



Building work under way

East end reordering progressing during lockdown

In late April our builders, Ellis & Co., contacted us with the news that, in order to comply with government guidelines, they planned to send individual builders to a number of church projects in parallel. Hence, instead of a team of builders starting our project in May as scheduled, one builder was released to start in late April, with an electrician joining in at the end of the month. Progress has been rapid, and it is looking likely that at least the bulk of the building work will be finished before worship restarts in Christ Church.

In addition, the Trustees contacted three dealers in ecclesiastical furniture and received two offers for the now-redundant choir stalls. After taking advice from a retired independent dealer in antiques, they accepted the higher offer, and the choir stalls have now been removed, enabling work to begin on the new south chapel as well as the chancel extension. The money from the sale has been added to the reordering fund and will go towards the cost of the works and the new chancel furniture, which is also progressing.



The new curved chancel extension is taking shape.

Cliff Burrows RIP



We will all be saddened by the news that Revd Prof. Cliff Burrows died on Sunday 19 April, having contracted Covid-19. Our condolences and prayers are with Steve, John, Rachel and the rest of the family, and we give thanks for the decades of service Cliff gave to Christ Church.

Cliff began to participate in ministry at Christ Church in early 1988, when he took up his post at the University of Bath. He made a significant contribution to the growing university, culminating in his role as Dean of Engineering and chair of the research centre. Professor Clifford R Burrows BSc PhD CEng FIMechE was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2005 for services to higher education and to engineering, but most of us at Christ Church knew him through his parallel career as a resolutely non-stipendiary minister. He had firm principles and deep convictions, and rarely left you in doubt about them. He was a large presence at Christ Church, and a memorial service will be held in Christ Church when permitted.

Cliff's son Steve has written a personal memoir, which you can find in our notice sheet at <https://bit.ly/church-notices-cliff>.

Join a virtual service

Take part in our services at home: the 10am Sunday Eucharist, 11am Thursday Eucharist, and other services as advertised, will be live streamed. Please join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath. If you have any problems or queries, Mark Elliott is happy to help if you e-mail him at mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org. Join the Facebook group to receive the readings and weekly notice sheet by e-mail in advance, and follow the links on the page to take part in "virtual coffee" after the service.

To make it more of a Christ Church community, send photos of yourself, and Lore will put them up in the chapel as a visible sign that we are all worshipping together. You can send them by e-mail to lore.chumbley@me.com or post them to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH.

Also, do please e-mail, post or text prayer requests, and we will try to include them week by week. But be mindful that the service will be online, so be careful of the privacy of friends and loved ones.



A time of loss and lamentation

From the Priest-in-Charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

I don't think any of us have been untouched by death this Spring. I know individuals in Christ Church who have lost mother or son or mother-in-law or lifelong friend, and I fear there may be more losses to come. For most of us, the death of Cliff Burrows means the loss of a huge personality who held on to his deep faith right to the end. He ministered in Christ Church for close to 30 years. He was never anything other than himself, and sometimes that huge personality could be quite hard to accommodate. But that was part of who he was and we loved him. Tragically, Tony and Esme Buss, well known to the choir and to many others in Christ Church, lost their son, Ian, to the virus last month. Our hearts go out to them and to all of you who are grieving for your own losses.

Even though I am writing this in the season of Easter I can't just say to you "Don't grieve – remember the resurrection." Many of us struggle with the concept of the resurrection and, even for those of us with a solid belief in the bodily resurrection, that faith doesn't necessarily comfort us at the loss of a loved presence who is no longer with us.

"I know my brother will rise on the last day," said Martha, heartbroken at the death of her brother Lazarus and finding no comfort in her own statement of faith. Jesus didn't try to comfort, he wept with her. This feels like a time for lament and weeping. Even those of us spared personal bereavement have lost freedom, companionship and the ability to plan the future. In the Bible lamen-

tation is a communal activity but we are not even able to meet to share our grief.

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness."

(Lamentations 3:21-23)

In every generation there is loss and sorrow. And always, beneath the grief runs the promise of the resurrection. "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they die, shall live." The promise and hope are not like painkillers or anaesthetic. We still have to mourn our losses, but God is faithful and seals our faith with the resurrection.

Time and Talents

Wondering what to do with yourself over the next couple of months? Got time on your hands and want to take your mind off the current situation? The Time and Talents Challenge is continuing through Lent and extends to the end of October to raise the remaining funds for the east end reordering.

