



Travelling along the Way

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

For all of my lifetime August has been the time for holidays. Even if 50 years ago August was generally cold, overcast and wet, the long school holidays made it the only convenient time to get away. Family ties mean vacations still governed by school holidays take place this month. Our choir is having a well deserved rest during August, and many of us will be going away. Some will travel with a sense of relief that at last we are free to go where we wish. Many will go with trepidation given the present difficulties of air travel. Some will holiday at home.

Travelling has long been a symbol and a reality for Christians. We remember our ancient name, "People of the Way." The story of our faith contains journey after journey. Abraham and his wife Sarah were called to leave Haran and travel to the Holy Land; Moses, aided by his brother Aaron, led the Chosen People out of Egypt to the Promised Land; centuries later, Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem initiated the Christian story, and Christ's journey to Jerusalem and to the cross

completed that story. Except, of course, it didn't quite complete it. We are part of the story and part of the journey. The risen Christ instructed us as disciples to continue his work of living and preaching the Kingdom of God. The Resurrection is the point at which we take over responsibility from him. It's the start of our faith journey.

As People of the Way, how we live is part of our declaration of the Kingdom of God and part of the unrolling Christian story. Recreation and a time for rest and reflection are essential if we are to have energy for the journey, so I hope you do have a chance to get away, even if only for a short trip. New places and people, different scenes and surroundings wake us up and fill our minds with new ideas. Time away from home is also time away from worries and stress and provides us with Sabbath rest, so that when we return to our commitments we do so with new energy to live our lives as disciples, People of the Way.

Below: 650 bishops are gathering – see page 3.



Jane to start training



With great pleasure we can announce that Jane Hoe, one of the congregation at Christ Church, has been recommended to train for the priesthood. Jane came to Christ Church four years ago for a short placement and since then has taken part in our Pilgrim discussion group and visited from time to time. She became a regular at our weekday service a year ago, and we have been praying for Jane as she has gone through the process of selection. She will start training or "formation" in mid August at Sarum College, and does so with our blessing and best wishes.

Yvonne Morris RIP



You will be sad to hear that Yvonne Morris died on Friday 29 July. Yvonne (pictured here with her late husband Donald) was a long-standing member of the Christ Church congregation and a former Chair of the Trustees. Our prayers and condolences go to her family. Watch for information about her funeral. Photo courtesy Jane Nicholson.

Curate's corner

Revd Kara Maylor writes:

Thank you for all your support over the last couple of weeks as so many of you have had to guide me whilst Lore was off with Covid. It was a bit of a shock to my system, and yours I am sure, but hopefully many lessons learned.

Our wonderful Cedar Tree community have made the most of the beautiful weather with many walks in the botanical gardens with a break for ice cream and prayers. Last week was a particularly memorable one as we visited "Bath on the Beach" and got caught in what seemed like a tropical downpour!

I would like to congratulate one of our most recent Cedar Tree visitors, Michael, on securing a placement in Devizes for the third year of his engineering degree. We have been praying for this for a number of weeks and he was thrilled today to hear that he has got it.

On 2nd October I am running the London Marathon in aid of our wonderful Genesis Trust – my goal is to raise £1,500, so I would be grateful if any of you wished to donate. I have just set up a fundraising page at <https://tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kara-maylor-21a10>.

Thanks so much. I am off to the New Wine Christian festival to work as a steward for a week, so look forward to seeing you all when I return.

With love and prayers to all of you heading off on holiday and also to those moving house and location at this time.

Our Bishop is official

Bishop Michael Beasley has legally become the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells. At a Ceremony of Confirmation of Episcopal Election in London he was formally given spiritual responsibility for our diocese, receiving a formal charge from the Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for Bishop Michael, his wife Lizzie and their family as they prepare to leave St Albans Diocese and move to Somerset. He will formally take up his new role in Bath and Wells in the autumn.

From Ken and Sylvia

From Ken and Sylvia Ayers

We were both really overwhelmed by the welcome we received from the Christ Church congregation on Sunday 17 July. We do thank Simon so much for helping us to renew our wedding vows, and then all that we were expecting afterwards was to share wine and a cake with everyone. The actual scale of the celebrations, organised by Jane, our wonderful Church Warden, really took our breath away.

