



## Thanksgiving and welcome

*“We, though many, are one body in Christ”*

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

As you will read elsewhere in this issue of the *Link*, on 23 June Christ Church will hold a day of thanksgiving to remember and celebrate the arrival in 1948 of the Empire Windrush and the contribution the Caribbean community have made and continue to make to the flourishing of our nation.

Sunday 23 June is also the day on which the Catholic church celebrates Corpus Christi, literally “the Body of Christ”, as a day of thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Communion. It seems entirely appropriate that these two days should be celebrated together. The gift of the Eucharist (a word which itself means *thanksgiving*) is bittersweet, deriving from the most profound suffering. Even our sensitive, nuanced Good Friday services don’t approach the depths of suffering and despair of the first Good Friday.

And even as we celebrate with the Caribbean community, all of us must be aware of the failures of our Government and country; the adverse effects of the “Hostile Environment” policy on the immigration status of people who have lived as citizens of the UK for decades; the deportation of those who were promised right of residency; the racism of some who have lived longer on this island towards those who are newcomers in terms of one lifetime – but not in terms of eternity.

Our Windrush Thanksgiving Day poster notes we will be celebrating all the diverse communities of Bath. There

are, sadly, other “hostile environments” in our country. No matter what one’s politics, it is the duty and joy of all Christians to welcome in Christ’s name all those we encounter – genuinely welcome – whether tourists visiting Bath, people from different parts of Europe who bring with them their own historic and enriching culture and religion, or the LGBTI+ community.

23 June marks another church initiative. It is “Invitation Sunday”, when we are encouraged to invite friends, family, neighbours, to give church a try. If you take up that challenge, your friends can share a Eucharist supported by the Rainbow Steel Band, followed by a Caribbean cook-out and barbecue. Celebration, music, sharing food together with friends and extended family – that seems an appropriate celebration for Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ.



*Members of the Christ Church congregation, the Caribbean community in Bath and surrounding areas, and several of our neighbours enjoyed the barbecue in the Upper Mews garden last year.*

# Windrush Thanksgiving Day



Everyone is invited to join us for a multi-cultural celebration of Windrush Day 2019 on Sunday 23 June. Come and celebrate the contributions of the Windrush generation, their descendants and all of the diverse communities in Bath. Thanksgiving service at 10am with Rainbow Steel Band, followed by Caribbean cook-out barbecue from midday. No charge, everyone welcome. Further information from Lore or the Churchwardens.

## Weekend of Invitation

Almost 3 million people are open to being invited to church, according to research on "Church Going in the UK" by Tearfund. Given the opportunity to think about it, most Christians – about 7 out of 10 – come up with someone they feel God may be prompting them to invite.

And yet, these invitations are not happening. The culprit is fear. Fear of rejection. Fear of getting it wrong. Fear of failure.

But God's constant message in Scripture is, "Don't be afraid." The National Weekend of Invitation is an initiative that reflects 15 years of experience of Back to Church Sunday in the UK and internationally, and offers an approach to overcome this fear. The outcome will be good for churches, with their members growing as disciples of Jesus, and good for those waiting to meet Jesus themselves.

More information and resources can be found at <https://weekendofinvitation.com/>.



## Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost (Thursday 30 May to Sunday 9 June 2019). What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

This year in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Thy Kingdom Come will focus on the symbolism of rocks and stones as a representation of God's steadfastness. This symbolism is frequently used throughout scripture. The word "rock" is used 24 times with reference to God in the book of Psalms alone, for example. We frequently refer to the metaphor of the shepherd, the bread of life, the light of the world or the lamb, but how often do we think about "The Lord is my rock"?

For the 11 days (inclusive) of the initiative we are encouraged to pray for God's kingdom to come into our communities. Visit <http://bit.ly/thy-kingdom-come-2019> for more information and a "#someretrocks" leaflet containing 50 ideas, all based on the theme of rocks, to help you as you pray as individuals, families, churches and whole deaneries.



## On the Edge

Our summer series of invited lectures on the theme “Spirituality on the Edge” continues on alternate Thursday evenings:

■ Thursday 13 June: Fiona Gardner, psychoanalytic psychotherapist, spiritual director and writer, brings spiritual and psychological insight to the American contemplative and writer Thomas Merton.

