



Christ Church Link

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Celebrating Community

Celebration in partnership with the Museum of Bath at Work



(Pictures 2 and 5 courtesy of the Museum of Bath at Work.)

On Sunday 22 August many who live, work or worship in the Julian Road area came together to celebrate summer and look towards the future. The event was opened by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bath (picture 1) and included stalls, refreshments, tours of Christ Church, visits to the ringing chamber, and music by the Rainbow Steel Band (2) and David Wrigley on our organ (4).

Marking the ministry of Deacons

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

The slogan “Keep calm and carry on” originated in the Ministry of Defence’s Department of Information in 1939. It re-emerged around 20 years ago on posters and tea towels and with many variations. I have a tea tray emblazoned with the words “Keep calm and serve”. Whoever thought that up was probably unaware that the word *deacon* is based on the New Testament Greek verb *diakoneo*, to serve. In the New Testament the first deacons were those who served at table feeding the poor but their role quickly expanded. Stephen was one of the first Christians to be ordained deacon and soon became a brave and persuasive preacher. On Saturday 25 September Kara will be in Wells Cathedral with close family and sponsors to be ordained deacon. After the service she will be entitled to wear a clerical collar and undertake all the work of a priest except for pronouncing absolution after confession, blessing, and presiding at Communion services.

According to the ordination service the job of deacons is to “Serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are 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. Deacons share in the pastoral ministry of the Church and in leading God’s people in worship. They preach the word and bring the needs of the world before the Church in intercession. They accompany those searching for faith and bring them to baptism. They assist in administering the sacraments; they distribute communion and minister to the sick and housebound.”

So as well as Kara’s work outside the church building you will see her taking a leading part in services, preaching and teaching. Then, after a year serving as deacon, Kara will be priested in the summer of 2022 and her first Communion service in Christ Church will be a joyful celebration which I hope you will all be able to attend. Two years after that, Kara will be qualified to lead and serve in her own church and her time with us will be ended. Ordination as deacon is just the beginning of Kara’s ordained ministry but those three years will fly past. I am reminded of the venerable Bede’s explanation of our life on this earth: “It seems to me like the swift flight of a single sparrow through the banquet-hall... swiftly in through one door of the hall, and out through another.”

I know all of you in Christ Church will seize the chance to talk, pray and learn with Kara and enjoy the brief time during which she is lent to us. Please do pray for her in these weeks leading up to her deaconing, and join us on Sunday 26th for her first service as an ordained Deacon.



We welcomed Kara, our new curate, at the start of July. She will be ordained deacon in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 25 September.

CitySound Voices concert

What is it? CitySound are back, with conductor Jon Rawles, mezzo-soprano Sarah Baillie and guest singers the NoteAbles. Programme includes *Feel the Spirit* (Rutter), *Spread a Little Happiness*, *California Dreaming*, and *And by the Riverside*. www.citysound.org.uk
When? Saturday 11 September, 7:30pm
Where? St Bartholomew’s, King Edward Road, Bath BA2 3PB

Tickets: £10 (£5 for under 12) from choir members or cash on the door.

Circuit of Bath Walk



This year's Circuit of Bath Walk in aid of Julian House takes place on Sunday 26 September. The event is now in its 20th year. Challenge yourself to take on the full 20-mile route, or a distance of your choosing, and raise sponsorship to help the many men and women experiencing homelessness and escaping domestic abuse across the South West.

The circuit takes in beautiful countryside, villages and spectacular views across the historic city. There are routes to suit most abilities and ages, even a designated pushchair route along the canal for young families. Dogs are welcome. Everyone who completes the full 20-mile route will receive a special commemorative medal to mark their achievement.

Covid-19 measures will be in place, including time slots at the start and social distancing measures to ensure the safety of everyone taking part.

Your entry fee goes towards the costs of organising the walk, but it's the money you raise through sponsorship that will help support vulnerable men, women and children in the care of Julian House. Find out more at www.circuitofbathwalk.co.uk.

Apple Picking Day

What is it? Janet Mahto is opening her garden again this year in aid of charity. We are all invited to help pick the apples and celebrate the apple harvest. A light lunch will be available, and donations will be welcomed.

When is it? Sunday 12 September, from midday

Where? Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

Moon landing

The Museum of the Moon is a touring artwork by Luke Jerram. At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the Moon's surface. The installation is a fusion of lunar imagery, moonlight and surround sound composition created by BAFTA and Ivor Novello award winning composer Dan Jones.

The Museum of the Moon will be presented in Wells Cathedral from 12 October to 3 November 2021, and will be accompanied by a constellation of events culminating in the Festival of the Moon. Find the details at www.wells cathedral.org.uk/cathedral-events/festival-of-the-moon/.