We would both like to thank you all for signing the card and for the wonderful clock which was presented to us by Nick on behalf of the Christ Church Trustees. We do thank Angela in particular for her wonderful efforts in the food department, and we love the beautiful flowers which are now displayed at various points around our home.

In fact, we do not feel that we deserved all this attention, as we have always carried out our simple duties Sunday by Sunday, without hope of any reward. It was lovely to be able to welcome our friends, although unfortunately we were unable to see at least ten of them as they were suffering from the current illness which seems to have affected everyone to a certain degree. We do wish them all well, and a speedy return to church.

Again, very many thanks to everyone who came, helping to make this such a memorable day. See you all next week!

Ken and Sylvia and Steven



Ken and Sylvia celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with cake and fizz in Christ Church.

Bishops meet for Lambeth Conference 2022

Bishop Michael and Bishop Ruth are in Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference, a once-in-a-decade gathering of around 650 Anglican bishops from 150 countries.

This year's theme is "God's Church for God's World – walking, listening and witnessing together." During the conference a number of topics will be discussed, including climate change, mission and evangelism, human dignity and science and faith. Bishop Michael was able to meet the Zambian

bishops and talk with them about the Bath and Wells diocesan link.

The formal part of the conference ends on Sunday 7 August but recordings including the Archbishop of Canterbury's keynote address, edited daily highlights and selected sessions are available on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/lambeth-conference-2022>. You can find more information at www.lambethconference.org, and Bishop Ruth's regular tweets from the conference are @tauntonbish.

Book review: How to Eat Bread

How to Eat Bread: 21 Nourishing Ways to Read the Bible, by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes (Hodder & Stoughton, 2021, 192 pages. ISBN 978-1529364477). RRP £12.99 (available in paperback or on Kindle)

Peter Bowes writes:

“Give us today our daily bread,” we pray every time we say the Lord’s Prayer. And no doubt we have been reminded many times over the years that in praying those words we are not just praying about our daily food, but about being fed by God through the Bible. I guess anyone who hasn’t been brought up in church probably finds the idea of being fed by the Bible a rather odd idea. Many people nowadays might wonder why on earth anyone would bother to read the Bible at all. Sometimes we may find ourselves struggling to work out just how reading the Bible, or hearing the Bible read, feeds us, nourishes us.

And yet, and yet... I am aware that some on the Church Council have been exploring ways in which they might make more sense of Bible reading. Perhaps there are others reading this article who are asking the same question. So, a recently published book entitled *How to Eat Bread* might just catch their attention, even if the subtitle “21 nourishing ways to read the Bible” might cause eyebrows to be raised. Is there more than one way to read

the Bible?
Are there really 21 ways? Will they really help us to read the Bible not just with greater understanding, but in a way which nourishes us, feeds us, spiritually?

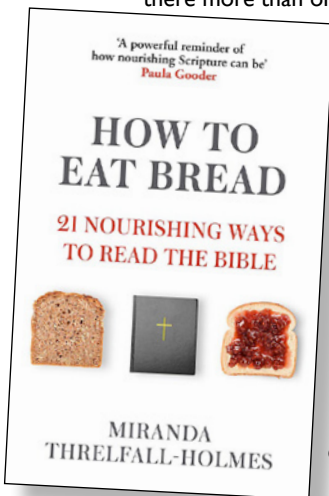
The title of the book certainly caught

my attention when I read a brief review of it a few months ago. I commend it to you. It’s not a particularly long book and is not a difficult read. Each of the 21 short chapters is both informative and stimulates thought, and perhaps also action. Some of the chapters might particularly connect with those within Christ Church taking an interest in the Eco Group, or those working with the young in Junior Church. Some might find chapters on reading through the lens of liberation theology or feminist theology rather thought-provoking.

The author suggest that the book seeks to fill the gap between popular Bible reading notes and more academic books. It has three main sections. The first, entitled “From the larder;” explores ways that scripture itself models and demonstrates different ways of reading. The second, “Grandma’s recipe book;” looks at different ways the Church has interpreted the Bible. The final section, with the grand title “Molecular gastronomy;” looks at the insights and methods of modern theological hermeneutics. The book adopts a hands-on approach, encouraging its readers to sample and explore a variety of tried and tested ways of Bible reading and exploring, experimenting with different ingredients and being fed by the results.

Daily Hope

A free national phonenumber continues to offer a simple way to bring worship and prayer into people’s homes when they may be isolating or can’t go to services in person for any reason. 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.



