



## Caring for Creation

*From the priest-in-charge...*

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

For nearly 30 years an obscure United Nations committee has been meeting annually to discuss climate change. At first it was seen as merely a footnote to the important work of the United Nations on peace keeping, migration and famine relief.

The 21st meeting, dubbed COP 21 from the name “Committee of Parties,” took place in Paris in 2015. By then concern about climate change had become widespread and the previously underrated committee took centre stage. A decision was made by all participating countries to commit to measures to keep global warming below 2°C while aiming for a maximum of 1.5°.

There will be climate change sceptics reading this who would argue that we cannot be sure the apparent changes in temperature and global weather patterns are a result of the greenhouse effect of carbon dioxide. We can't even be certain that global warming is happening – the ice sheets might start recovering today and the global temperatures might begin to come down.

They might. But the danger is that global warming is both real and related to industrial and agricultural activity and to urbanisation and population growth. If so, we have a chance right now, to preserve not only beauty and diversity of creation but also to protect the future of human and animal life on Earth. This is not a chance we can afford to miss. In the first fortnight of November the United Kingdom will host

the 26th United Nations meeting on this subject – the much trailed COP 26.

So what can we do in Christ Church? As part of our harvest festival on 5 September we will be marking “Climate Sunday.” The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, the bishop responsible for the environment for the Church of England, has said: “Climate Sunday will be a brilliant resource to help Church of England parishes understand and respond to the climate crisis as we work out the actions we need to take to cut our carbon emissions every year to reach net zero emissions by 2030.” In Christ Church a group is beginning to look at our carbon footprint and our green credentials. Through a series of sermons in August we will be pondering the glory of creation, our responsibility for it and what actions we might take. This will culminate in our Climate Sunday service, when we will pray for bold action and courageous leadership at COP 26.



Find out more at [www.climatesunday.org](http://www.climatesunday.org).

## Exhibition about Bath Abbey links to slavery

Bath Abbey is holding an exhibition revealing its links to colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade through the history of some of its monuments. The “Monuments, Empire and Slavery” exhibition continues until at least Saturday 4 September. Admission is free.

The exhibition reveals the links between colonialism and some of the people commemorated on the Abbey’s ledgerstones and wall tablets. Research so far has found more than 200 connections to colonies including the West Indies and India from the 1700s and 1800s. The exhibition tells the stories of three different men within the context of 18th century Bath society and the transatlantic slave trade. It is part of Bath Abbey’s commitment to address its history, learn from it and work towards a more just future for all.

Read more about the exhibition at [www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/memorials-empire-and-slavery-exhibition](http://www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/memorials-empire-and-slavery-exhibition). A leaflet with extra information on the monuments connected with the British Empire can be picked up at the exhibition or downloaded from the site.



Some of Bath Abbey’s memorial wall tablets and ledgerstones. Photo courtesy of Bath Abbey.

## Christ Church looks into links to slavery

### **Georgina Bowman writes:**

When the originators of the idea of a free church, which became Christ Church, started to raise funds for the building of a church to provide a place of free worship for the poor of Bath, slavery was ubiquitous. And it is more than likely that the wealth of many of those who contributed to the building fund was a product of the slave trade. But there were also those among the contributors who were anti-slavery, such as William Wilberforce, who donated £50 to the building fund and became one of the original Trustees. Today’s Trustees have asked us to find out as much as we can about the connections between slavery and the building of Christ Church.

We have just begun the search, and have found the treasurer’s book, donated to Christ Church by Major General Daubeny on 23 December 1857. The book is a treasure trove of information: it lists the subscribers, with the amount of their donation(s), and also sets out the expenditure. I have been copying out the list of subscribers, and still have several pages of them to go. So far, I have copied out 135 entries, starting with the then Bishop of Bath and Wells, who gave £100.

The next stage is to research each of those names. Some, listed as “Anonymous, £50” or “A Lady, 5 guineas”, will be impossible to find. Others should be reasonably easy to trace, some because they are clergy and some because they may have already been researched by the archive team at the Abbey. If you would like to help with the research, please contact Lore, Georgina or Simon.

---

## Bishop takes a break

■ There is no Bishop’s Message from the Diocese this month. These will resume after the summer break.

# Changes to services at Christ Church

With the easing of Covid restrictions, Christ Church is making some changes to live services but moving cautiously.

For the time being, we will maintain social distancing, continuing to seat people in alternate pews and use a one-way system to move around the building to minimise crowding. We will encourage people to wear masks but will not insist.