If you have time to craft or embroider or knit or paint or do beautiful calligraphy, or use any of the almost infinite talents that Christ Church folk have, then use the weekly notice sheet to advertise your talents – e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org. Delivery will have to wait until government restrictions are lifted.

Make a Will!

Georgina Fairbrass Bowman writes:

If there is only thing which we should all learn from the Coronavirus pandemic, it is that life is precarious. As often as not, death comes when we least expect it, snatching us or our loved ones away, without regard to how good or healthy we are. Death does not care about the ones we leave behind to grieve. Death is always shocking to all those who are/were close to the one who has been snatched away.

As a law student, I was taught that it is never too early to make a Will. As circumstances change, the Will can be changed. For example, I made a Will while I was still a student – not that, back then, I had much to leave. When I got married, that Will ceased to have effect, and had I died and gone to heaven on my wedding night, the law would have deemed that I had died intestate. Over the years, I have made a series of Wills, and, almost as superstitious insurance policy, I have revisited and, if I thought it necessary, revised those Wills every time I have flown off on holiday.

In anticipation of having open heart surgery, and especially at this time of pandemic, I have revised my Will: the previous one was made 14 years ago, and in the meantime, new relatives have been born, and old relatives have married or died.

Under English law, if one dies without a Will, a set of rules come into force regarding the administration and devolving of one's estate. These rules are sensible, but they don't suit everyone; the administration, by someone appointed by the government, can be expensive, taking substantial sums of money out of the estate, and making no provision for the lessening of the potential tax burden. So, if you haven't got an up-to-date Will, get in touch with your solicitor and make one. Give some thought about your executors: do you want family members to undertake the task, or would you rather have the solicitor do it (and take his/her expenses out of your estate)?

Also give some thought to your funeral/memorial service. I remember that, when my

father died, even though he had been failing for some months, it was still a shock. My elder sister arranged his funeral: she had no idea of his favourite hymns, or even his favourite organ music, so, in her grief, she let the vicar suggest what he thought. As a result, my father's funeral was disappointingly generic: it wasn't him at all, and I know he would not have been pleased. At least, at Christ Church, we sang his favourite hymn in his memory. The details for your memorial service can be set out in a letter to your executors, or to Lore. I know that I want my service (should I not leave hospital alive) to be at Christ Church, with hymns I love and the congregation know well, and all the music within the choir's repertoire – there often isn't a full choir at funerals, and they happen at short notice, so not much time to learn anything new.

I was a girl guide for only nine months, but I remember the motto: "Be prepared". Even at the best of times, I would advise that everyone makes a Will. Now, it is even more important to be prepared!

Daily Hope

The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a free national phoneline, Daily Hope, as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the Coronavirus. It will be particularly welcome to those who do not have internet access to watch streamed services. Daily Hope offers hymns, prayers, daily reflections and a choice of church services at the end of a phone line. Daily Hope is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.



Bishop's Message for May

A time to "Love our neighbours as ourselves"



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

I wonder, are you someone who gets everything ready long before you need to and jobs done well before time, someone who is never late for anything? Or are you someone who leaves things to the last minute, works right up to the deadline, and catches the bus or train with moments to spare? Or maybe you are somewhere in the middle?

One of the things that Bishop Ruth and I enjoy doing is writing these articles each month for parish magazines and newsletters. It gives us a chance to keep in touch with people across the diocese and to share the things that are in our hearts and minds as the year unfolds. The only drawback is that we have to write these articles well in advance, so that they reach magazine editors and church administrators in good time. The problem is of course that things may change in all sorts of ways between us writing them and you reading them. I am particularly conscious of that this month, as we are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Things are changing very fast and it is hard to know what the next few weeks will bring. That inevitably brings with it a certain degree of uncertainty, and some of us, especially those who are isolated and cut off, may be feeling anxious for ourselves or for others.

My hope throughout this time of

"lockdown" is that although some of us may have felt physically isolated from each other, we have not felt socially or spiritually isolated. Indeed, I have been truly amazed and encouraged by all the stories I have heard of people caring for each other, phoning each other and going shopping for those who cannot get out to buy the food they need.

