



Welcome Kara!

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

On Thursday 1 July Kara Maylor was licensed as a lay minister to Christ Church and on Sunday 4 July she will join our Sunday worship as curate for the first time. We will have a small gift to give to her, but she will bring a much greater one to us: her presence and her ministry. A curate is one who has a “cure of souls,” and the charge which will be laid on Kara later in the year when she is ordained as deacon on 25 September is:

“to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agent of God’s purposes of love... to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people... to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.”

This is serious stuff! Ordained priests remain deacons all their lives, so those responsibilities never lessen. And since all of us are part of the “priesthood of believers,” as Peter explains in 1 Peter 2:5-9, those responsibilities are for all of us. It is a glorious and solemn task and it will take all our lives, but it doesn’t have to be serious. The Julian Road celebration (which has been postponed to 22 August), our Windrush Service (which you can review on our Facebook page), and the reopening of the Cedar Tree café on 30 July are all ways in which as a church family we

joyfully shoulder some of that responsibility. It helps to have a sense of humour. Marcus Braybrooke, who ministered at Christ Church 30 years ago, has written this prayer:

Lord, Thank you for the gift of humour which adds enjoyment to life, enables us to cope with difficulties and helps us to relax and ease tensions. Give us a sense of fun and the ability to laugh at ourselves, confident that you love us as we are. Amen.

Welcoming Kara, her husband Harvey and her family into Christ Church is a serious responsibility, an occasion for rejoicing and a chance to refresh and rethink some of the things we do. It’s also going to be fun!



Revd Preb. Marcus Braybrooke preached for us on Sunday 27 June, when we welcomed him, his wife Mary, Canon Angela Townshend and Sarah Sheppard as special guests to give thanks for the (near-)completion of our reordering – see page 3.

Windrush Sunday



Bishop Ruth presided at our Windrush Sunday service on 20 June, when we were joined by a number of distinguished guests including the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bath, Councillor June Player, along with representatives of the Bath Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens Association. We received a recorded greeting from Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, the first black woman to become a Bishop in the Church of England, and heard recorded music from the Rainbow Steel Band and interviews with some of those who made the journey from the Caribbean to the UK, shared with us by their grandchildren. The service also saw the return of a live choir, although still limited in number.



Bishop Ruth and Lore pictured with members of Bath's Caribbean community after the service, which commemorated the arrival of the Empire Windrush in Tilbury docks on 22 June 1948, bringing the first major group of post-war Caribbean migrants to the UK, and also celebrated the church's ongoing relationship with the community. Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Julian Road party

Last month Lore wrote about the planned community celebration to be held in the Christ Church car park in partnership with the Museum of Bath at Work and BAMB. Because restrictions will not yet have lifted by the planned date, this will now take place on Sunday 22 August from 12 noon.

Weather permitting, there will be stalls and activities in the car park, the courtyard outside the Museum of Bath at Work and the BAMB garden, plus an exhibition of photographs in the museum, games for children in the garden space, teas served in the Lower Mews, and the church and ringing chamber open to visitors.

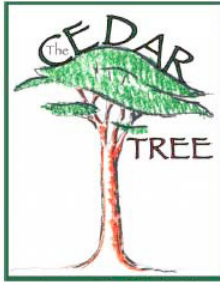
Judith Bishop is co-ordinating our contributions, so please contact her if you are able and willing to bake, help with serving teas or look after a stall, or have ideas to contribute. Please put the date in your diary, and please come! It will be an opportunity for all who live, work or worship in Julian Road and the surrounding area to celebrate the summer and the things we can still enjoy, and to look towards the future.

Living in Love and Faith course at Christ Church

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) is a resource from the Church of England designed to enable groups and churches respectfully to discuss the various positions on sexuality which are found within the Church. Canon Nigel Rawlinson, Anglican Chaplain at the University of Bath, is one of several trained facilitators in the Deanery and he has agreed to run one of the first LLF courses in Bath Deanery at Christ Church. It will begin on Thursday 15 July at 7:30pm and may be virtual, face-to-face or a hybrid, depending on the necessary precautions. For anyone who would prefer to take part in a larger group there also will be a Deanery wide course in the Autumn.