■ Thursday 27 June: Revd Maria Shepherd, “Building Bridges: a story of emerging understanding between Christian and Pagans”. The Rector of Avebury explores the challenges and possibilities presented by working in a community with strong links to a spirituality older than Christianity.

■ Thursday 11 July: Nicky Gladstone, ordinand, Project Leader at Carecent, York, and instigator of our own Cedar Tree café, reflects on her work with those who may feel themselves on the edge of society.

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## Celebrate lay ministry

A special service at 2pm on Saturday 20 July at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton TA1 1SA, will celebrate the achievements of all students on the Exploring Christianity and Exploring Spirituality courses, and all who have been commended as Lay Pastoral Assistants, Lay Worship Assistants and Lay Chaplains in the diocese in the last year. It will also celebrate and give thanks for the many lay ministries that people exercise across the diocese.

Friends, family, tutors, church members and incumbents are all invited. This is also an opportunity to bring along others who may be interested in finding out more about the courses and lay ministries commended in the Diocese. From 1pm there will be special displays and stalls, and more information about Lay Ministries available. You will also have the opportunity to speak to some of our tutors and former students. Refreshments will be available for all after the service.

To find out more and book places, visit <http://bit.ly/celebrate-lay-ministries>.

## Community garden



Bishop Peter has opened a newly refurbished community garden in Twerton, together with pupils from nearby St Michael's Junior Church School. The garden is attached to Rose Cottage Hub, a community café and social meeting space run by St Michael's Church, Twerton.

Rose Cottage was given to St Michael's by the Carr family before the last war. For many years it was rented out to tenants. However, some years ago the PCC decided Rose Cottage would be better used as a church-run community café. During that time the garden was always looked after, but recently it became clear it was in need of an overhaul.

Around 38 tonnes of earth were removed in order to level the site and improve drainage. Artificial grass was laid, and a fenced off playing area created. There is now a sensory garden with wheelchair access and an all-weather play area with climbing frame and trampoline. Rose Cottage Community Café manager Nathan Gale even has buckets, garden equipment and gloves for those children who would like to help with the gardening.

The work cost £10,000, which was paid for with a combination of grants from St John's Foundation, BANES Council and local gifts.

Nathan says it's already proving popular with the local community. “Bookings for children's parties have doubled from last year. The new garden can be seen from the pavement, and several people have come in for lunch just to see what's going on. They've all been most impressed and pleased when they learn it is for the benefit of the local community.”

# Volunteers needed to “Make Lunch”

If you can find a few hours to spare in the school holidays, could you consider volunteering for the “Make Lunch” initiative, which will start at St Andrew’s School this summer?

Those children who depend on their school lunch for a hot meal can go hungry in the holidays. So during the school holidays, teams of eight volunteers will cook lunch and then sit with the young people and talk to them as they eat. The first two lunches will take place on Tuesday 20 and Tuesday 27 August at St Andrew’s School, Julian Road.

If you would be interested in getting involved either to cook or to sit and talk with the young people, get in touch with Jo Dolby of Oasis Church ([Jo.Dolby@oasisbath.org](mailto:Jo.Dolby@oasisbath.org)), which is leading this project. There will be training and an orientation morning provided before the first lunch.

The aim is to provide one lunch during each half term and each of the Christmas and Easter breaks, and one lunch each week during the summer holidays.

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## 24/7 Prayer for Bath

Join with other Christians in Bath to take part in a cycle of prayer that will last 7 days, 24 hours a day, from Sunday 2 June to Sunday 9 June at the Genesis Building, Old School House, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF.

The event is organised by Bath Christian Action Network, and is affiliated with the Bath Community Houses of Prayer initiative. There will be worship twice a day, and tea and coffee are provided. All are welcome to drop in for an hour or more – bring a friend, or bring your church.

To take part, please sign up for a time slot at <http://bit.ly/Bath247>. For more information, visit [facebook.com/chopbath](https://www.facebook.com/chopbath).

# Coming events

## **Elgar, The Kingdom**

*What is it?* Bath Cantata Group and Oakfield Choir, Frome, with conductor Neil Moore, perform Elgar’s oratorio.