At this stage none of us knows quite how and when this virus will eventually be brought under control. However, I do hope that when we get to the stage that restrictions can be safely lifted and we begin to go out and shop as we did before, things will be different. Many of us have had difficulty buying the food we wanted. Some of us have had to rely on others for our daily needs. We have had to learn new ways to pray and keep in touch with others in our churches and communities. We have had to trust, hope, and look out for our neighbours, especially those who are particularly vulnerable. We have been humbled by the courage and dedication of those who work in the NHS and care homes and all "key workers" who have worked tirelessly to look after and provide for us.

Jesus taught us to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind" and to "love our neighbours as ourselves". My hope and prayer is that as we emerge from this pandemic we and our communities may be a more compassionate, more generous, more grateful. And may we all have discovered what it is to know in a deeper way the peace and the presence of God.

May the peace and the joy of the Risen Lord be with you.

+Peter Bath and Wells

Book review: David Lammy, Tribes

David Lammy: Tribes: How Our Need to Belong Can Make or Break Society

Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown writes:

Brexit has laid bare the many “tribes” that make up British society. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland embraces many identities: nation, religion, gender, ethnicity, class, politics, to name but a few. Some of our identities go back centuries (“white Anglo-Saxon”); others are more recent (“Leave” or “Remain”). As the sub-title of this book reminds us, some threaten to break the UK apart.

Trained as lawyer, David Lammy has been the Labour MP for Tottenham since 1997. In the opening section of the book he describes his own multiple identities. He is the child of immigrant parents from Guyana and is descended from slaves. He was brought up in working-class Tottenham but won a choral scholarship to Peterborough Cathedral choir school. He went to university and later studied law at Harvard, qualifying as a barrister. He is a member of the Privy Council. He worships in the Church of England.

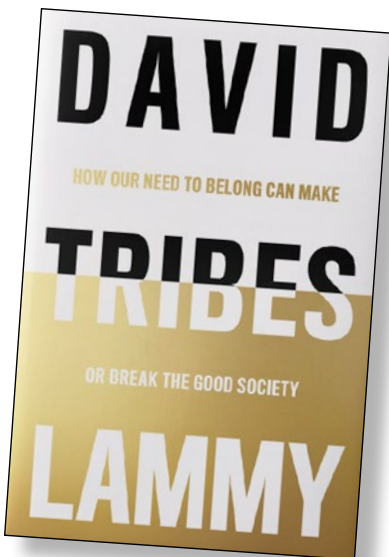
While Lammy appears secure in his several

identities, many of the closest friends with whom he was at school in Peterborough seem less sure of theirs. They’ve seen traditional jobs disappear. They’ve seen newcomers come in from overseas; home no longer feels like it once was. They voted Brexit. Lammy campaigned for Remain. Their politics tend to the Right. Lammy is Labour. But in spite of their differences they still respect each other, and their mutual respect enables them to remain friends.

Lammy uses his experiences and those of his friends, his family, his constituents and the people with whom he disagrees, to examine the stories we all tell to give shape to our identities. It’s the stories we tell about ourselves and our forbears that shape who we are and how others see us. Lammy asks us to examine these stories, to test them. Are they true? What uncomfortable memories might they gloss over? What legacies do stories leave behind? Does everyone even have a story to tell? If we’re not sure of our story, if our identity feels threatened, do we bolster it by defining ourselves not by who we are but by who we are not? Have we listened to the stories of those who make up the other “tribes”? One danger he identifies is how many communities seem to be living in silos with precious little contact with those outside their immediate groups.

Tribes was published just before we went into the Coronavirus lockdown. We’re now asking ourselves what sort of world it will be when the crisis is past. If Brexit laid bare some of our divisions, Coronavirus is laying bare structural fault lines in Britain and the wider world, not least inequality. Lammy doesn’t content himself with analysing the problems. As a politician he has several suggestions to make. He doesn’t claim that all of them will work. But he does ask us to start thinking, and his book gives us plenty to think about.

■ *Tribes: How Our Need to Belong Can Make or Break Society* is published by Constable (RRP £16 hardback, £9.99 paper)



Listening Chaplaincy Phoneline

Representatives of the different faith communities in the Avon and Somerset police area have set up a dedicated phoneline offering one-to-one chaplaincy.

This faith-based service is especially for anyone facing end-of life-issues, bereaved or anxious about someone in hospital, residential care or isolated at home. Their concern could be for a family member, friend, colleague or neighbour, or someone they have been caring for through their work.