We will continue to register people attending services or events (in the Lower Mews as well) in case of a possible outbreak.

We will continue to administer Communion in one kind only, using all the precautions we have taken up to now with the exception that the Celebrant will now say the words of administration, "The body of Christ keep you in eternal life;" for each person as they receive Communion.

The choir will remain distanced. The congregation is now also permitted to sing, but it would show care for others if you agreed to continue wearing a mask as you do so. The choir and Celebrant will lead by example.

For those concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we will not sing at the 11am Thursday Eucharist or the 8am Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, which will be held again starting on Sunday 8 August. All these services will continue to be socially distanced.

We will resume serving coffee after the Sunday 10am service. In order to avoid a pinch point at the west end of the church building, this will take place in the Lower Mews, where you will be encouraged to sit at a table. Coffee after the 11am service on Thursdays will be in church since it involves only a small number of people.

We hope to ease restrictions further in due course, but urge caution. Please remain considerate of those who may be more vulnerable. If you are unwell or have been instructed to self-isolate, please take part in services online (page 5) instead of in person.

# Last month...



*At the start of July we welcomed our new curate, Kara Maylor, and her husband Harvey. Kara is one of 16 new "Lay Curates" who, because of coronavirus restrictions, were licensed as such in July (below) so that they could begin their work in ministry and will be ordained deacon in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 25 September.*



*Photo courtesy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.*

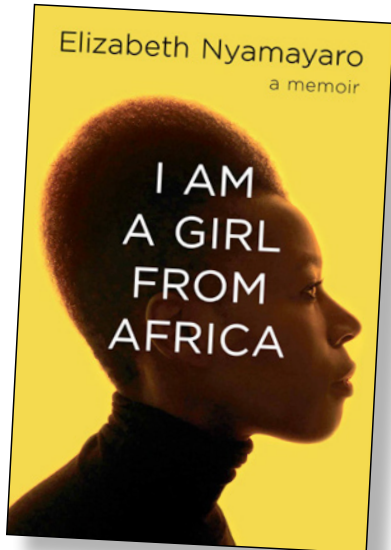
# Book review: I am a Girl from Africa

*I am a Girl from Africa: A Memoir by Elizabeth Nyamayaro (Simon & Schuster, 2021, 272 pages; ISBN13: 9781471180293). RRP £20.*

## **Canon Simon Tatton-Brown writes:**

They're anonymous. A face. "Not one of us." It is 2000 and Elizabeth Nyamayaro had only been granted a "pity interview" by the United Nations aid agency executive because she'd telephoned her every week for seventeen weeks demanding to be seen. The job advert had said that applicants must have a PhD. Elizabeth hadn't even been to college. But as she got up to leave, Elizabeth asked one final question: "Won't your successful candidate need a research assistant?" The UN executive hadn't thought of that, sat her down, and appointed her. "But you'll have to work for free" she said. "I haven't got a budget."

Although Elizabeth Nyamayaro is now a political scientist and a former senior advisor to the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director for Women at the United Nations, Elizabeth had spent her first years being cared for by her poverty-stricken widowed grandmother in Zimbabwe. When she was eight food in the village had run out.



Elizabeth would have died in a day had not a UN worker given her a bowl of porridge. When she later went to school and learned what "UN" means, she told herself that she was going to work for the United Nations to help other people like she had been helped.

*I am a Girl from Africa* doesn't just tell Elizabeth's story. Elizabeth introduces the reader to African culture and wisdom and African values like Ubuntu: "I am because we are; we are because I am". The reader meets her family, whose members make enormous and costly sacrifices so Elizabeth and her siblings can have an education and a better life. But every time she advances, a setback threatens to stop her. She completes secondary school, but has to go out to work to pay for her siblings' school fees. Eventually she gets to London, but the United Nations is based in Geneva and New York. She sees the ad for her dream job, but to meet the qualifications she'd need five or six years of higher education. Through everything she never gives up on her dream. Like the importunate widow in the gospel, she not only wears down her interviewer but overcomes all obstacles.

Nor did Elizabeth forget her story. Indeed, it not only motivates her, it provides the template for her achievements. Within a few years Elizabeth was heading up aid projects across the globe. One day she advises presidents; she spends much more time listening to villagers on the ground. It is their stories, stories like hers, that she tells the presidents and us when we read her book. Life didn't stop being hard when she achieved her ambition. The difficulties were just different – political push-back, occasional failure, constant worry, long, long hours.

