



## Looking back, looking forward

*Celebrating what has been and what is to come*

**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

June had a Caribbean flavour. After weeks of cool grey days, Sunday 23 June was a fine, warm day and we were able to hold our Windrush Thanksgiving Day in style. Appropriately, our first act of thanksgiving was our Sunday morning Eucharist, at which our numbers were swelled by families and friends returning to the church they remember from childhood, weddings, baptisms and family celebrations. Then we moved on to the outdoor celebrations.

Last year the rum punch required two bottles of rum. This year, thanks to a welcome increase in numbers, it was a three-bottle punch! It was a glorious celebration with cook-out, music and a barbecue. We were delighted that this year the immediate past mayor of Bath, Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones, and his wife Deirdre were able to join us, having missed last year.

Before the cook-out, the Rainbow Steel Band played for our Thanksgiving Eucharist – but with heavy hearts. Only days before they had lost Andrew Fitzgerald Harewood, who played with the band for 40 years but tragically died suddenly on 7 June aged only 54.

So, only eight days after the Windrush anniversary celebration, the Caribbean community and the Rainbow Steel Band returned to Christ Church for Andrew's funeral. It was a celebration of his life and friendships. He had been baptised at Christ Church and attended school in what is now our Upper Mews, and the family were adamant that

Christ Church should host his funeral. The church was overflowing as the verger crammed people into every possible space.

Then, six days after the funeral, on Sunday 7 July, Aaron Cade will be baptised in Christ Church, the youngest member of Christ Church and (briefly) the youngest member of the kingdom of God. It seems fitting that as we looked back to Andrew's life and marked his passing with love and respect, so we turn our faces towards the next generation, looking with hope and love towards what God is doing now. *"I know the plans I have for you," God says, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11).



*Members of the Christ Church congregation, the Caribbean community in Bath and surrounding areas, and several of our neighbours enjoyed the Caribbean cook-out in the Upper Mews garden as part of our Windrush celebration this year.*

## Organ sounds again



*Sunday 16 June was both Trinity Sunday and also the Royal School of Church Music's Music Sunday. Our rebuilt organ was brought back into service for the occasion and rededicated (although there is still work to be done to finish the restoration).*

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## Diocesan Mission conversations

This summer, the Diocese is hosting a series of conversations about its second strategic priority: Aligning Resources for Mission (or, as we would call it, Outreach). Representatives are invited from every parish (up to three, including no more than one clergy person). The Bath session is at St Luke's church on Tuesday 16 July, 7:30–9:15pm, but if you can't make this you are welcome to travel to one of the other venues on 15 or 17 July.

The events will be an opportunity to hear about progress and future plans on the key work streams and also to ask questions and offer insight, prior to some key decisions later in the year. The interconnected work streams are: developing enhanced parish support; identifying medium-term resourcing priorities; establishing principles for the deployment of clergy and laity; addressing issues around the ongoing use of the church's buildings; and reviewing the Common Fund model, as part of a wider review of the diocesan budget.

To find out more and register to attend, visit <http://bit.ly/missional-meeting>.

## Can you 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'd be interested in getting involved either to cook or to sit and talk with the young people, contact 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 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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## 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 in the Diocese. From 1pm there will be displays and stalls, with more information about Lay Ministries and 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>.

# Windrush Thanksgiving Day in Christ Church



**Above:** The Rainbow Steel Band led the choir and a packed congregation in some of the hymns in our second annual Windrush Day service.

**Right:** Pauline Swaby and her team in the Lower Mews kitchen after this year's Windrush Day celebration. There were dishes of goat curry,



rice and peas, rum punch and a glorious cake from Jo Palmer. The sun shone, the music played, and there were even more people than last year. Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable day. Put Sunday 21 June 2020 in your diary for next year's celebration!

## St Andrew's School rejuvenate a flowerbed



**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

In the spring, St Andrew's School and members of Christ Church noticed that a raised bed on the pavement outside Phoenix House in Julian Road was overgrown. Over time a joint project evolved to rejuvenate the bed. First, adults cleared the bed of invasive weeds, and while we were doing so we invited local residents to have a cup of tea and suggest what they'd like to see growing instead. Building on their suggestions, our local RHS team was asked to recommend appropriate plants for the site. Finally, in June, young people from Year 6 (above) replanted the raised bed (right).