*When is it?* Saturday 8 June, 7:30pm

*Where?* St John the Evangelist Church, South Parade, Bath BA2 4AF

*Tickets* £20 (students £10, under-12s free), from Bath Box Office, [bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://bathboxoffice.org.uk), or on the door.

## **O Glorious Summer**

*What is it?* City Sound Voices present a summer celebration of song with guests the Mendip Male Voice Choir, in support of Bath Young Carers. Details at [www.citysound.org.uk](http://www.citysound.org.uk).

*When is it?* Saturday 15 June, 7:30pm

*Where?* St Bartholomew’s Church, Oldfield Park, Bath BA2 3PB

*Tickets* £10 in advance, from Bath Box Office, or £12 on the door (under 18s £5).

## **Life, Love and Hope**

*What is it?* Bristol Choral Society performs Lauridsen’s *Les Chansons des Roses*, Allain’s *Spirituals*, Copland’s *In the Beginning*, and Tippett’s *Five Negro Spirituals*.

*When is it?* Saturday 15 June, 7:30pm

*Where?* Bristol Cathedral, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TJ

*Tickets* £11 to £28 (under 25s £5, seniors 10% discount), from Colston Hall, 0117 203 4040, or [www.bristolchoral.co.uk/events](http://www.bristolchoral.co.uk/events).

## **Charlcombe summer barbecue**

*What is it?* A summer barbecue held in the beautiful surroundings of the 12th century church of Charlcombe St Mary’s. Delicious barbecue including vegetarian options, salads and puddings. Entrance includes food and one free drink. Help keep us green – please bring your own plate, bowl, knife, fork and spoon.

*When is it?* Saturday 22 June, 1pm–3pm

*Where?* St Mary’s Charlcombe, Charlcombe Lane, Bath BA1 8DR.

*Tickets* £11.25 including handling charge from Eventbrite, <http://bit.ly/charlcombe-bbq>.

# Bishop's Message for June

*We all have something to offer*



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

There is a story told about Sir Michael Costa, an Italian-born conductor and composer who became well known and popular in England during the 19th century. It is said that one day he was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the rehearsal, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" Michael Costa could tell that the piccolo was not playing. Something was missing, and because of that the performance

was incomplete.

I am sure there are times when we can all identify with that piccolo player. There are times when we may feel insignificant and useless. Whatever age we are, there is the temptation to look at other people who seem to have more talent than we have, who are better at things than we are, who are more confident or skilled than we are – and to think we don't matter or that our contribution doesn't count. Perhaps we are tempted sometimes just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway, or that because other people can do it much better than we can, that there is no point in us joining in.

I take heart from the story of the feeding of the five thousand. In the middle of that story we read of Andrew, Peter's brother, saying: "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" (John 6:9). This is a story of someone giving what he has to the Lord and about Jesus then using what is offered to feed a multitude of hungry people (John 6:1-14).

What do we learn from that? Surely one thing we learn is that each of us has something important to offer which God can take and bless and use. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have and until we offer our lives and our gifts to God and ask him to use us for his glory and to serve others.

With warm greetings,

**+Peter Bath and Wells**

# This month's charity: Burlington House

*The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 9 and 23 June, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to Burlington House. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)*

Burlington House, an abstinence-based supported house in Burlington Street, not far from Christ Church, is a unique and cost effective supported dry house. As well as offering a highly affordable alternative to residential or hospital detox rehab (costing approximately ten times less than traditional rehab facilities), the 11 bedroom shared house enables people to consolidate their recovery within their community.

Burlington House is a unique detox and supported housing project that supports vulnerable (often but not necessarily homeless) adults to overcome drug and/or alcohol dependency and to make a full and sustained recovery in the community. Approximately 70% of beneficiaries leave drug/alcohol free and successfully move on to independent lives. This compares to 20-60% success rate for residential rehab. A whopping 80% of our residents are in employment, training, education and/or volunteering when they leave.

Burlington Street also has a detox bed, where people can safely detox from drugs

and alcohol in a controlled way, with medical support at hand. It is specifically for clients who cannot detox at home. Once detoxed the client has the option of moving into the dry house, where they receive wraparound support and referrals for longer term housing.

Developing Health and Independence (formerly known as the Drugs and Homeless Initiative) is a local charity set up in 1999 to help people out of the cycle of homelessness, social isolation and drug or alcohol abuse. Our aim is to offer people a wide range of services that help them gain control of their lives again and live independently.