Then, from 19 November to 26 December, the Museum of the Moon visits Bath Abbey, for Christmas carols, magical storytelling and moon-gazing with the Bath Astronomers, all under the light of the Moon in the Abbey's newly restored worship space. Watch for the details to come at www.bathabbey.org/south-west-moon-landing.



Service of Lamentation

On Sunday 5 September at 4pm, there will be a Service of Lamentation for all that we have lost over the past 18 months or so – people, of course, but also opportunities, education, friendships, holidays, mental health, the chance to see friends, to say goodbye – whatever it is that we most regret. In a contemplative service with recorded music, we will be reading out names and prayers. All are welcome.

“Doubt” comes to Wells Cathedral

Wells Cathedral is hosting a new work by sculptor Antony Gormley, who is probably best known for the landmark Angel of the North. Cast in iron, the work is just over life-size and occupies a previously-empty niche below the North-West tower. It is titled *Doubt* and will remain in place for 18 months.

The West Front of the Cathedral exhibits many renditions of the human form, from Old Testament stories to the Resurrection, from kings and bishops to angels and apostles. Gormley said: “I am very aware of the para-

dox of placing an object called *Doubt* on the facade of a building devoted to belief. But it seems to me that doubting, interrogating, questioning, are all part of belief. For me, doubt can be a positive force and the imaginative engine of future possibility.

“I have chosen this niche for its position and its visibility: the book at the end of the bookshelf. I have used the orthogonal geometry of our modern habitat to evoke the body as a place rather than as a carrier of narrative illustrated by appearance and attribute. The work attempts to invoke the feeling of being isolated and exposed on this corner of a Gothic masterpiece. My purpose is to engage the eye and body of the viewer in empathic projection, to consider our time in the shelter of other times.”

Inside the cathedral, the Wells Art Contemporary Exhibition is taking place until Sunday 26 September. It features “innovative and eclectic works by 87 artists, spanning across all disciplines, media and subjects,” as well as “engaging and thought-provoking installations designed specifically for the Cathedral and its grounds.” Find details at <https://bit.ly/wells-art-contemporary>.



Finding a new Bishop of Bath and Wells

Following the retirement of Bishop Peter in May, the diocese is now looking to the future and taking the necessary steps to appoint the next 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. Hundreds of people completed surveys expressing their hopes for the new bishop in the summer, and 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, where all can contribute.

The process is taken forward by the Vacancy in See Committee, a cross-section of people from across the diocese. The com-

mittee is chaired by Simon Hill, Archdeacon of Taunton, and has two aims. The first is to consult, discern and prepare a diocesan Statement of Needs, a document that reflects the hopes and challenges for the ministry of the next bishop and portrays what is distinctive about the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The second aim is to elect six representatives to join the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which is responsible for the actual interviews process. The appointment of a new bishop is then made by the Queen.

If you have any queries or views you wish to contribute, e-mail newbishop@bathwells.anglican.org. Find out more about progress at www.bathandwells.org.uk/new-bishop.

Bishop's Message for September

Looking to the next chapter



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

“Back to school” perhaps has never sounded so good. For those of us who found last year disrupted in terms of school, college or university, some of our young people and their parents might be really looking forward to the doors re-opening! And perhaps their teachers too!

Of course things will not be the same as they were. A new school year always means change. New classes, new goals, new possibilities. An opportunity to start with a clean sheet, open the next chapter of the book of our lives.

Here in Bath and Wells we are also looking to the next chapter in our story of faith together. This month we will be bringing together all we have learnt from listening to others about where we are as a diocese and what sort of bishop we now need to lead us into the future. If you haven't already done so, please have your say by attending the open consultation Zoom meeting on Monday 20 September. We have already heard the thoughts of almost 1,000 of our

children across schools in the county, as well as hundreds of adults!

It will be some time before we know who our next Diocesan Bishop will be, but now is the time to start praying for him or her so that they might hear from God as we also seek God's wisdom and guidance. And let's pray too for ourselves and all those within our diocese, that each of us will find God's will for the next stage of our journey.

None of us can know what that might hold for certain. The last year or two have shown us how difficult it is to predict anything! Some of us have lost loved ones and livelihoods. It will take time to recover and to renew our hope.

There will be challenges along the way and we have much to face together. However, our hope is in the Lord and we hold to the promises of His word... *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”* (Proverbs 29:11).

+Ruth Taunton

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: Save the Children

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 12 and 26 September – will go to the Save the Children Emergency Fund for the crisis in Afghanistan. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Isaac Elliott, on behalf of the children at Christ Church, writes:

The children at Christ Church have been invited to select a charity to support for the month of September. We have been upset by events going on in the world recently, particularly in Afghanistan, but also after the recent earthquake in Haiti. In times of crisis, it is often the children who are affected most badly. We would like to support a charity that helps children in situations of crisis. We have decided to raise funds for the Save the Children Emergency Fund for the crisis in Afghanistan.