The service will also offer a listening ear to:

- Those anxious about relatives who are gravely ill, especially if there is no option of visiting them in person;
- People unable to see the body of a loved one after death or unable to attend a funeral;
- Key workers affected by work-related issues, perhaps overwhelmed by what they are facing or dealing with;
- Anyone anxious about the effects of Covid-19 on their lives.

The service is unable to offer long-term bereavement care or counselling, but can refer you to organisations which can offer this specialist help.

The phone line is focused on callers from Bristol, Somerset and South Gloucestershire but no one will be turned away. This service is open to everyone, of all faiths and none. All calls will be confidential.



0330 229 1700
8am-11pm
7 days a week

Need pastoral care?

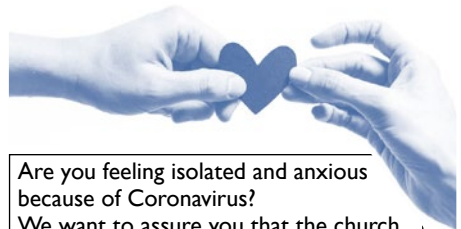
Rebekah Cunningham writes:

The pastoral care group, which has been in existence many years, was brought together in a more structured way at the beginning of this year. This has proved to be really timely with the current epidemic as we have been able to set up a system for supporting some of the older and more vulnerable members of our Christ Church family, especially those who live alone and those who don't have access to the internet.

Between us we are regularly phoning those who are completely housebound, to ask after their wellbeing and remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers. We also try to help with any practical needs and are undertaking shopping for several (we have a few other volunteers for this too).

We (the pastoral care group) keep in touch with each other too, so that together we have an overall picture of how people are coping.

If you have any concerns about anyone, either members of our church or people in the area of Christ Church, who you feel would like some support, please get in touch and we will try to help. This is a time when we all are being daily challenged to show Christ's love to each other in very practical ways and our efforts will bear fruit if we don't lose heart.



Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of Coronavirus?

We want to assure you that the church community remembers and prays for those who are in any kind of need.

If you would like prayer, conversation or support, please call

Rebekah Cunningham on 07821 251956 or e-mail rebekah.spanner@gmail.com.

No church... Why not try meditating?

By Barbara Wood, of The World Community for Christian Meditation:

For all those who go to church most Sundays, the sudden and complete shutdown of the churches in response to the Coronavirus pandemic must have come as a shock – for some, an enormous shock. And the clergy, like everyone else, are working on imaginative ways that they can offer support within these constraints.

So what can we do at home on our own to feel we are still part of a worshipping community? Well, one possibility, perhaps surprising and initially unfamiliar, is to try Christian Meditation. Far from being a strange, “foreign” custom, a simple form of meditation has been part of the Christian tradition right back to the early centuries, and even to Jesus himself. It just got rather lost in more recent times. For the last 50 years or so, the tradition has been revived, and there is now a World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) – ecumenical, and with a strong presence in the UK.

WCCM recommends a short time of meditation – about 20 minutes – twice a day. The short version of “How to meditate” is below. But as long as you have Internet access, it’s best to go the website: either (for the UK) www.christianmeditation.org.uk or www.wccm.org. There is a great deal of help, resources and information on these websites. As they all say, meditating is “simple, but not easy”. But, with practice and perseverance, it will bring rewards, and perhaps a new dimension to your spiritual life. It’s for everyone – young (including children!), old, new Christians and (really!) old hands, and those whose links to “church” are at best tenuous. And, for all of us stuck at home, you become part of a very real, though invisible, worldwide Christian community.

■ *Sit down. Sit still with your back straight. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Then interiorly, silently begin to recite a single word – a prayer word or mantra. We recommend the*

ancient Christian prayer-word “Maranatha”. Say it as four equal syllables. Breathe normally and give your full attention to the word as you say it, silently, gently, faithfully and – above all – simply.

The essence of meditation is simplicity. Stay with the same word during the whole meditation and in each meditation day to day. Don’t visualise but listen to the word, as you say it. Let go of all thoughts (even good thoughts), images and other words. Don’t fight your distractions: let them go by saying your word faithfully, gently and attentively and returning to it as soon as you realise you have stopped saying or it or when your attention wanders.

Meditate twice a day, morning and evening, for between 20 and 30 minutes. It may take a time to develop this discipline, and the support of a tradition and community is always helpful.