Cedar Tree reopening



'Under it every kind of bird will live'

Bath
Julian Road

With the lifting of restrictions delayed, it will not be possible to reopen the Cedar Tree café at the start of July as we'd hoped. If restrictions ease as expected, we now plan to resume on Friday 30 July, at the usual times (11am – 1:30pm). We look forward to welcoming everyone again.

Also last month...



During the service on 27 June, Marcus, Sarah and Canon Angela joined Lore and our Churchwardens, Jane and Janet, to mark the naming of the St Michael Chapel. Thank you to all who took part in voting for the name of the new chapel.

Newly ordained

The traditional Petertide ordinations took place in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 26 June. The 16 new priests (pictured) include Revd Andrew Avramenko, who will serve in our Local Ministry Group sister churches in the Benefice of Charlcombe with Bath St Stephen.

On the same day, Nicky Gladstone, long-standing member of the Christ Church family and founder of the Cedar Tree café, was ordained deacon in York Minister.

Our congratulations to Nicky, Andrew and all those ordained this Petertide.

The service to ordain new deacons in Bath and Wells, including our own Kara Maylor, will take place on Saturday 25 September.



The new priests in our diocese, pictured outside Wells Cathedral with Bishop Ruth.

Tony Buss RIP

It was sad to hear of the death of Tony Buss in late June. He had been suffering circulatory problems for some time and was in hospital for surgery when he died in his sleep. Tony's rich, powerful voice contributed much to the choir over several years. He and Esme celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2020, but the year was a difficult one with Tony's health problems and the loss of their son Iain to Covid-19 in March 2020 at the age of 55. Our condolences and prayers go to Esme and all their family and friends.



Esme and Tony at a Christ Church social event in the 2010s.

Farewell to the Rices



On Sunday 27 June we also said farewell to Charles and Carol Rice, who are moving away from Bath. Carol has contributed much to Christ Church behind the scenes, including her creative flower arrangements. Charles has served as Chair of Trustees and overseen our entrance renovations and east end reordering, probably our biggest programme of building projects in a century. We thank Charles and Carol for all their contributions to the life of Christ Church and wish them every happiness and good fortune.

Services online or live

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist, open to all in person, continues to be live streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath. Our weekly Thursday 11am Eucharist is now taking place live in the church, not online or on Zoom. The church will also remain open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for anyone local who may want to drop in.

Do send prayer requests – by e-mail to lore.chumbley@me.com or phone or text to Lore on 07595 294146, or by post to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH. Note that services will be online, so be mindful of the privacy of friends and loved ones.

Every weekday morning at 8am a group of us are saying Morning Prayer together on Zoom, or you can phone in. If you would like an invitation, please e-mail Lore.

If you need help with accessing any of these services, then please ask!

Today we pray...

Virginia Knight writes:

If you are new to Christ Church – or even if you are not – you may not have noticed the prayer cycle which is produced for every day of the year. It can be found on page 8 of this issue of *Christ Church Link*, on the Christ Church website (under “What’s On”), and on most days the prayer for the day is tweeted at @ChristChBath. It is also sometimes used as a source for intercessions at the Sunday Eucharist.

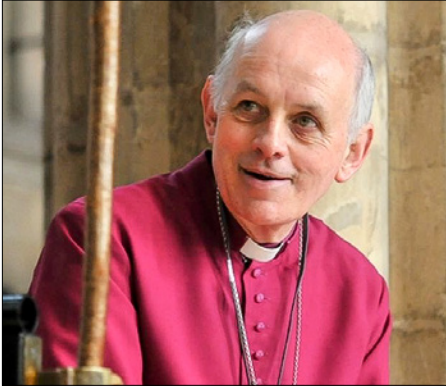
I’ve now been producing it for just over ten years. I create the prayer cycle using a spreadsheet showing which petitions I’ve used in previous months, adding more as I think of them. I wouldn’t want to get into trouble with (say) the flower arrangers because it was a year since they’d been prayed for! The spreadsheet helps me as well to get a balance between praying for aspects of the life of Christ Church, for the wider community and for the needs of the world. There are also a few thanksgiving prayers and petitions that we may have particular virtues. I’m not very good at thinking of virtues; Jesus and St. Paul are rather better, so I have drawn on a couple of well-known Bible passages here.