Towards the end of the book Elizabeth Nyamayaro quotes an African proverb. "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." She reminds us that we are all God's children; and through her story she gives us a glimpse of God's love at work.

■ Hear Elizabeth Nyamayaro tell her story at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09dht9b>

## Julian Road celebration

This community celebration takes place on Sunday 22 August from 12 noon onwards in the Christ Church car park, in partnership with the Museum of Bath at Work and BAMM. It will bring the community together after a difficult year.

Weather permitting, there will be stalls and activities in the car park, the courtyard outside the Museum of Bath at Work and the BAMM garden, plus an exhibition of photographs in the museum, and games for children in the garden. Christ Church will be responsible for providing teas in the Lower Mews and a white elephant stall, and the church and ringing chamber will be open to visitors.

We will need volunteers and participants. 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

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 found within the Church. Canon Nigel Rawlinson, Anglican Chaplain at the University of Bath, is leading the first LLF course in Bath Deanery, which is continuing on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Lower Mews (or moving into the church if numbers grow too big). There will be an opportunity to feed back our views to the national Church, so please seriously consider taking part so your views can be heard. 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

With Covid restrictions eased at last, the Cedar Tree community café is reopening at the usual times (every Friday 11am – 1:30pm). All are welcome! If you live or work in the area and are able to spare even a few minutes on Fridays, please consider dropping in, just for a cup of coffee and a chat, to support this important part of our outreach to the local community and to help things return to normality as we emerge from an extended period of restrictions.



---

## Online services

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist, open to all in person, continues to be live streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath). Our weekly Thursday 11am Eucharist takes place live in the church, not online or on Zoom. The church also remains open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for anyone local who wants to drop in.

Do send prayer requests – by e-mail to [lore.chumbley@me.com](mailto: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!



# This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

*The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 8 and 22 August – will go to USPG's Malawi project. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)*

## **Rebekah Cunningham writes:**

This month we are again supporting USPG's project in Malawi. This is a national church programme supported by USPG, across all four dioceses of Malawi. There are four areas of focus, which also take into account issues relating to gender equality and HIV/AIDS:

- education for girls,
- protecting livelihoods,
- management of the environment,
- hygiene and sanitation.

Covid rates are rising sharply again in Malawi, and they have had problems with accessing vaccines, although they have just received a new consignment and are expecting more in August.

You can also give by visiting USPG's donations page at <https://donations.uspg.org.uk/>. If you would like to set up a direct debit, do specify that you are part of Christ Church, supporter number RE103, or ask Rebekah for a direct debit form. USPG are able to collate all our donations and give us a yearly total.



# Finding a new Bishop of Bath and Wells

As part of the process of finding our new bishop, people across the diocese are being asked to share their views. A questionnaire is now available to complete online or to download from the website.

The questionnaire can be completed by individuals or groups, by clergy and lay people, churchgoers and non-churchgoers, so do spread the word. Parishes are encouraged to print off copies for anyone with no internet access. Printed copies can also be made available if needed – phone 01749 670777.

The general consultation remains open until 20 August 2021 – and it's not the only way to feed in thoughts on a new bishop. In September the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will meet various groups of people in the diocese and then hold an open public meeting – details to follow. You can also email [newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org).

Find the questionnaire and find out more about the process for identifying a new Bishop of Bath and Wells at <https://bit.ly/bath-and-wells-new-bishop>.

---

## 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.



# Christ Church calendar August 2021

<b>1</b>	Sun	<i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
5	Thu	11am Eucharist
6	Fri	<i>The Transfiguration</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
<b>8</b>	Sun	<i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
12	Thu	11am Eucharist
13	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
<b>15</b>	Sun	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 10am Eucharist
19	Thu	11am Eucharist
20	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
<b>22</b>	Sun	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
23	Mon	<i>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</i>
24	Tue	<i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>
26	Thu	11am Eucharist
27	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
<b>29</b>	Sun	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist
<b>Sep</b>	2	Thu 11am Eucharist
	3	Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	<b>5</b>	Sun <i>Climate Sunday and Harvest Festival</i> 10am Eucharist

**Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at** [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://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](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org). For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for August 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	For our Local Ministry Group partners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	For architects and designers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	For countries which have experienced forest fires
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4</b>	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>	For those who have suffered from terrorism
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	That we may be open to encounters with God
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	For our armed forces and police
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	For carers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	For our link dioceses in Zambia
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	For children and their families
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	For the unemployed
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16</b>	For farmers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18</b>	For countries which have experienced storms and flooding
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19</b>	For the work of hospices
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those who work in dangerous conditions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	For those who are persecuted for their faith
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	For Mark our Lay Reader



