



One end, many paths

Christ Church – the church of “Christ the Ruler of all”

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

In September I spent a few days at the ancient pilgrim destination of Walsingham, Norfolk at an icon writers’ workshop. For five days as the sun shone and the last spikes of lavender hung on in the shrine gardens we practised the traditional crafts of gilding with gold leaf, mixing pigment and egg yolk to make tempera and copying an icon of Christ Pantocrator, Christ “Ruler of all”.

The earliest icon of Christ Pantocrator is in St Catherine’s monastery on Mt Sinai. It was made in the 6th century by painting layer upon layer of coloured wax. It is the oldest surviving icon to depict Pantocrator and the inspiration for all subsequent similar icons. The face is bearded with dark hair, the ears are visible to symbolise willingness to hear the word of God. The eyes are large because Christ sees into eternity. The mouth is closed in contemplation. Famously the face is asymmetrical, the two sides of the face representing the human and divine natures of Christ.

As I painted I was aware of the generations of icon writers who had copied the icon before me – using similar prayers before painting and the same traditional paints and tools. But although we all worked carefully and precisely, each completed icon was different as we perceived and interpreted the features of Christ with our own eyes.

3D printing would have produced more precise copies but that would

miss the point. God created us as imperfect idiosyncratic individuals. Each different interpretation emphasised a different aspect – the gorgeousness of the Gospel book, the sweep of Christ’s robe, the compassion of the eyes. Each of us brought our individuality and

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A photo by Lore of a commercially available, wax-finished copy of the 6th century icon of Christ Pantocrator in St Catherine’s monastery.

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- ▶ talents and created an icon of Christ informed by our own experiences and prayers. It’s a good metaphor for the Christian life and our common life at Christ Church. As children of God we follow one teacher, leader and shepherd. But the way we do it – the paths we trace and the lives we create in response to Christ’s calling – are unique to each of us and our contribution to God’s kingdom.

Apple Picking Party thanks from Janet

On Sunday 9 September Janet Mahto opened her garden again for her annual Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis. **Janet writes:** We were blessed with another glorious day, and raised a total of £270, which has gone to Genesis. Thanks to all the Christ Church congregation and friends (including a dog) who turned out in force to pick the harvest..

There are still a few apples left in store but they are not keeping that well, so sooner rather than later to use – any contributions now will go to our organ fund.

Thoughts on Ride and Stride

Virginia Knight writes:

I’ve now done the “Ride and Stride” six times, raising several hundred pounds for Christ Church and the Friends of Somerset Churches. It’s a sponsored walk (in my case) or bike ride, round churches and chapels; you can set your own route. Over the years I’ve been to every church building in Bath: that’s over 50 of them (half a dozen have closed since I first did Ride and Stride).

I enjoy the chance to walk down nearby streets which I’ve never explored. This year I crossed Grosvenor Bridge for the first time,



Photo taken on the 2017 Ride and Stride in Manvers Street Baptist Church.

Take part in the country-wide



and saw an “Owl of Bath” I’d otherwise have missed. After calling at 16 churches I ended at Bathampton Village Show.

But it’s clear from talking to friends that the Ride and Stride is a bigger event elsewhere. Only a few people did it in Bath this year: three small groups from other counties and just one other Bathonian. As a result few churches in Bath get involved; this year it was only ourselves, St Saviour’s and the Friends Meeting House.

I’m not sure why this should be, when the event is a great chance to throw church doors open and welcome visitors. Perhaps there has not been enough publicity in recent years. But I wonder whether Bath’s evangelical churchmanship plays a part, making some congregations reluctant to raise money that may support churches whose theology is different from their own. So in future years I may get on a train and go to somewhere where more churches are participating.

Peace Gathering at Ammerdown

Daphne Radenhurst writes:

“A Candala is an illuminated art form designed to light up our world, built as an installation with positive intent, based on the circle, and uses light and symbolic materials.”

On 21st September, International Day of Peace, I attended a Peace Gathering at the Ammerdown Centre. We arrived in sunshine, but on a very blowy day, so the whole event had been moved indoors instead of taking place in the gardens as originally planned.