Regular users may have noticed that some days of the week have a particular theme. This helps me to structure the cycle so that there is variety from one day to the next. A few entries are tied to events on that day (liturgical or otherwise) or take account of forthcoming or recent events in Church or in the news. Inevitably a prayer cycle reflects its compiler to some extent; otherwise it might as well be written by a computer. I’m always open to suggestions of prayer needs I may have overlooked.

I would encourage you to consider using the cycle if you don’t already. The intention is “to provide a focus for the prayers of the Christ Church community” and I see it as an aid to creating the “culture of prayerfulness” into which the Bath Deanery wishes to guide local churches.

Bishop's Message for July

God's gift to humankind



**From the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott,
Assistant Bishop,
Diocese of Bath and Wells**

The leaves of the trees will be for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22:2

A few days spent recently in the Lakes gave us a much anticipated opportunity to visit the new RHS garden, Bridgewater, near Manchester. Created in the ruins of the much-overgrown walled garden of a long-gone great house, the garden is the result of co-operation between the RHS and the City Council.

While the Paradise Garden with its pools and flowing water reminded me of the river of life in the Revelation, it was the therapeutic garden which captured my imagination. A number of charities working in inner Manchester with people whose lives are deeply affected by issues of mental health and social deprivation had approached the RHS to explore the possibility of creating a working garden to be grown and maintained by the various communities involved. The result is stunning both visually and mentally.

To aid the development, the partners decided to allocate some of their limi-

ted financial resources towards the appointment of a full-time occupational therapeutic gardener. Talking with her and reading the display boards around the garden, we discovered that for many of those involved not only was this their first experience of gardening but more importantly the physical work and interaction is giving them a hope and purpose in life in ways that nothing else had been able to achieve.

The Revelation speaks of a world transformed and made new by God, the very stuff of the earth, trees and water, bringing new life to what was tired and old. The Scriptures remind us that the earth is God's gift to humankind to be tended and cherished, to be used for the good of all.

But let the last word be that of the therapeutic gardener: "We can care for others; we can care for the earth. All we need is a vision and the will."

With my blessing,

+Trevor

Daily Hope

A free national phoneline offers a simple way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes when they can't go to services in person. It will be particularly welcome to those without internet access to watch streamed services. Daily Hope offers hymns, prayers, daily reflections and a choice of church services over the phone, 24 hours a day.



This month's charity: CAP

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 11 and 25 July – will go to Christians Against Poverty (CAP). (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity determined to reduce UK poverty by delivering debt counselling, money management, job clubs, life skills groups and support for people breaking life-controlling habits.

CAP is committed to its services being available to all regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation.

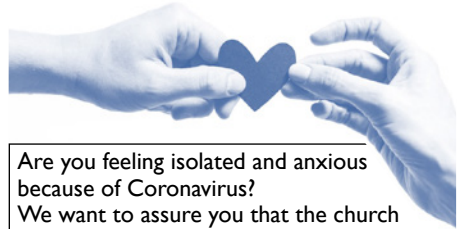
Poverty destroys lives. Through a range of expert services that tackle debt and the key causes of poverty, CAP is helping people find far more than a practical solution to financial problems. With the support of local churches, people are growing in confidence, families are being restored, and hope is flooding back.

Services including CAP Debt Help, CAP Job Clubs, Fresh Start and CAP Life Skills address some of the most common causes of poverty: debt, unemployment, addiction, low income and difficulty budgeting. In addition, the CAP Money Course provides vital money education and empowers people to become more financially resilient. CAP head office in Bradford is home to an incredible poverty busting team of over 300 staff, but all of these services are run through local churches, creating an important community aspect to help break the isolation that poverty can cause.

In 2019 (the most recent year for which figures are available), 13,349 calls were taken by CAP's New Enquiries team from people seeking help with their debts, 2,450 individual adults became debt free, and 22,778 people were helped across CAP's services (including CAP Debt Help clients, their children and group service members).

Find out more about CAP at <https://capuk.org/about-us/>. You can also donate online at <https://capuk.org/get-involved/donate>.

Need pastoral care?



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.

