



Remembrance and reflection

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

November is always a reflective month. Remembrance Sunday and All Souls are sobering, and as the leaves fall it can be easier to look backwards to the longer days than forward to winter. This November we say farewell to two members of our church community. The liturgical year ends on November 24th, the feast of Christ the King, which will be Keith Pigot's last service as our Organist and Assistant Director of Music. We will be giving Keith a proper send-off with a shared lunch after the service. He goes with our thanks and very best wishes as he challenges himself to even greater virtuosity. We're very grateful that Keith has agreed to step in from time to time to cover absences.

We will also be saying goodbye to Revd Narinder Tegally, who is not only Lead Chaplain at the RUH but also Vocations Chaplain to the Diocese of Bath and Wells. We are grateful that she has found time to be associated with us at Christ Church and wish her very well in her future ministry. Narinder's last service with us will be on Sunday 3 November, when she will preside at our 10am Eucharist.

We also said farewell last month to Margaret Burrows. After several years of increasingly poor health, Margaret had only a brief final illness before her death in the RUH. Her funeral on 10 October was a celebration of her energy, enthusiasm, talents and faith. Cliff and Rachel, now Revd Rachel Pennant, took part in the committal,

and the choir sang Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth" – an anthem Rachel remembered singing from her days in Christ Church choir. The music, flowers and the hospitality afterwards all honoured Margaret's memory.

But November isn't only a time for looking back. On Sunday 3 November we celebrate the feast of All Saints, and we will make a point of remembering that we are *all* saints and "holy ones" like the early Christians to whom St Paul addressed his letters. We will particularly celebrate our young saints, those under 16, who are the future of the church. Even as the days get shorter and the mornings get colder, our church children are quietly growing into the young men and women of the future.



At the funeral service for Margaret Burrows on Thursday 10 October, the choir sang Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth". Rachel spoke movingly of her mother's life. Condolences to Cliff and all Margaret's family and friends.

One Good Friday 2020 in Bath

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

Thirty years ago, a couple called Peter and Ann Hutley, the owners of Wintershall, a 13th century house and estate near Guildford, developed an amazing vision to use their property to spread the message of Christianity. In 1989 Peter wrote a Nativity play, and they staged it in their barn. Four years later came a Passion play.

In 1999, in response to the Pope's call to action for the Millennium, they put on The Life of Christ, an extraordinary five-hour open-air production that had taken Peter over a year of very long hours to write. In 2010, Wintershall brought the Passion of Jesus play to Trafalgar Square, still performed there every Good Friday, and now the idea has spread worldwide.

Wintershall's vision is to see the Passion play performed across the major cities in the UK over Easter 2020, and one of those cities will be Bath! The script is provided by Wintershall, along with much advice and support, but all the cast, production team and volunteers will be local people.

Plans are already well underway for Bath's *One Good Friday*. The production team ask: "Join us in the vision for churches and people from across the city to put on an outdoor Passion Play in the centre of Bath on Good Friday, 10 April 2020. We need people with all types of gifts from acting and technical to admin and practical help. If you would like to

act in the passion play then come to our Workshop and Casting on Sunday 17 November at St Philip and St James Church, Odd Down BA2 2QF, from 2 to 5pm."

All ages are welcome (under 16s to be accompanied by an adult). Both speaking and non-speaking parts are available. Sign up and find out more at www.onegoodfridaybath.org, where you can also follow OGF on social media (Twitter: @ogfbath), or email bath@onegoodfriday.com. There will also be a session for volunteers for props and costumes; date to be announced. Find the Wintershall story at www.wintershall.org.uk/our-story.

If you would like to know more, speak to Sarah Jones or Rebekah Cunningham.



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



A production of One Good Friday in Trafalgar Square. Photo: wintershall-education.com

Organ recital

On Friday 15 November at 7pm we continue our celebration of the return of our organ as Christ Church and FilmBath Festival present the Russian 1927 silent movie masterpiece *The Women of Ryazan* with renowned organist David Bednall creating a unique live improvised soundtrack on our newly restored organ. This beautifully filmed silent drama is the masterpiece of Olga Preobrazhenskaya, one of the world's first female directors.

Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions) from Bath Box Office, bathboxoffice.org.uk, 01225 463362, or on the door.



Last month in Christ Church



On Sunday 20 October we welcomed Charles and Mary Grundy, who were married in Christ Church in 1994 and returned with their family to celebrate their 25 years of marriage. Mary, who decided in 2010 to leave behind her corporate career and focus on her lifelong passion for painting (see www.marygrundy.com), generously gave us a gift of one of her paintings, very appropriately of "The Angel of Music".

Lansdown Friendship Club

This monthly "memory café", under the umbrella of Bath Dementia Action Alliance, takes place at St Stephen's Centre (street entrance, Lansdown Road, BA1 5SX) on the first Friday of every month, 2pm to 3:30pm. It is suitable for anyone experiencing memory difficulties, and offers good company, conversation and an opportunity to take part in shared activities. These will reflect the group's interests and be different each month, from music and singing to board games, craft, bingo or dominoes. All are welcome with any accompanying family member, friend or carer. For more information, call St Stephen's Office on 01225 420946 or e-mail lansdownfc@ststephensbath.org.uk

Note that because of a booking clash, the December club will take place on *Thursday* 5 December, 2pm-3:30pm.

Advent lunches

Once again this year we are holding joint lunches in Advent with our neighbours at St Mary's Roman Catholic church. The idea is to build ecumenical links and raise money for those in need. Everyone is very welcome:

- Thursday 5 December, St Mary's Parish Centre (behind the church, off the car park, entrance from Burlington Street)
- Thursday 12 December, Christ Church Lower Mews

Meet at midday; the meals consist of home-made soup and bread, followed by home-made puddings. Donations are made at the end of the meal, and are split 50/50 between the two churches for their chosen charities.

If you can help by providing soup or a pudding on Thursday 12th, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Help with serving food etc would be very welcome – please speak to Angela Soboslay.

Quiz Evening

What is it? Our latest activity raising funds for the east end reordering and furniture. Bring friends and neighbours to make up a table of 4. For details, speak to Lore or Jonathan.

When is it? Saturday 16 November, 7pm

Where? Christ Church Lower Mews

Tickets £12.50 a head, including a light supper.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Remembrance concert

On Remembrance weekend, Saturday 9 November, at 7pm, the Bath Abbey Girls and Lay-clerks Choirs, conducted by Huw Williams, Director of Music at Bath Abbey, will perform Brahms' heartfelt and moving German Requiem. The expressive words and music, together with the beautiful setting of the Abbey's restored east end, will combine to create a loving and memorable event.

The music will be accompanied by Sean Bowers and Gary Desmond on piano duet, lending this grand work a tenderness and intimacy as we recall those who have given their lives in service to their countries.

There will be powerful and thoughtful readings between each of the seven movements by the Rector of Bath Abbey, Guy Bridgewater, and Jeremy Key-Pugh.

More details at www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/events/remembrance-concert. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions) from Bath Box Office.



Coming events

Eco-Church Conference

What is it? A one-day conference on "Helping your church look after God's world". Speakers include: Revd Kevin Durrant, author of *The Earth Will Teach You*, on the theology of caring for creation, and Rob Varley, Senior Consultant at the World Meteorological Organisation, on climate change.

When is it? Saturday 9 Nov., 9:30am – 3:30pm

Where? Christ Church, Weston super Mare

More details: <http://bit.ly/eco-church-nov-2019>.

Lucis Choir: Bach, Mozart, Schubert

What is it? Lucis Choir (Francis Faux, musical director) and Bath Concertino present Bach, Cantata No. 8, accompanied by period instruments; Mozart, Ave Verum Corpus; and Schubert, Mass in G.

When is it? Saturday 9 November, 7:30pm

Where? St Luke's Church, Wells, BA2 2BD

Tickets £15, students £10, under 16s free, from Bath Box Office, bathboxoffice.org.uk or 01225 463362

Pray for Bath

What is it? An opportunity to gather together with other Christians to pray for our city.