The Save the Children Fund is a charity that helps to improve the lives of children across the world through better education, health care, and economic opportunities, as well as providing emergency aid in natural disasters, war and other conflicts. The emergency fund allows the organisation to provide urgent assistance to children within hours of a major humanitarian crisis, like the ones going on now. They provide support on the ground where it is most needed. Here is a comment from the charity regarding Afghanistan: "Save the Children is gravely concerned for the safety and wellbeing of children in Afghanistan. As violence sweeps through the country, children are being killed, injured, and forced to flee their homes. We have been a leading charity in Afghanistan since 1976, reaching over 1.6 million Afghans in 2020. We will not abandon our work, staff, or the communities we've served. Our commitment to protecting children remains unchanged."

In Afghanistan:

- 1 child in 16 dies before their fifth birthday,

nine times the rate of the US.

- 38% of children suffer from malnutrition.
- 42% of children are out of school, and 76% of girls (15+) struggle to read and write.
- 21% of children are engaged in child labour, instead of learning.
- 55% of people live in poverty.

The Christ Church children hope you will join us in supporting this charity. We will be doing some fundraising activities during the month of September, so look for these in the notice sheet and our social media pages.

If you wish to make a direct donation, there is a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-elliott34> (which will be posted online as well), but we will accept other forms of payment.

Thank you for your support!

Services live and online

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist is open to all in person. For the time being, we will maintain social distancing, and will encourage people to wear masks but will not insist. The congregation is now permitted to sing, but it would show care for others if you agreed to continue wearing a mask as you do so.

The service continues to be live streamed at 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 2pm to 4pm for anyone local who wants 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!



Save the Children®

Christ Church calendar Sep. 2021

5 Sun *Climate Sunday and Harvest Festival*
10am Eucharist
4pm Service of Lamentation

9 Thu 11am Eucharist

10 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

12 Sun *The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

14 Tue *Holy Cross Day*

16 Thu 11am Eucharist

17 Fri *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen*
Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

19 Sun *The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

21 Tue *Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

23 Thu 11am Eucharist

24 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

25 Sat Michaelmas Ordinations, Wells Cathedral, 10:30am

26 Sun *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

29 Wed *Michael and All Angels*

30 Thu 11am Eucharist

Oct 1 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

3 Sun *The Eighteenth 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 September 2021

Wednesday	1	For Mark, David and the choir
Thursday	2	For those at sea
Friday	3	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	4	That we may have the gift of faith
Sunday	5	For Jane and Janet our churchwardens
Monday	6	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	7	For those who live or work in care homes
Wednesday	8	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Thursday	9	We give thanks for family and friends
Friday	10	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	11	For good use to be made of this prayer cycle
Sunday	12	For Lore our priest in charge
Monday	13	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	14	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
Wednesday	15	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Thursday	16	For Christian unity
Friday	17	For victims of natural disasters
Saturday	18	For our charity of the month
Sunday	19	For our Junior Church
Monday	20	For the Queen and other heads of state
Tuesday	21	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Wednesday	22	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church

Thursday	23	For all in hospital
Friday	24	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	25	For countries in conflict
Sunday	26	For Kara our curate
Monday	27	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday	28	That we may have grace to forgive
Wednesday	29	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
Thursday	30	For those preparing for marriage or recently married

Long-term Prayer List

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

Joyce
 Revd John
 Evelyn
 Jean
 Dillon
 Amber
 David
 Nick Johnson
 Hannah
 Bishop Peter
 Chris
 Tilly
 Ajay
 Jenny

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 Lore, the Verger or one of the Church-wardens know.

Cedar Tree is open

The Cedar Tree community café is open 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, homemade cake 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 restrictions.



Rotas for September 2021

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Intercessions
5 Sep Climate Sunday	Morny Davison Joel 2:21-27	-	Robin Kerr Matthew 6:25-33	(Environment Group)
12 Sep 15th after Trinity	Judith Anderson Isaiah 50:4-9a	Kara Maylor James 3:1-12	Rebekah Cunningham Mark 8:27-end	Ian Hay Davison
19 Sep 16th after Trinity	Brenda Wall Jeremiah 11:18-20	Jude Bishop James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a	Peter Bowes Mark 9:30-37	Nick Wells
26 Sep 17th after Trinity	Isaac Elliott Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Sylvia Ayers James 5:13-end	Clive Tilling Mark 9:38-end	Rebekah Cunningham
3 Oct 18th after Trinity	Angela Soboslay Genesis 2:18-24	Ian Hay Davison Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Simon Tatton- Brown Mark 10:2-16	Jonathan Stead

Who's who at Christ Church

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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. 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
- 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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