If you have any concerns about anyone you feel would like some support, either members of our church or people in the area of Christ Church, please get in touch. The pastoral care group are regularly phoning the elderly and housebound, and along with some other volunteers will try to help with practical needs such as shopping.

Community Hub ends

After more than a year of delivering emergency support to residents across Bath and North East Somerset during the Covid-19 pandemic, third sector organisation 3SG is stepping down from providing volunteer support for the Community Wellbeing Hub.

Since the start of the first national lockdown, 3SG and its 2,000 volunteers have provided a shopping and medication service for vulnerable residents. However, with restrictions now easing and referrals from the Community Wellbeing Hub significantly reducing, the service is being wound up to enable 3SG to focus on its core mission of supporting local charities and social enterprises.

• For people in need of food and still looking for an alternative to going into the shops, the website below has a frequently updated list of which local food providers are open and how they operate: www.banesfoodfinder.org.uk.

Christ Church calendar July 2021

1 Thu 11am Eucharist

3 Sat *Thomas the Apostle*

4 Sun *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

8 Thu 11am Eucharist

11 Sun *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

15 Thu 11am Eucharist
Living in Love and Faith course begins, 7:30pm

18 Sun *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

22 Thu *Mary Magdalene*
11am Eucharist

25 Sun *James the Apostle*
10am Eucharist

29 Thu *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus*
11am Eucharist

30 Fri *William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)*
Cedar Tree café reopening (11am – 1:30pm) – TBC

Aug 1 Sun *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

5 Thu 11am Eucharist

6 Fri *The Transfiguration*

8 Sun *The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath

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 July 2021

Thursday	1	For the local Deanery Synod
Friday	2	For those who lack food or water
Saturday	3	We give thanks for our blessings
Sunday	4	For our bell-ringing team
Monday	5	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	6	For countries with economic problems
Wednesday	7	For the ministry of Genesis
Thursday	8	For a good harvest
Friday	9	For those who mourn
Saturday	10	For our own personal ministry
Sunday	11	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	12	For the emergency services
Tuesday	13	For Bible scholars and theologians
Wednesday	14	For prisoners and prison workers
Thursday	15	For good relationships between different faiths
Friday	16	For refugees
Saturday	17	For volunteer organisations
Sunday	18	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Monday	19	For those who care for the sick
Tuesday	20	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Wednesday	21	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
Thursday	22	For peace

Friday	23	For all who face tragedy
Saturday	24	For our charity of the month
Sunday	25	For Kara and Harvey as they join us
Monday	26	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	27	That we may have the gift of kindness
Wednesday	28	For those who produce publicity for Christ Church
Thursday	29	For those on holiday
Friday	30	For the homeless
Saturday	31	For those who have been baptised, confirmed or married at Christ Church

Long-term Prayer List

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

Joyce Knight
 Revd John Brown
 Evelyn Magson
 Jean Warren
 Dillon
 Amber
 David Slater
 Nick Johnson
 Hannah

Joyce Wellington
 Tom Lockington
 Bishop Peter
 Chris Coles

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 2021

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Intercessions
4 July 5th after Trinity	Beryl Bowes Ezekiel 2:1-5	Angela Soboslay 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Nick Wells Mark 6:1-13	Peter Bowes
11 July 6th after Trinity	Rebekah Cunningham Amos 7:7-15	Robin Kerr Ephesians 1:3-14	Morny Davison Mark 6:14-29	Jonathan Stead
18 July 7th after Trinity	Peter Bowes Jeremiah 23:1-6	Brenda Wall Ephesians 2:11-end	Simon Tatton- Brown • Mark 6:30-34, 53-end	Nick Wells
25 July James the Apostle	Emma Elliott Acts 11:27 – 12:2	Ian Hay Davison 2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Clive Tilling Matthew 20:20-28	Beryl Bowes
1 August 9th after Trinity	Jonathan Stead Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Isaac Elliott Ephesians 4:1-16	Virginia Knight John 6:24-35	Simon Tatton- Brown

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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 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 (pre-recorded for the time being, until live church services with singing can resume again).

As well as worship on Sunday and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community. Our weekly community café will resume when safety restrictions permit. Our musical tradition continues to thrive, with our choir active even during lockdown; 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 – resumption date TBC
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday – also streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually on the third Sunday of every month – resumption date TBC

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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