When is it? Tuesday 12 November, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Bath Cantata: Brahms, Schubert

What is it? Bath Cantata Group presents Brahms, Ein deutsches Requiem, and Schubert, Fantasy in F minor, with Will Ashworth and Jacquelyn Bevan, pianos; Julia O'Connor, soprano; Timothy Dickinson, baritone; and Neil Moore, conductor. Find out more at www.bathcantatagroup.co.uk

When is it? Saturday 23 November, 7:30pm

Where? St Stephen's Church, Bath BA1 5SX

Tickets £15, students £5, children free (buy 5 for the price of 4 before the concert day), available from Bath Box Office, 01225 463362, and on the door

Bishop's Message for November

Treasure the Earth



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

As I write, we are in the midst of two weeks of action by Extinction Rebellion drawing our attention to the concerns of climate change. Following Greta Thunberg's rousing speech to the UN and the various climate strikes undertaken by young people around the world, we are becoming more aware of the dangers of neglecting such an important matter. Whether we are young and passionate about this issue or one of the so-called "crusties" and equally passionate, it seems to me that we are all called to be passionate about caring for the world God has made, and which He has entrusted to our care.

The fifth Mark of Mission calls for us to "Treasure the Earth" or to "safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth". Here in Bath and Wells we focus on placing mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do. This often means we highlight the story of Jesus and the opportunity for us to know God's grace and forgive-

ness in personal ways. All really important for us to know how much we are loved. However, mission and evangelism isn't just limited to those people we live amongst in the present day. St Paul speaks about how our salvation and that of the world or creation are bound up together:

The created universe is waiting with eager expectation for God's children to be revealed. It was made subject to frustration, not of its own choice but by the will of him who subjected it, yet with the hope that the universe itself is to be freed from the shackles of mortality and is to enter upon the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Romans 8:19-21)

Sometimes I hear people dismiss concerns for the world and its future as being insignificant in the light of the eternal hope we have in Christ. I think this misguided and often selfish. It's a bit like the attitude that says, "Well, as long as it sees me out...!"

This month you have the opportunity to get involved yourself. On Monday 18 November at Wells Cathedral and in Christ Church, Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday 9 November, there are opportunities for you to find out more. Look on the diocesan website.

And it's not just for individual action: we as a diocese want to encourage churches to look at how they might become Eco churches in the way in which they respond in worship, theological reflection, make practical changes to their carbon footprint, and in bringing about that freedom for the whole universe to be sustained and renewed.

What might *you* get passionate about and do?

+Ruth Taunton

This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 10 and 24 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to the USPG Malawi project. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

This month we are supporting USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) and their project in Malawi. Here is a little quiz about Malawi – you may all learn something from it but for any children who complete it there will be a prize for the best replies. You can ask Mum or Dad to help and you can of course look the answer up on the Internet!



(A good place to start is www.uspg.org.uk/worldwide/malawi.) All answers to Rebekah Cunningham, and you have the whole of November to get your answers in.

1. Where is Malawi?
2. What are USPG doing in Malawi?
3. Malawians like to eat fish but Malawi has no seas – where does the fish come from?
4. How many different kinds of fish can you find there?
(a) 100 (b) 1,000 (c) 10,000
5. What proportion of Malawians can read and write?
(a) everyone (b) 2 in 3 (c) 9 in 10
6. How many children are there in an average school class?
(a) 70-90 (b) 20-30 (c) over 100
7. How many Malawian children have become orphans because of HIV/AIDS? Is it
(a) 1 in 50 (b) 1 in 100 (c) 1 in 10?
8. What is the main food in Malawi? Is it
(a) potatoes (b) maize porridge (c) rice?
9. What is the most popular sport in Malawi?
10. Can you draw a picture of the flag of Malawi? What do the colours mean?

Bishop Peter on our role in “times of crisis”

As Parliament sat for its historic Saturday sitting in October, Bishop Peter asked Diocesan synod to reflect on the role of the Church at times of “national crisis”.