Bishop's Message for August

Welcome is core to the Church



**From the Rt Revd Christopher Foster,
Honorary Assistant Bishop,
Bath and Wells**

I'm new around here. Following my retirement from ordained ministry last year, Somerset has become my adopted county and Bath and Wells my adopted diocese. Sally and I are delighted to be full-time now in this lovely and stimulating area. We join many of you who have been part of this diocese and county for a lifetime or for decades, and also some who have recently arrived like us.

We have chosen to be here. Others arrive here because of a range of circumstances and decisions. Perhaps sometimes the journey seems haphazard or inexplicable. Some people come here as refugees fleeing persecution, injustice, or war, especially from Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. They arrive with uncertainty, and often anxiety or trepidation in an unknown and entirely new place far from home.

In our churches and Christian communities, we are committed to welcome everyone – those settled here and also those who are newer. We know we are sisters and brothers in God's family, regardless of background, nationality or indeed any other thing which distinguishes us. God's family is the family of humankind. It's not that we pick and choose whom to call family; we share the same flesh and blood.

St Paul tells us that each one of us has been adopted into that family which is divine and human. God sent Jesus "so that we might receive adoption as children," enabling us to be gifted with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 4:4-7).

We don't belong out of personal choice, in contrast to my decision to choose here as my adopted diocese and community. We don't pick and choose our ultimate citizenship. God chooses and calls us without us desiring or deserving such adoption. That's why, following God's adoption of us, we never select who to welcome into our church or parish. All belong and all are welcome without hesitation.

We have been adopted into God's family and we are thrilled to adopt everyone into our communities. Thank you for welcoming me!

+Christopher

This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 14 and 28 August – will go to USPG's ongoing Malawi project. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

This month we are again supporting USPG's project in 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.

USPG has just sent this recent update from one family receiving help.

Eunice has two children and her husband is a smallholder farmer. Year after year, the family faced hunger and worry. With the cost of fertiliser now unaffordable and changes in the climate, the harvest was often poor. They didn't have access to education about other types of farming or how to cope with climate change. With their income falling, soon they had to do without basics like soap and oil.

Eunice and her husband felt like they had nothing to contribute to their community and didn't know where to turn. Then, Eunice joined the Chitanga farmers group as part of the Food Security and Nutrition programme run by the Anglican Council of Malawi.

She learned how to make low-cost fertiliser at home, save water, use new farming methods and look after animals. The new fertiliser she made meant her maize didn't

dry up and the harvest was much better.

She started contributing to her Village Savings and Loan group, which later gave her a loan that she used to set up a small business selling tomatoes and doughnuts in her village.

Through her own hard work on the farm and the life-changing support of the programme, Eunice's family now have three good meals a day. Her children will never have to go to school hungry, which will improve their education and transform their future.

You can donate at <https://uspg-donation-form.raisely.com/>. If you specify it is for the Partners in Mission programme in Malawi and write **REI03, Christ Church Bath** on the form, USPG can send us an annual total.

Services live and online

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist is open to all in person and also live streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath. As Covid restrictions ease, pews are no longer cordoned off, we welcome people to kneel at the Communion rail, and we offer Communion wine, but the wine is entirely optional.

Our weekly Thursday 11am Eucharist takes place live in the church, and is not broadcast.

The choir are taking a summer break, and Evensong will resume in September.

An informal reflective service is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 5pm. This uses the form of evening service in *A Wee Worship Book (Fifth Incarnation)* compiled by the Iona Community and published by their Wild Goose Resource Group. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Jonathan Stead. There is also a short service of silent contemplation on alternate Sundays – contact Kara Maylor for details of this.

Do add prayer requests to the list in church or post to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH. Bear in mind that some services will be online, so be mindful of the privacy of friends and loved ones. We will not use full names in any public prayers that are live streamed.