# Ordinations 2019

The Bishops of our diocese ordained 13 new deacons and nine priests this Pentecost, the last weekend of June. Among the new deacons ordained by Bishop Peter in Wells Cathedral on Sunday 30 June are a former Deputy Chief Constable, a punk guitarist, a university lecturer and a teacher. They bring with them a wealth of work and life experiences and range in age from 26 to 69.

For the first time in the Diocese, two of the new deacons will serve dual-track curacies, dividing their time between a chaplaincy post and a more traditional curacy role.

Fran Youings, who has ten years experience in youth work, will spend one day a week as Chaplain at Bath Spa University and the rest of her time at St Swithin's, Walcot.

Margaret Hayward, who is a part-time self-supporting minister with St Andrew's, Burnham on Sea, will also spend one of her days working with the chaplaincy team at Weston Hospice Care.

Find out more and read the stories of the #newrevs at <http://bit.ly/newrevs-2019>



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## On the Edge

Our summer series of talks on "Spirituality on the Edge" concludes in the Lower Mews on Thursday 11 July at 7:30pm, when Nicky Gladstone, ordinand, Project Leader at Carecent, York, and instigator of our Cedar Tree café, reflects on her work with those who may feel themselves on the edge of society.

# Homeless protected

As part of its work to combat modern-day slavery, the Diocese is supporting a new campaign to protect homeless people from becoming victims of modern-day slavery. The campaign was launched by Anti-Slavery Partnership ([www.aspartnership.org.uk](http://www.aspartnership.org.uk)), in which the Diocese participates. The campaign aims to combat exploitation among rough sleepers and homeless communities and to encourage people to report concerns to the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700.

David Maggs, Mission Team Leader at the Diocese, says, "Rough sleepers are frequently targeted by exploiters who see them as easy targets... Our churches, volunteers, street pastors and the community networks they are part of are uniquely placed to look out for signs of exploitation among the homeless."

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## Coming events

### **Bath Bach Choir Summer Concert**

*What is it?* The summer concert by Bath Bach Choir (musical director Nigel Perrin) brings together Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate, excerpts from Haydn's Nelson Mass, and the great Mozart Requiem (1791) with guest artist the noted coloratura soprano Carolyn Sampson. More details at [www.bathbachchoir.org.uk](http://www.bathbachchoir.org.uk)

*When is it?* Saturday 6 July, 7pm

*Where?* Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

*Tickets* £17-£30, unreserved (restricted view) £10-£12 from Wells Cathedral Box Office, 01749 672 773 or, for unreserved seats, visit [bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://bathboxoffice.org.uk).

### **Puccini, Messa Di Gloria**

*What is it?* A recital by Lucis Choir (Musical Director Francis Faux), also including music by Howells, Franck, Tye, Schubert and Britten, in support of Genesis Trust.

*When is it?* Saturday 13 July, 7:30pm

*Where?* St Mary's Church, Darlington Street, Bathwick BA2 4EB

*Tickets* £15 (under-16s free), from Bath Box Office, [bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://bathboxoffice.org.uk), 01225 463362

# Bishop's Message for July

*Time to reflect*



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

By the time you read this, I may be a Granny! Our first grandchild is due on June 30th. Very exciting! So our holiday this month will be up in Scotland, cooing over a newborn. Let's hope he or she looks more like their parents than their grandparents.

I remember when our eldest son was born, he received a little T-shirt that said "If you think I'm cute you should see my dad". No prizes for guessing who gave it to him!

I wonder who people see when they look at you. I'm not speaking of the familial physiological likeness but rather whether you reflect something of the nature and character of your heavenly Father. Can people look at you and recognise you as part of the Christian family?

It's easy for us to point the finger at others and say they are hypocrites or fail to live up to the high standards of Christian faith. I have to own that as I write this, following President Trump's visit, I find some of his views far from the Christian ones I espouse. If I allow myself, I can get quite heated about the different ways in which people make

Christian claims. "Living the story of God's love" shouldn't be about taking pot shots at others but rather seeking to become more like Christ ourselves. We all fail at that.

I've been doing some reassessment of my life as I realise a new generation is entering our family. It makes you think about what really matters and how you apportion your time. May I encourage you during July, traditionally a holiday month, as you come to the end of school and college programmes, put down the tools of your trade, and take time to reflect on your life. Think about the next phase or chapter and how you might allow God's grace to shape you to become more like Him. What needs to change? How will you make space for that? Are you ready to wear the T-shirt?

Wishing you God's blessings!

