



Holidays at home

Finding rest and refreshment

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Over the summer Colin and I spent a few days in the seaside town of Sidmouth. By chance our visit coincided with the Sidmouth Folk Festival, which spills into the streets for a week in August. Everywhere we went, we heard the tinkle of morris dancers. We counted 18 troupes and there were probably some we missed. We both have a soft spot for morris dancing. It's popular with individualists and eccentrics and all the better for that. It's a distinctively English activity dating back to the 15th century, and enthusiasts spend time together practising the steps and moves so that an experienced troupe can perform in a state of relaxed attentiveness. The discipline and structure of the dance becomes a source of refreshment and recreation.

For many of us the summer will have provided a chance for holidays and refreshment – people have told me of their experiences over the summer camping, singing, making sand castles, gardening, travelling, walking, or just sitting in the sun during the heatwave, taking a few minutes to do nothing very much.

Refreshment and recreation are a human need. The Jewish sabbath was set apart as a day of rest because mentally, physically and spiritually we need to pause and let our minds freewheel. Holidays are precious but actually we don't need to spend a lot of money and energy travelling in

order to experience the benefits of rest and relaxation. Hobbies involving the hands such as silversmithing or cabinet-making and repetitive activities like singing, walking or drawing often seem to free the mind from the incessant chatter of our internal monologue.

The late Una Kroll – doctor, missionary and one of the first women to be ordained in the Anglican church – suggested taking a minute or two several times a day consciously to pray – to close our eyes and plunge deep into the depths, into our consciousness or self or soul. That place where we can simply *be* was for Una Kroll always dark green. In those depths we are in the presence of God, the source of all refreshment and recreation.



For many of us, summer was the opportunity for a holiday, but do we need to travel in order to experience rest, relaxation and refreshment?

Circuit of Bath Walk for Julian House

This year's Circuit of Bath Walk, in aid of Julian House, takes place on Sunday 23 September. The circular route around the outskirts of the city has been carefully selected so that you can enjoy the beautiful countryside and spectacular views across Bath.

The whole route is 20 miles, but it's broken up into five sections and you can do as many or as few of them as you like. Most sections are between four and five miles, although one (Newbridge Park & Ride to Kingswood Upper Sports Pavilion) is just two-and-a-half

miles. The terrain is mixed – well-used paths and public rights of way, limited sections of roadway, flat fields, through to hills. One stretch, from Bathampton Mill to the Canal Centre at Limpley Stoke, follows the canal path, making it ideal for family groups with buggies. Other parts of the route take in villages such as Newton St Loe, Upper Swainswick, Englishcombe and South Stoke. Dogs, on leads, are very welcome. There is a shuttle bus around the five checkpoints during the day, so you can get back to your starting point if you choose a shorter walk.

If you plan to walk the whole route, an early start is recommended; the checkpoints will be staffed from 8am to 6pm. Water will be available at all checkpoints, plus tea and a few items of confectionery at some of them. There are places you can buy lunch along the way, or bring a packed lunch and enjoy it in the beautiful scenery.

The event is free to enter but participants are asked to raise as much sponsorship as they can so that Julian House can continue to help and support homeless and marginalised men and women.

You can find more details and register online at www.julianhouse.org.uk/support-us/fundraising-event/circuit-of-bath-walk.htm



Seven Deadly Sins – for today's world

Morny Davison writes:

Tuesday 2 October is a red-letter day in the Christ Church calendar. We are delighted that local journalist and broadcaster Bel Mooney has agreed to lead a sparkling evening of discussion and wit with a serious underlying theme: the Seven Deadly Sins and Our World. All proceeds from the evening

will be in aid of the east end re-ordering at Christ Church.

Bel will be joined by two colleagues: Martin Palmer, theologian, broadcaster and author; and Revd Ernie Rea, former head of BBC Religion and presenter of Radio 4's prize-winning series *Beyond Belief*. The speakers are generously appearing without payment and we are very grateful to them.

Tickets are £10 and will be available in advance from Christ Church or on the door. The evening will start at 7:30pm and include a glass of wine. Please help to advertise this fundraiser widely among friends and contacts.