I was struck straight away by the entrance hall, which was bright, clean and sparkling, and the smiling attendant who greeted us and led us to the room where the event was taking place, already creating a feeling of anticipation.

Entering the room there was an impression of soft diffused light coming from groups of perforated white candle bags, arranged in threes, around the outer circle on the floor. A large candle in a beautiful glass vase stood at the centre, on a slightly raised pedestal, symbolising the eternal flame of the One, from which radiated out recycled tea lights to the four cardinal points of the inner circle. Round the four sides was a loaf of bread with the word PAX inscribed on it.

In the semi darkness a young girl was playing the cello, the first Cello Suite by Bach, creating an intimate and peaceful atmosphere into which we were immediately drawn.

We sat peacefully and in silence.

After welcoming speeches by the Director of Ammerdown, Emma Rawlings, and the Education and Spiritual Manager, Christine Clinch, we listened to readings from the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Baha’i faiths on the subject of peace. We were led into a song about peace.

Bowls of rice were passed around and we were invited to take a handful, stand around the circle and scatter the rice whilst setting out own intentions for peace.

Lizzie Davies, the Creative Director of the Peace Gathering, Candala Artist and performance poet, then led us through a mime poem, called “Time for Peace on Earth”, consisting of 24 lines symbolising 24 hours in a

day. First she read it, then she mimed it and then she invited us all to join with her in the mime. This was an incredibly powerful experience, words and gestures combined.

A final symbolic gesture was the tying of a turquoise ribbon by each of us on a small tree standing at the edge of the circle.

The crane is a symbol of peace. After the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 a young girl, suffering from leukemia, began to make cranes in origami in the belief that if she made a thousand cranes, she would be cured. Sadly, she died. But the crane took on a worldwide, symbolic significance from then on.

Christine Clinch ended the ceremony by giving us all a small origami crane to take away with us, and reciting a poem, “The Blessing of the Crane”, written by Lizzie Davies.

Through the earth, the water, the air, fire and space

May our thoughts and prayers of peace

Fly out on feathered wings of grace

To the north, the south, the east and the west

May all be held in peace, may all be blessed.

I was left with a wonderful sense of peace, harmony and deep meaning, created in this beautiful space through light, symbolic objects, music and words.

Anyone who would like to know more about the work of Lizzie Davies can find it at www.thecandalaproject.com.

To find out more about the Ammerdown Centre, go to www.ammerdown.org.



The Candala of Peace designed for the 2018 Ammerdown Peace Gathering.

USPG Regional Day

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

In November we are again supporting USPG and its Malawi project as our charity of the month, and they will be coming to visit us. On Friday 9 November, we are delighted that USPG are coming to Christ Church for one of their Regional Days, events which are held around the country to promote their work. The event runs from 11.30am to 4pm, and refreshments and lunch are provided.

This is a USPG-organised event but it would be great if, as the hosting church, we could be there too to welcome all comers. See details for registration below or speak to me.

Date: Friday 9
November 2018,
11:30am – 4pm

Location: Christ
Church, Bath,
Julian Road,
Bath BA1 2RH.



Everyone will receive a FREE lunch, refreshments and a USPG resource pack. To book, please call Rebecca Woollgar on 020 7921 2220 or email rebeccaw@uspg.org.uk

Women's Refuge Autumn Collection

Ken and Sylvia Ayers write (on behalf of the Mothers' Union):

Once again it is that time of year when we ask you for items for the Bath Women's Refuge. Our kind congregation has always responded well to this appeal, so we know we can rely on your support. The Libra Women's Refuge is now run by Julian House, and Christ Church gave money to them in September; but, as in previous years, the ladies at our local refuge still need goods in kind as well. If you think you can donate something, please would you bring it along on either Sunday 21 or 28 October at the 10 o'clock service.

There is still an ongoing need for practical items, e.g. light bulbs; toilet and household cleaners; scourers, disinfectant, washing machine and dishwasher powders; washing-up liquid and soap; toilet rolls, cloths, dusters and polish. If you use it at home, they need it too! Also welcome are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. We look forward to receiving your offerings, and send our grateful thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

Christmas comes earlier each year!