**+Ruth Taunton**

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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 Sundays) 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

# This month's charity: Bath Welcomes Refugees

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 14 and 28 July, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to Bath Welcomes Refugees. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Bath Welcomes Refugees (BWR) has one simple aim: to bring to safety and security in the UK those people persecuted and in danger in their own countries and homelands, and in particular to help them settle in Bath or the surrounding area, should that be where their journey ends. BWR aims to maintain a non-partisan stance when it comes to party politics and religion so that this one aim stays at the front of BWR's efforts whatever else may be happening globally, nationally or locally.

BWR, registered as a charity in February 2017, is run by volunteers and aligns its operation with the goals of Refugees Welcome and supports those campaigns initiated to improve the circumstances of refugees. It also seeks to support and assist all agencies involved in settling refugees locally through practical hands-on involvement, befriending,

fundraising, and campaigning where necessary.

While the refugee situation is constantly changing BWR strives to keep up with current developments and provide some insight into opportunities to volunteer or help beyond the bounds of its own activities. BWR communicates with many other organisations locally and nationally as we have a firm belief that pooling resources and working together is most effective.

BWR is currently supporting several refugee families in Bath and is fundraising to help bring more to safety within our community. A fundraising goal we are well on our way to reaching is to bring another Syrian family here through the Community Sponsorships scheme. We are also hoping to fund some advanced level English classes for a few of those already here so that they can help with the settling of future families. Find out more at [www.bathwelcomesrefugees.org.uk](http://www.bathwelcomesrefugees.org.uk)



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## **The Hospital of St Cross & Almshouse of Noble Poverty** *'England's Oldest Almshouse'* **Vacancies for Brothers**

The Hospital, founded in 1132, is home to 25 retired laymen ('Brothers') and applications are welcomed.

A registered Charity with a Christian foundation, the Hospital is situated a mile south of Winchester. Each Brother lives independently and occupies a flat which he furnishes himself.



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# Christ Church calendar July 2019

3	Wed	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i>
4	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
<b>7</b>	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>
9	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
11	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Summer talk series, Nicky Gladstone, 7:30pm
12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
<b>14</b>	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
18	Thu	11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
<b>21</b>	Sun	<i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
22	Mon	<i>Mary Magdalene</i>
25	Thu	<i>James the Apostle</i> 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
<b>28</b>	Sun	<i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>
29	Mon	<i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Jesus</i>
30	Tue	<i>William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)</i>
<b>Aug</b>	1	Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
	2	Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>4</b>	Sun <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</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](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org). For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for July 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	For those who are persecuted for their faith
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	For the ministry of Genesis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	For children and their families
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	For the sick and suffering
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	We give thanks for those who inspire us
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	For our bell-ringing team
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	For Bible scholars and theologians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	For good relationships between the nations
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	That we may be peacemakers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	For those on our church rotas
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	For our Junior Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who mourn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	For new members to be added to Christ Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	For the homeless
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	That we may have the gift of kindness
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	For the work of the emergency services



<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23</b>	For countries facing economic problems
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	For Christian unity
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	For all who face tragedy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27</b>	For those who are travelling
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	For those who work in the transport industry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>	For the mentally ill
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31</b>	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy

## 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  
 Ian Muir

**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 July 2019

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<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
<b>14 July</b> 4th after Trinity	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> Amos 7:7-end	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Colossians 1:1-14	<b>Ian Hay Davison</b> Luke 10:25-37
<b>21 July</b> 5th after Trinity	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> Amos 8:1-12	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Colossians 1:15-28	<b>Virginia Knight</b> Luke 10:38-end
<b>28 July</b> 6th after Trinity	<b>Isaac Elliott</b> Hosea 1:2-10	<b>Robin Kerr</b> Colossians 2:6-15, [16-19]	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Luke 11:1-13
<b>4 August</b> 7th after Trinity	<b>Morny Davison</b> Hosea 11:1-11	<b>Rosanne Gabe</b> Colossians 3:1-11	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Luke 12:13-21

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Chalice assistants</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>7 July</b>	Clive Tilling, David Rawlings	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Nick Wells
<b>14 July</b>	Keri Chivers, JanetMahto	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Georgina Bowman
<b>21 July</b>	David Rawlings, Clive Tilling	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
<b>28 July</b>	Angela Soboslay, Keri Chivers	Morny Davison, Jane Nicholson	Ian Hay Davison
<b>4 August</b>	Clive Tilling, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Penny Edwards

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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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