Find out more about the charity generally at [www.dhi-online.org.uk](http://www.dhi-online.org.uk).



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## 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 (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month) or informal communion (2nd and 4th Sundays), St Stephen's Lansdown

### Morning Prayer

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

### Christian Meditation

- Wednesday 6:45-7:30pm, Charlcombe St Mary's



*Burlington House is one of two supported dry houses in Bath run by the charity DHI.*

# Christ Church calendar June 2019

**2** Sun *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

6 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**9** Sun *Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 Tue *Barnabas the Apostle*

13 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee  
Summer talk series, 7:30pm, Fiona Gardner

14 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**16** Sun *Trinity Sunday*  
4:30pm Choral Evensong

20 Thu *Corpus Christi*  
11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm  
National Weekend of Invitation begins

**23** Sun *The First Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Windrush Thanksgiving Service, followed by Cookout

24 Mon *The Birth of John the Baptist*

27 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee  
Summer talk series, 7:30pm, Revd Maria Shepherd

28 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

29 Sat *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

**30** Sun *The Second Sunday after Trinity*

**July** 3 Wed *Thomas the Apostle*

4 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**7** Sun *The Third Sunday after Trinity*

**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](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org). For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for June 2019

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	For all who produce publicity for Christ Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	For our armed forces and police
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	For good relationships between different faiths
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	For all at school
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	For those who have suffered from terrorism
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	For carers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	That we may have the gift of the Holy Spirit
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b>	For those in the legal profession
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b>	For local members of the Mothers' Union
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	For our Local Ministry Group partners
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	For those finding it hard to earn a living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	For Mark, Keith and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	For scientists and engineers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	That we may be pure in heart
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19</b>	For the work of hospices
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21</b>	For those in slavery or bonded labour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b>	For those preparing for marriage or recently married



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	For Lore our priest-in-charge
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those who work in social services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b>	For the Trustees of Christ Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b>	That we may have the gift of patience
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b>	For volunteer organisations
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b>	For those with addictions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b>	For the Local Deanery Synod
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

## 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  
 Nick Johnson  
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner  
 Amber  
 Sister Catherine  
 Demelza King  
 Zayad  
 Joe Street  
 Mrs Wright

Gill  
 Andrew Clatworthy  
 Tom King  
 Joyce Gabe  
 Eileen Selmes  
 Zareb  
 Fred Matthews  
 Judith Rogers  
 Nancy Kiddie  
 Revd John Brown  
 Harold Holmes  
 Alan White

**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.**

# Rotas for June 2019

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>2 June</b> Easter 7	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Acts 16:16-34	<b>Jude Bishop</b> Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-end	<b>Penny Edwards</b> John 17:20-end
<b>9 June</b> Pentecost	<b>Thomas Wolker-Darley</b> Acts 2:1-21	<b>Morny Davison</b> Romans 8:14-17	<b>David Bishop</b> John 14:8-17, 25-27
<b>16 June</b> Trinity	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Romans 5:1-5	<b>Jonathan Stead</b> John 16:12-15
<b>23 June</b> 1st after Trinity	<b>Ling Zi</b> 1 Kings 19:1-4, [5-7,] 8-15a	<b>David Rawlings</b> Galatians 3:23-end	<b>Sandra Swaby</b> Luke 8:26-39
<b>30 June</b> 2nd after Trinity	<b>Charles Rice</b> 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	<b>Greg Ridley</b> Galatians 5:1, 13-25	<b>Lewis Boyd</b> Luke 9:51-end
<b>7 July</b> 3rd after Trinity	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> 2 Kings 5:1-14	<b>Clive Tilling</b> Galatians 6:[1-6,] 7-16	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
<b>2 June</b>	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Jonathan Stead
<b>9 June</b>	Angela Soboslay, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Margaret Silver	Mark Elliott
<b>16 June</b>	Keri Chivers, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Sarah Jones
<b>23 June</b>	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Morny Davison, Jonathan Stead	Sharon Rawlings & Wendy
<b>30 June</b>	Angela Soboslay, Malcolm Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards
<b>7 July</b>	Clive Tilling, David Rawlings	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Nick Wells

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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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