Wherever we may stand on Brexit or Extinction Rebellion, he said, he believed that God’s call to us all in the current situation is to be “bringing people back together, helping people to listen to each other and offering welcome and hospitality to all we meet”.

He said he had written to all Members of Parliament in the diocese to thank them for the work they do and assure them that they are being prayed for across the diocese. He also wrote to all churches to ask them to open their doors on 31 October – which

turned out not to be Brexit day – in order to offer a sanctuary or prayer for all who feel anxious or troubled.

The Chaplaincy Advisory Group shared “stories of love and grace” and the work of just a few of the diocese’s 128 chaplains, who serve a growing range of communities.

Synod also heard reports on several initiatives in the diocese, including: the Aligning Resources for Mission element of the diocesan strategy; Renewal and Reform, which is about “taking Christ back into the centre of our communities”; and others.

Read more, and download Bishop Peter’s address to synod, at www.bathandwells.org.uk/2019/10/synod-oct-2019

Christ Church calendar Nov. 2019

1 Fri *All Saints*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

2 Sat *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*

3 Sun *All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent*

7 Thu *221st anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church*
11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

8 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
USPG Regional Day, 11:30am–4pm

10 Sun *Remembrance Sunday / The Third Sunday before Advent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

15 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
David Bednall silent film organ recital, 7pm

16 Sat Fundraising Quiz Evening, 7pm

17 Sun *The Second Sunday before Advent*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

21 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

22 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

24 Sun *Christ the King (feast of title)*

26 Tue Christ Church Council meeting 7:30pm

28 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm

29 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

30 Sat *Andrew the Apostle*

Dec 1 Sun *The First Sunday of Advent*

5 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

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

Prayer Cycle for November 2019

Friday	1	For countries recovering from storms and flooding
Saturday	2	For refugees
Sunday	3	For Lewis and Janet our Churchwardens
Monday	4	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	5	For those with addictions
Wednesday	6	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Thursday	7	For all at school
Friday	8	For the unemployed
Saturday	9	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Sunday	10	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Monday	11	For those who work in the emergency services
Tuesday	12	That we may work for the kingdom of heaven
Wednesday	13	For the work of Genesis
Thursday	14	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Friday	15	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
Saturday	16	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	17	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	18	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	19	For our charity of the month
Wednesday	20	For countries with economic problems
Thursday	21	For seafarers
Friday	22	For those who care for the sick

Saturday	23	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Sunday	24	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	25	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	26	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
Wednesday	27	For our link Dioceses in Zambia
Thursday	28	For peace
Friday	29	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	30	That we may have the gift of hope

Long-term Prayer List

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

Joyce Fairburn
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King
 Zayad
 Joe Street
 Mrs Wright
 Gill
 Joyce Gabe

Zareb
 Fred Matthews
 Judith Rogers
 Nancy Kiddie
 Revd John Brown
 Harold Holmes
 Alan White
 Ian Muir
 Angela Morris

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 November 2019

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 Nov All Saints	Rebekah Cunningham Daniel 7:1-3,15-18	Clive Tilling Ephesians 1:11-end	Judith Anderson Luke 6:20-31
10 Nov Remembrance	Lewis Boyd Job 19:23-27a	Malcolm Wall 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end	Daphne Radenhurst Luke 20:27-38
17 Nov 2nd before Advent	Alex Soboslay Malachi 4:1-2a	Greg Ridley 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Mark Elliott Luke 21:5-19
24 Nov Christ the King	Virginia Knight Jeremiah 23:1-6	Jonathan Stead Colossians 1:11-20	Ian Hay Davison Luke 23:33-43
1 Dec Advent 1	Isaac Elliott Isaiah 2:1-5	Morny Davison Romans 13:11-end	Charles Rice Matthew 24:36-44

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
3 Nov	Keri Chivers, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
10 Nov	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Morny Davison	Sarah Jones
17 Nov	Angela Soboslay, David Rawlings	Janet Mahto, Jonathan Stead	Penny Edwards
24 Nov	Jonathan Stead, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Morny Davison	Nick Wells
1 Dec	Angela Soboslay, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham

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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 have our own weekly community café every Friday. 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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