<b>Monday</b>	<b>23</b>	For those who travel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	That we may have the gift of faithfulness
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26</b>	For our Church Council
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27</b>	For those who are confined to their homes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28</b>	For those with addictions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29</b>	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>31</b>	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

## Long-term Prayer List

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

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

Joyce Wellington  
 Tom Lockington  
 Bishop Peter  
 Chris Coles  
 Jenny Hales

**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 August 2021

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>1 August</b> 9th after Trinity	<b>Jonathan Stead</b> Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	<b>Isaac Elliott</b> Ephesians 4:1-16	<b>Virginia Knight</b> John 6:24-35	<b>Simon Tatton- Brown</b>
<b>8 August</b> 10th after Trinity	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> 1 Kings 19:4-8	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2	<b>Carol Hussey</b> John 6:35,41-51	<b>Mark Elliott</b>
<b>15 August</b> Blessed Virgin	<b>Beryl Bowes</b> Isaiah 61:10-end	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Galatians 4:4-7	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Luke 1:46-55	<b>Georgina Bowman</b>
<b>22 August</b> 12th after Trinity	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	<b>Nick Wells</b> Ephesians 6:10-20	<b>David Bishop</b> John 6:56-69	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b>
<b>29 August</b> 13th after Trinity	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> Deuteronomy 4:1- 2,6-9	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> James 1:17-end	<b>Thomas Wolker- Darley</b> • Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	<b>Ian Hay Davison</b>
<b>5 Sep</b> Climate Sunday	<b>Mornay Davison</b> Joel 2:21-27	-	<b>Robin Kerr</b> Matthew 6:25-33	<b>(Environment Group)</b>

# Who's who at Christ Church

**Priest-in-charge** Revd Lore Chumbley  
07595 294146  
lore.chumbley@me.com

**Lay Curate** Kara Maylor

**Supporting clergy**  
Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown  
01225 835404  
simon@tattonbrown.myzen.co.uk

Revd Beryl Bowes  
Revd Dr Peter Bowes

**Reader, Director of Music** Mark Elliott  
01225 445360  
mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org

**Churchwarden,  
Cedar Tree café organiser** Janet Mahto  
01225 424860  
janetmahto@gmail.com

**Churchwarden** Jane Nicholson  
07990 552413  
jane@janemnicholson.com

**Verger** Angela Soboslay  
01225 333297  
angela.soboslay@christchurchbath.org

**Chair of Trustees** Nick Wells  
07774 104584  
nicholaswells5@btinternet.com

**Treasurer** David Bishop  
01225 858816  
david.bishop@christchurchbath.org

**Safeguarding officer** Virginia Knight  
07896 916840  
safeguarding@christchurchbath.org

**Event/concert bookings,  
weekly notice sheet** Judith Bishop  
01225 858816  
concerts@christchurchbath.org  
notices@christchurchbath.org

**Christ Church Link editor** Alex Soboslay  
07769 655927  
alexs@christchurchbath.org

**Tower Captain,  
Ringing Master** Will Willans

**Tower Secretary** Ian Hay Davison  
07932 160482  
bells@christchurchbath.org

**Steeple Keeper** David Kelly

**Publicity co-ordinator** Janet Mahto

**Laity rotas** Judith Bishop

**Prayer cycle** Virginia Knight

**Junior Church** Emma Elliott

**Churches Together in Bath,  
USPG** Rebekah Cunningham

**Mission to Seafarers** Sylvia Ayers

**Deanery Synod Reps** Brenda Wall  
Pauline Swaby-Wallace

## Christ Church Link

This magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month. Please send any contributions of news and articles by the 15th of the preceding month to the editor; Alex Soboslay, or by e-mail to [magazine@christchurchbath.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org)



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. New singers of all ages are always very welcome.

For those concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we will not sing at the 11am Thursday Eucharist or 8am BCP Communion. Both services are socially-distanced.

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. 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 from 8 August*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people  
*Every Sunday – also streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](https://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!



## Contacting us

Christ Church,  
Julian Road,  
Bath BA1 2RH  
Phone: 01225 338869  
(answer phone)  
Email: [admin@christchurchbath.org](mailto:admin@christchurchbath.org)  
Website: [www.christchurchbath.org](http://www.christchurchbath.org)