Sylvia Ayers writes for Christ Church Mothers' Union:

Although it still seems very early for this, I will shortly be offering our usual Mothers' Union Christmas Goodies, so please feel free to see me if you would like to purchase any items. We have 2019 MU Diaries, single sheet calendars, and year planners which are suitable for families who all have different activities which must be fitted in on the same day! Of course there will be the usual selection of Christmas cards, which are offered in packs of ten. Unfortunately there are no catalogues available, but you can view the catalogue on the internet at <http://bit.ly/mu-2018-catalogue> and do feel free to place your orders with payment.

Christ Church Holy Land Trip 2019

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

We have been able to arrange our own Christ Church Holy Land trip for 2019, a pilgrimage through Israel and Palestine led by David Gatcliffe (retired Anglican priest) and Lore. We will visit Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, Hebron and Jerusalem. There will be an optional trip to Masada and the chance to extend the trip to include Jordan.

Dates: 30 May to 7 June 2019

Cost: £1,785.00 per person in a double or twin room (not including Masada visit or Jordan extension). There is a single supplement.

Booking forms and additional information available in church.

Deposit (£250) required by Christmas.

Bishop's Message for October

Back to school...?



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

It's now a month into a new school year. Some families will relish being back in the "normal" routine with structured days for indefatigable youngsters. Others will miss the relative freedom of weeks without the treadmill of various sports fixtures, practices, after-school clubs and pick-ups.

When I was a child I remember the school holidays seeming to stretch off forever, lazy, hazy days spent breakfasting in the garden on stewed apples and rhubarb (it was always sunny!), making tents with blankets and the swing frame or clothes line, or fishing for tiddlers in the nearby stream. Like all of us of a certain age, I'm sure I'm

looking back with rather rose-tinted spectacles!

I'm sure for hardworking teaching staff in our 182 church schools, whose "holidays" are often spent planning the new term, the six weeks is never long enough. We give thanks for them and their calling.

I also want to pay tribute to some of the more unsung heroes diligently working away behind the scenes – our network of 400 church school governors. These volunteers give up their time to serve and support their local school, its children, families and staff. They truly enrich what the school can offer and promote its distinctiveness as a church school through their knowledge and experience.

It's a vital role, but in our diocese right now we have governor vacancies in over half of our church schools. That's a big gap, with 98 out of 182 schools missing out on the full and diverse range of skills and expertise that governors bring.

We're seeking people from a range of backgrounds and ages to fill those gaps and serve as governors. If you'd like to give back to your community and feel you have skills that will help local children and your local community thrive, I encourage you to find out more and apply at www.bathandwells.org.uk/be-a-governor. We look forward to welcoming you to our church school family!

With thanks for all our wonderful schools and remembering our children and students in their endeavours this term,

+Ruth Taunton

Sing “The Armed Man”

Bath Cantata Group invites singers to join a First World War Centenary Workshop to sing Sir Karl Jenkins’ *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* on Saturday 3 November at St Luke’s Church, Wells, Bath BA2 2BD. You can find out more and sign up at www.bathcantatagroup.co.uk/events.html

Wanderers return

Congratulations to Richard and Lewis, who successfully completed their sponsored walk from the organ builders, Nicholson’s, near Malvern, to Christ Church – a total of 92 miles – to raise money for the organ fund. It’s not too late to sponsor them – visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walkfortheorgan

This month’s charity: Open Doors

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 14 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to Open Doors. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Open Doors is an international ministry working in over 60 countries to support persecuted Christians and churches, supplying Bibles, training church leaders and providing practical support, literacy programmes and emergency relief. In the UK and Ireland it works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action.

Open Doors was founded by Brother Andrew, author of *God’s Smuggler*. Last year, the charity distributed over 2.5 million Bibles, Christian books and other types of literature, and trained over 500,000 Christians facing persecution and discrimination.

“When I first discovered a persecuted Church behind the Iron Curtain the need was for Bibles,” says Brother Andrew in the 60th anniversary edition of *God’s Smuggler*. “But as our ministry expanded, other needs emerged. For example, in some countries pastors have little or no seminary training. We provide them with training so they can be more effective leaders of their congregations. In other regions Christians are discriminated against, denied education and quality job opportuni-

ties. So we may strengthen the Church by providing small loans to help Christians start businesses. The needs and thus the strategies vary from country to country.”