Food Bank donations

In B&NES we have three food banks supporting those in greatest need in our community, covering Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley. All three food banks would welcome more donations of food, so are encouraging people to put donations into local supermarket drop boxes if you can. Please do not make a special trip out to make your donation, but donate as part of your existing shopping trips.

Food items particularly needed are: pasta, pasta sauce, longlife milk, tinned meat and tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetarian (vegetable curry/chilli/bolognaise etc), tinned fruit, chocolate, longlife juice, instant mash, sponge pudding.

If you are unable to leave home and would like to support your local food bank, they are also happy to receive financial donations to enable them to buy additional food and pay their storage/transport costs. For details of how to donate food or money visit www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank and search Bath, Keynsham or Somer Valley.

Where to find help and advice

Compassionate Community Hub

The Compassionate Community Hub, co-ordinated by B&NES 3rd Sector Group with support from Virgin Care in B&NES, Bath & North East Somerset Council and the NHS, helps the most vulnerable people in Bath and North East Somerset access critical support during the Covid-19 pandemic and has handled more than 2,500 calls.

The hub works closely with food banks and volunteers to ensure people can access direct support when they need it. www.3sg.org.uk/pages/compassionate-community-covid-19

- If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, then send an email with the subject "Support" to compassion@3sg.org.uk and the team will pick up your query within 24 hours.

- Alternatively, telephone the Compassionate Community hotline **0300 247 0050**. It is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

- To volunteer with the Compassionate Community Hub, complete the form via <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>

- For people in need of food and looking for an alternative to going into the shops during the pandemic, there is a list of local businesses offering food delivery: www.3sg.org.uk/pages/sustainable-food-partnership



Pharmacy opening hours: you can download a regularly-updated spreadsheet at <https://bit.ly/bath-pharmacy-hours>

Mental wellbeing support for adults

Public Health England, in partnership with the NHS, has launched Every Mind Matters, which aims to help people take simple steps to look after their mental health, improve their mental wellbeing and support others.

Information includes: ten tips to help if you're worried about Coronavirus; seven simple ideas to tackle working from home; looking after children and young people; and mental wellbeing while staying at home. www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

Mind is a national charity supporting those with mental health concerns.

- 020 8519 2122 or visit www.mind.org.uk

- Mind also has a specific helpline for parents concerned about a young person:

- Parents Helpline 0808 802 5544

Young Minds for young people looking for help and support:

- Text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help text YM to 85258

All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors. Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus.

Cruse Bereavement Care

For support, advice and information when someone dies, including support for coping with bereavement in isolation. 0808 808 1677 www.cruse.org.uk

Financial need

If you are experiencing financial problems, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact Lore in confidence – contact details on page 15.

Domestic violence help and support

The pressures of lockdown have led to a rise in reports of domestic violence, but help and support services are still available for anyone in need of support or aware of a victim who needs help.

- **Women's Aid** National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 200 0247 (run by Refuge)
- **Advice for Male Victims** of Domestic Violence: 0808 801 0327
- **Rape Crisis** (England and Wales): 0808 802 9999, www.rapecrisis.org.uk
- **The Mix** – advice for under-25s: 0808 808 4994
- **Childline** – deals with a vast variety of children's concerns including domestic violence: 0800 1111.
- People affected by domestic abuse can contact local independent charity Southside on 01225 331243, enquiries@south-side.org.uk to get in touch with an advisor.

- **In an emergency**, dial 999.

If you are in danger and unable to talk on the phone, call 999 and listen to the questions from the operator and if possible, respond by coughing or tapping the headset. If prompted, press 55 to Make Yourself Heard and this will transfer your call to the police. (NB pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.)

When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about your location should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

- **Hestia**

For 50 years Hestia has provided support and hope every step of the way of recovery. We believe that no-one should suffer alone. Together, we can make sure people find a

#LifeBeyondCrisis. A free mobile app, Bright Sky, provides support and information to anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know. More at www.hestia.org

- **Respect**

Respect Phonenumber is a confidential helpline, e-mail and webchat service for domestic abuse perpetrators and those supporting them. It supports men and women who are using abuse in same-sex or heterosexual relationships. Respect Phonenumber is for anyone concerned about their use of violence and abuse towards their partner, and for those supporting them: concerned friends or family members, Frontline Workers assisting abusers, are all welcome to call us for information and support. Respect Phonenumber's team of friendly advisors will listen to you without judgment and offer confidential and honest advice to help you stop being violent. Call 0808 802 4040 or visit www.respectphonenumber.org.uk

- **Galop, the LGBT+ anti-violence charity**

Galop continues to provide hate crime, domestic abuse and sexual violence support services to LGBT+ victims/survivors by phone, e-mail, text and WhatsApp.

