in 2016. The proportion of clergy in paid positions who are from black and minority ethnic communities remained largely unchanged in 2016, at 3.5%.

The figures have been released as the Church of England steps up efforts to increase the number of candidates for ordination by 50% by 2020 as part of the Renewal and Reform programme, with a stated emphasis on increasing the number of women and the youthfulness and ethnic diversity of candidates for ordination.

Christ Church calendar Nov. 2017

Nov	1	Wed	<i>All Saints</i>
	2	Thu	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Eucharist, 7:30pm
	3	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	5	Sun	<i>All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent</i>
	7	Tue	<i>219th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church</i>
	9	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, continuing study of Acts, 7:30pm
	10	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	12	Sun	<i>Remembrance Sunday / The Third Sunday before Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	14	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
	16	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
	17	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	19	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i> 1pm Memorial service for Martin Palmer
	23	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	24	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	26	Sun	<i>Christ the King (patronal festival)</i>
	30	Thu	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
Dec	1	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	3	Sun	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>

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 November 2017

Wednesday	1	For those living with addictions
Thursday	2	For Christ Church's publicity team
Friday	3	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	4	For countries which have experienced storms and flooding
Sunday	5	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	6	For the Queen and all heads of state
Tuesday	7	We give thanks for family and friends
Wednesday	8	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Thursday	9	For the elderly
Friday	10	For the homeless
Saturday	11	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
Sunday	12	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	13	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	14	For the Church Council, meeting tonight
Wednesday	15	For victims of violence
Thursday	16	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Friday	17	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	18	For the lonely and depressed
Sunday	19	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	20	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	21	For our charity of the month
Wednesday	22	For our plans for the church building
Thursday	23	For good relationships between the nations

Friday	24	For those who work in dangerous conditions
Saturday	25	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	26	For Alex and Malcolm our Churchwardens
Monday	27	For those who teach
Tuesday	28	For our link Dioceses in Zambia
Wednesday	29	For the mentally ill
Thursday	30	That we may have grace to love

Long-term Prayer List

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

John Burrows
David Slater
Maxine Hobday
Keith Warren and Jean
Katharine
Rose Brown

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.

Other LMG services

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

Sundays

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

Morning Prayer

- Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
- Tuesday 9am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Rotas for November 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
5 Nov All Saints	Morny Davison Revelation 7:9-end	Mark Elliott 1 John 3:1-3	Malcolm Wall Matthew 5:1-12
12 Nov Remembrance	Bob Siderfin Amos 5:18-24	Sylvia Ayers I Thessalonians 4:13-end	Margaret Heath Matthew 25:1-13
19 Nov 2nd before Advent	Rebekah Cunningham Zeph. 1:7,12-18	Jude Bishop 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Rowena Hall Matthew 25:14-30
26 Nov Christ the King	Janet Mahto Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Alex Soboslay Ephesians 1:15-end	Richard Gabe Matthew 25:31-end
3 Dec Advent Sunday	Emma Elliott Isaiah 64:1-9	Daphne Radenhurst I Corinthians 1:3-9	Jonathan Stead Mark 13:24-end

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
5 Nov	Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto	Jane Nicholson, Jonathan Stead	Mark Elliott
12 Nov	Brenda Wall, David Rawlings	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Jonathan Stead
19 Nov	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Georgina Bowman
26 Nov	Brenda Wall, Keri Chivers	Jonathan Stead, Margaret Heath	Penny Edwards
3 Dec	Clive Tilling, Janet Mahto	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Rebekah Cunningham

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Christ Church Link

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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 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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