Christ Church Open Day

Don't miss the Christ Church Open Day on Saturday 8 September! The church and Lower Mews will be open from 10am to 4pm, serving coffee and refreshments all day.

Adults and children will be able to create scenery and animal masks for a performance of *Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo*, which we will be rehearsing in the church from 11am and then performing at 3pm. Anyone who'd like to take part in the singing is welcome. It's a really fun sequence of songs, about 25 minutes long, telling the story of Noah's ark. The text is by Michael Flanders of "Flanders and Swan" fame, and as you'd expect from him, it's clever, entertaining and witty. The music, by Joseph Horowitz, is in a light, popular style.

While all this is going on we'll be welcoming participants in Ride & Stride. There will be a produce and cake stall, and the church will be being decorated for harvest festival the following day – so there will be a buzz of activity.

Please join us for as long as you like on the day, bringing friends, children and grandchildren of any age!

Centenary quarter-peal



At midday on Monday 27 August, a half-muffled quarter-peal of *Stedman Triples* was rung at Christ Church to mark the centenary of the death of Lt. R.M. Oliver, who was lost in action with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards at Saint-Léger on that date in 1918. The ring was organised by his great-nephew Adrian Udal (far right in the photo), who is a frequent ringer at Christ Church.

Last month in Christ Church



Friends, relatives and members of the Christ Church community came together for Rowena Hall's funeral on Tuesday 21 August, including Canon Angela Townshend, who was Priest-in-charge when Rowena first came to Christ Church. Condolences to Rowena's sisters Claire and Marilyn and their families.



Congratulations to Amie Slater and Dom Stroud, who were married in Christ Church on Saturday 25 August.

September Genesis

Our next commitment at the Genesis Sunday Centre is Sunday 30 September. The venue for this week is St Michael's Without. If you can help, please sign up at the back of church.



“Organ donors” wanted

Richard Gabe and Lewis Boyd are planning a sponsored walk from the organ builders, Nicholson's, near Malvern, to Christ Church, Bath – a total of 92 miles. The walk will take them along the Severn Way and the Cotswold Way from Sunday 9 to Friday 14 September.

They would be delighted if you'd consider sponsoring them at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walkfortheorgan

Please give generously – all proceeds are for the Christ Church Organ Fund.



Big band's birthday bash

It's the 18th birthday of Bath Community Big Band! And to celebrate, there's a big evening of big band music at Christ Church on Saturday 6 October at 7:30pm. Bath Community Big Band is joined by the South London Jazz Orchestra – not just one but two of the country's largest big bands, together for one night only, in aid of Genesis Trust. Find out more at www.bathcommunitybigband.com

Coming events

Pilgrim Group new term

What is it? Pilgrim Group restarts this month, meeting on alternate Thursday evenings. We will be reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Letters and Papers from Prison*. Bring a copy if you have one. All are welcome, and refreshments are served after the discussion.

When is it? Thursday 6 September, 7:30pm

Where? Christ Church Lower Mews

Ride and Stride 2018

What is it? A sponsored cycle or walk between churches – just a few, or lots! Money you raise is split between your church and Somerset Churches Trust, which helps fund repairs and improvements to churches and chapels of all denominations.

When is it? Saturday 8 September

Details See the flyer at the back of the church or visit www.somersetchurchestrust.org

Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis

What is it? Janet Mahto is opening her garden again this year in aid of Genesis Trust.

When is it? Sunday 9 September, from midday

Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

Ammerdown Peace Gathering

What is it? People of all ages and all faiths are warmly invited to come and enjoy live music, readings, poetry, tree-dressing and an interactive Candala of Peace. (A Candala is an illuminated art form designed to light up our world.) Free light refreshments will be served.

When is it? Friday 21 September, 6–8pm

Where? Ammerdown Centre Gardens, Radstock BA3 5SW

Details www.ammerdown.org

St John's Organ Recital Series

What is it? Keith is playing the 1871 Bryceson 3-manual, 41-stop organ at St. John the Baptist church, Bathwick, in its Organ Recital Series.