Persecution often means that families lose their breadwinner to imprisonment or death; violence forces them to flee or lose their livelihoods; discrimination makes employment difficult. Last year, over 850,000 persecuted Christians received relief aid, livelihood support and community development projects. In the Middle East, local partners provided food, medicines and trauma care and helped to rebuild homes and create jobs.

The UK Advocacy team take every opportunity to highlight the persecution of Christians around the world. Around one-sixth of all MPs have attended the launch of the World Watch List every year for the last three years. Thousands of young people engaged with the Hope for the Middle East campaign at summer festivals last year. Hundreds of youth groups got involved in BLACKOUT, a 48-hour social media fast raising awareness and money to support Christians silenced for their faith.

“Our mission is called ‘Open Doors’ because we believe any door is open, anytime and anywhere,” Brother Andrew says. “I literally believe that. Every door is open to go in and proclaim Christ, as long as you are willing to go and are not worried about coming back.” Learn more at www.opendoorsuk.org



Open Doors

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2018

	2	Tue	Bel Mooney fundraiser on Seven Deadly Sins, 7:30pm
	4	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm
	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	6	Sat	<i>William Tyndale, translator of the Scriptures</i>
	7	Sun	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8	Mon	Deanery Synod, 7:30pm
	11	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
	12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	14	Sun	<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	18	Thu	<i>Luke the Evangelist</i> 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm
	19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	21	Sun	<i>The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	25	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
	26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	28	Sun	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles / The 22nd Sunday after Trinity</i>
	31	Wed	<i>Martin Luther, reformer</i>
Nov	1	Thu	<i>All Saints</i> 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 7:30pm
	2	Fri	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm 6:30pm Holy Communion
	4	Sun	<i>All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before 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 October 2018

Monday	1	For our armed forces and police
Tuesday	2	That we may have a spirit of penitence
Wednesday	3	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Thursday	4	For the Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight
Friday	5	For refugees
Saturday	6	We give thanks for family and friends
Sunday	7	For Mark our Lay Reader
Monday	8	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	9	For countries after recent storms and flooding
Wednesday	10	For all at school
Thursday	11	For Christian unity
Friday	12	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	13	That we may be peacemakers
Sunday	14	For our bell-ringing team
Monday	15	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	16	For countries in conflict
Wednesday	17	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
Thursday	18	For good use to be made of this prayer cycle
Friday	19	For the unemployed
Saturday	20	For adoptive and foster families
Sunday	21	For the ministry of our Junior Church
Monday	22	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	23	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Wednesday	24	That we may have the gift of kindness

Thursday	25	For those who travel
Friday	26	For those in slavery and bonded labour
Saturday	27	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Sunday	28	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Monday	29	For those who care for the sick
Tuesday	30	For the work of Julian House
Wednesday	31	We give thanks for our blessings

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
 Zoyad
 Joe Street

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 October 2018

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
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
14 Oct Trinity 20	Virginia Knight Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Sylvia Ayers Hebrews 4:12-end	Rebekah Cunningham Mark 10:17-31
21 Oct Trinity 21	Brenda Wall Job 38:1-7, [34-end]	Emily Bond Hebrews 5:1-10	Nick Wells Mark 10:35-45
28 Oct Simon & Jude	Janet Mahto Isaiah 28:14-16	Malcolm Wall Ephesians 2:19-end	Mark Elliott John 15:17-end
4 Nov All Saints	Zoe Bushell Isaiah 25:6-9	Charles Rice Revelation 21:1-6a	Penny Edwards John 11:32-44

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
7 Oct	Malcolm Wall, Janet Mahto	Morny Davison, Margaret Silver	Mark Elliott
14 Oct	Clive Tilling, Angela Soboslay	Jane Nicholson, Jonathan Stead	Penny Edwards
21 Oct	Janet Mahto, David Rawlings	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
28 Oct	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Nick Wells
4 Nov	Jonathan Stead, Malcolm Wall	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Mark Elliott

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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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