Christ Church calendar August 2022

4 Thu 11am Eucharist

5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

6 Sat *The Transfiguration*

7 Sun *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

11 Thu 11am Eucharist

12 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

14 Sun *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Eucharist

15 Mon *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

18 Thu 11am Eucharist

19 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

21 Sun *The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
(No Choral Evensong today)

23 Tue *International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition*

24 Wed *Bartholomew the Apostle*

25 Thu 11am Eucharist

26 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

28 Sun *The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist
5pm Contemplative Service (Iona)

29 Mon *The Beheading of John the Baptist*

Sep 1 Thu 11am Eucharist

2 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

3 Sun *The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

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

Prayer Cycle for August 2022

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| Monday | 1 | For journalists and those who work in the media |
| Tuesday | 2 | For peace |
| Wednesday | 3 | For our link Dioceses in Zambia |
| Thursday | 4 | We give thanks for beauty in creation |
| Friday | 5 | For the unemployed |
| Saturday | 6 | For countries which have experienced storms and flooding |
| Sunday | 7 | For Kara our curate |
| Monday | 8 | For farmers |
| Tuesday | 9 | For good relations between different faiths |
| Wednesday | 10 | For those on our long-term prayer list |
| Thursday | 11 | That we may work for the kingdom of heaven |
| Friday | 12 | For those who use and run food banks |
| Saturday | 13 | We give thanks for our blessings |
| Sunday | 14 | For our Local Ministry Group partners |
| Monday | 15 | For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church |
| Tuesday | 16 | For the mentally ill |
| Wednesday | 17 | For those on holiday |
| Thursday | 18 | For those who mourn |
| Friday | 19 | For the ministry of the Cedar Tree |
| Saturday | 20 | For refugees |
| Sunday | 21 | For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy |
| Monday | 22 | For architects and designers |
| Tuesday | 23 | That we may have the gift of joy |

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| Wednesday 24 | For our charity of the month, USPG in Malawi |
| Thursday 25 | We give thanks for those who inspire us |
| Friday 26 | For the sick and suffering |
| Saturday 27 | For carers |
| Sunday 28 | For the Trustees of Christ Church |
| Monday 29 | For those in the legal profession |
| Tuesday 30 | For children and their families |
| Wednesday 31 | For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church |

Long-term Prayer List

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

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|-------------------|------------|
| Tilly | Chris |
| Revd John | Thomas |
| Jean | David |
| David G | Patrick |
| Amber | AJ |
| David | John Batup |
| Joyce W | Karin |
| Roger and Frances | Frankie |
| Joyce K | Mylene |
| Jean and John | Evelyn |
| Guo Ping Jiang | Kun Yue |
| Louise and Elliot | |
| Sister Margaret | |

Want to add a name to the prayer list, long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or speak to Lore, the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.

Cedar Tree is open

The Cedar Tree community café is open every Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. All are welcome! If you live or work in the area, do consider dropping in for a chat, a cup of coffee, home-made cake or a light snack, to support this important part of our outreach to the local community. If you can help on a Friday or make a cake we can sell, then please contact Janet Mahto.

Your offers will be very gratefully received.



'Under it every kind of bird will live'

Julian Road Bath

Rotas for August 2022

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|---|---|--|--|
| 7 August 8th after Trinity | David Bishop Isaiah 1:1,10-20 | Morny Davison Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Jane Hoe Luke 12:32-40 |
| | Intercessions: Simon Tatton-Brown | | |
| 14 August 9th after Trinity | Malcolm Wall Isaiah 5:1-7 | Jude Bishop Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 | Carol Hussey Luke 12:49-56 |
| | Intercessions: Georgina Bowman | | |
| 21 August 10th after Trinity | Georgina Bowman Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Angela Soboslay Hebrews 12:18-29 | Simon Tatton-Brown Luke 13:10-17 |
| | Intercessions: Mark Elliott | | |
| 28 August 11th after Trinity | Brenda Wall Jeremiah 2:4-13 | Isaac Elliott Hebrews 13:1-8, 15,16 | Kara Maylor Luke 14:1,7-14 |
| | Intercessions: Jonathan Stead | | |
| 4 Sep 12th after Trinity | Jonathan Stead Jeremiah 18:1-11 | Sylvia Ayers Philemon 1-21 | Zoë Bushell Luke 14:25-33 |
| | Intercessions: Ian Hay Davison | | |

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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.

Concerned about the health risks of congregational singing? We do not sing at the 8am BCP Communion or 5pm Quiet Service. As Covid restrictions are lifted, we do sing the Gospel acclamation at the 11am Thursday Eucharist.

As well as worship on Sundays and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community, including our weekly community café every Friday. Visit the website to check service times and events.

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 – also streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong – *Usually on the third Sunday of each month, resuming in September*
- 5pm Contemplative Quiet Service (Iona) – *On the fourth Sunday of every month*

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



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