Galop can help if you experience homophobia, transphobia or biphobia wherever it occurs, including at home, in public, at work, online or in cruising sites. Galop also provides confidential and independent advice and support for LGBT+ people who have experienced sexual assault, abuse or violence.

Domestic abuse is any kind of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between people who have been intimate partners or family members. This includes forced marriage, abuse relating to gender identity or sexuality and so-called honour based violence.

- UK National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 999 5428 (Monday to Friday 10am–5pm, Wednesday and Thursday to 8pm. For more, visit www.galop.org.uk.

childline

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Christ Church calendar May 2020

1 Fri *Philip and James, Apostles*

3 Sun *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*
10am Eucharist

7 Thu 11am Eucharist

8 Fri *Mother Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer*
75th anniversary of VE Day

10 Sun *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*
10am Eucharist

14 Thu *Matthias the Apostle*
11am Eucharist

17 Sun *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*
10am Eucharist

21 Thu *Ascension Day*
11am Eucharist

24 Sun *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*
10am Eucharist

28 Thu 11am Eucharist

31 Sun *Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*
10am Eucharist

June 1 Mon *The Visitation (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth)*

4 Thu 11am Eucharist

7 Sun *Trinity Sunday*
10am Eucharist

Join all services at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath

Got something you want to let everyone know about? 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 May 2020

Friday	1	For victims of violence
Saturday	2	For those who are confined to their homes
Sunday	3	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	4	For the Queen and other heads of state
Tuesday	5	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Wednesday	6	For our own personal witness
Thursday	7	For our Pilgrim Group
Friday	8	We give thanks for peace in our time
Saturday	9	For countries with economic problems
Sunday	10	For good use to be made of this prayer cycle
Monday	11	For those who work in the emergency services
Tuesday	12	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
Wednesday	13	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Thursday	14	For those who have been baptised, married or confirmed at Christ Church
Friday	15	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	16	That we may be open to encounters with God
Sunday	17	For Christian unity
Monday	18	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	19	For refugees
Wednesday	20	For the work of our compassion fund
Thursday	21	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives
Friday	22	For the unemployed

Saturday	23	For volunteer organisations
Sunday	24	For those on our church rotas
Monday	25	For those who work in the transport industry
Tuesday	26	That we may have the gift of faithfulness
Wednesday	27	For a good harvest
Thursday	28	For our charity of the month
Friday	29	For those who lack food or water
Saturday	30	For prisoners and prison workers
Sunday	31	That we may have the gift of the Holy Spirit

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
 Zareb

Judith Rogers
 Nancy Kiddie
 Revd John Brown
 Alan White
 Ian Muir
 Liza Burdon Bailey
 Maureen Barker
 David Slater
 Ned Milne

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 May 2020

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
3 May Easter 4	Emma Elliott Genesis 7	Nick Wells Acts 2:42-end	Ben Elliott John 10:1-10
10 May Easter 5	Rebekah Cunningham Genesis 8:1-19	Richard Gabe Acts 7:55-end	Jonathan Stead John 14:1-14
17 May Easter 6	Janet Mahto Genesis 8:20 – 9:17	Malcolm Wall Acts 17:22-31	Lewis Boyd John 14:15-21
24 May Easter 7	Beryl Bowes Ezekiel 36:24-28	Rosanne Gabe Acts 1:6-14	Morny Davison John 17:1-11
31 May Pentecost	Virginia Knight Numbers 11:24-30	Peter Bowes Acts 2:1-21	Thomas Wolker-Darley John 7:37-39
7 June Trinity Sunday	Alex Soboslay Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end	Ian Hay Davison 2 Corinthians 13:11-end	Brenda Wall Matthew 28:16-20

Intercessions, Sunday 10am Eucharist

3 May (Easter 4): Simon Tatton-Brown
10 May (Easter 5): Rebekah Cunningham
17 May (Easter 6): Peter Bowes
24 May (Easter 7): Nick Wells
31 May (Pentecost): Jonathan Stead
7 June (Trinity Sunday): Beryl Bowes

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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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