When is it? Thursday 4 Oct., 12:45–1:30pm

Where? St John the Baptist, St John's Road, Bathwick BA2 6PT

Admission free, with retiring collection

Bishop's Message for September

A safer church for all



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

Two years ago I was asked by the two Archbishops to become the lead bishop for safeguarding for the Church of England. This is a responsibility I undertake alongside my ministry as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

I was therefore much involved with the July's General Synod, which once again had an important focus on safeguarding. During the debates I spoke about the Church's journey of safeguarding; our history (with many shameful episodes), our present (a commitment to improve but a work in progress) and our hopes for the future (ensuring the Church is a safe and welcoming place for all).

I have been asked on more than one occasion whether the role of safeguarding bishop should fall to a bishop who already has responsibility for a diocese and my answer is always an emphatic "yes". Since 2016 I may have been the

face of the Church of England on safeguarding matters, but providing a safer church for all is the responsibility of every one of us, and I believe that my connection with life in the parishes is essential to my national role.

In our diocese we have a first-rate safeguarding team who are supporting the hugely dedicated people in our parishes who are playing their part to ensure our churches are the place of safety they should be. I am deeply grateful for all that they do and it will be an honour this month to preside over a service in Wells Cathedral which recognises the particular contribution and commitment of all our Parish Safeguarding Officers.

I have said we must own the responsibility of safeguarding in every diocese and in every Cathedral, parish and chaplaincy, and this is a group of individuals who has taken this responsibility to heart and is acting to deliver it. They deserve our thanks. The service will be at 2pm on Saturday 29 September and everyone is welcome to come to show their support for this important work of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The church has acknowledged and apologised to survivors of church-related abuse and has reiterated its commitment to address and learn from the failings of the past. However, it is in the courage and grace of the survivors I have met along with the commitment of all individuals in the parishes where I find the hope for the future as we strive together to make the Church a safer place for all.

With warm Christian greetings,

+Peter Bath and Wells

Make your will and support the RUH

Local solicitors are donating their will-writing fees to the RUH charity, The Forever Friends Appeal, for its fourth consecutive year.

Throughout September, you can make or update your will with 11 firms of solicitors at a reduced fee of £125 for a single will or £175 for double/joint wills. This fee will be donated directly to the charity, supporting the work of the RUH.

The charity organisers say fewer than half the population have an up-to-date will. Having one professionally written helps avoid any

confusion over your intentions, ensures that your estate is distributed as you would want, and can make things faster and easier for your executors and beneficiaries.

Jan Witt, In Memory & Legacy Officer for The Forever Friends Appeal, said: "Make a Will month is an opportunity to support your local hospital, and you can request that your fee is donated to a specific area of the hospital if you have a special connection to a ward or department in the RUH."

Last year's Will Month raised an impressive £42,000 for the RUH. The photo below shows the solicitors presenting their cheque.

Simply book an appointment with a participating solicitor and quote "RUH Will Month". For a list of participating solicitors, visit www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk



This month's charity: Libra Women's Refuge

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 9 September, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to the Libra Project Women's Refuge. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

The Libra Project was set up to provide accommodation, support and advice to families experiencing domestic violence and abuse in Bath and North East Somerset.

Libra services include: refuge accommo-

modation, resettlement, housing, access to legal and financial advice, therapeutic support groups for women and young people to understand controlling and abusive relationships, and training and workshops about domestic abuse.

The refuge is located at a confidential address in Bath, providing comfortable, safe and secure accommodation. Women can self refer or come via an agency such as the Police, Housing, Social Services, or health professionals.

For more about the charity and its work, as well as information and links, visit www.julianhouse.org.uk/projects-and-services/domestic-violence-and-abuse.htm



Christ Church calendar Sep. 2018

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| | 2 | Sun | <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> |
| | 6 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm |
| | 7 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 8 | Sat | <i>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Christ Church Open Day, 10am–4pm |
| | 9 | Sun | <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity / Harvest Festival</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Apple Picking Party in support of Genesis, 12 midday onwards |
| | 13 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee |
| | 14 | Fri | <i>Holy Cross Day</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 16 | Sun | <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong |
| | 17 | Mon | <i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen</i> |
| | 18 | Tue | Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 20 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 21 | Fri | <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 23 | Sun | <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> |
| | 27 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee |
| | 28 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 29 | Sat | <i>Michael and All Angels</i> |
| | 30 | Sun | <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre |
| Oct | 2 | Tue | Bel Mooney fundraiser on Seven Deadly Sins, 7:30pm |
| | 4 | Thu | Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |

Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the “Magazine Editor” pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to magazine@christchurchbath.org. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for September 2018

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| Saturday | 1 | For those who have been recently baptised or are preparing for baptism |
| Sunday | 2 | For new members to be added to Christ Church |
| Monday | 3 | For shopkeepers and shop workers |
| Tuesday | 4 | For those who are persecuted for their faith |
| Wednesday | 5 | That we may be pure in heart |
| Thursday | 6 | For the work of hospices |
| Friday | 7 | For countries recovering from wildfires |
| Saturday | 8 | We give thanks for the fruits of the earth |
| Sunday | 9 | For Lore our priest-in-charge |
| Monday | 10 | For those in the legal profession |
| Tuesday | 11 | For those with addictions |
| Wednesday | 12 | For all who produce publicity for Christ Church |
| Thursday | 13 | For Bible scholars and theologians |
| Friday | 14 | For the homeless |
| Saturday | 15 | That we may have the gift of patience |
| Sunday | 16 | For our servers and others who assist at the altar |
| Monday | 17 | For those who work in education |
| Tuesday | 18 | For the Church Council, meeting tonight |
| Wednesday | 19 | We give thanks for those who inspire us |
| Thursday | 20 | For those who live or work in care homes |
| Friday | 21 | For countries experiencing civil unrest |
| Saturday | 22 | For peace |
| Sunday | 23 | For Mark, Keith and the choir |

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| Monday | 24 | For those who work in medicine |
| Tuesday | 25 | We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy |
| Wednesday | 26 | For the Fairtrade movement |
| Thursday | 27 | For those who work at sea |
| Friday | 28 | For those who have suffered from terrorism |
| Saturday | 29 | For former members of Christ Church who have moved away |
| Sunday | 30 | For vocations to the ministry |

Long-term Prayer List

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

David Slater
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Katharine
 Harry Pattullo
 Joyce Fairburn
 David Jones
 Ivy Savage
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 George Alagiah
 Marge Gull
 Pauline Cawadine
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King

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
- 4pm Scruffy Church (4th Sunday of the month), St Stephen's
- 5:30pm Re:Fresh contemporary worship (1st & 3rd Sunday), St Stephen's Centre
- 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 September 2018

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 2 Sep Trinity 14 | Judith Anderson Song of Solomon 2:8-13 | Malcolm Wall James 1:17-end | Janet Mahto Mark 7:1-8,14,15, 21-23 |
| 9 Sep Harvest | Brenda Wall Joel 2:21-27 | Robert Siderfin 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | Penny Edwards Matthew 6:25-33 |
| 16 Sep Trinity 16 | Morny Davison Isaiah 50:4-9a | Jane Fletcher James 3:1-12 | Jude Bishop Mark 8:27-end |
| 23 Sep Trinity 17 | Emma Elliott Jeremiah 11:18-20 | Clive Tilling James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a | Jonathan Stead Mark 9:30-37 |
| 30 Sep Trinity 18 | Daphne Radenurst Num 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 | Richard Gabe James 5:13-end | Charles Rice Mark 9:38-end |
| 7 Oct Trinity 19 | Robin Kerr Genesis 2:18-24 | Alex Soboslay Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 | David Bishop Mark 10:2-16 |

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Chalice assistants | Sidespeople | Intercessions |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Sep | David Rawlings, Clive Tilling | Morny Davison, Jonathan Stead | Rebekah Cunningham |
| 9 Sep | Jonathan Stead, Janet Mahto | Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers | Nick Wells |
| 16 Sep | Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling | Margaret Silver, Janet Mahto | Penny Edwards |
| 23 Sep | Janet Mahto, David Rawlings | Jonathan Stead, Jane Nicholson | Sarah Jones |
| 30 Sep | Jonathan Stead, Clive Tilling | Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers | Georgina Bowman |
| 7 Oct | Malcolm Wall, Janet Mahto | Morny Davison, Margaret Silver | Mark Elliott |

Who's who at Christ Church

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THE 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 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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