



Celebrating but grieving

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

At Michaelmas we celebrated together with Bishop Ruth as we dedicated our St Michael Chapel (below). It was the culmination of years of planning, discussions, applications, fundraising and sheer hard work. On 16 October we will celebrate again at our Harvest festival and I hope you can join us for that Sunday. But running through our celebrations there is a thread of grief because we have lost our brother Ian.

Ian Hay Davison was a man of deep, unostentatious faith, a force of nature who masterminded the fundraising for

the re-installation of our church bells, a stalwart supporter of Christ Church and a recognisable national figure. His death, which occurred soon after the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, contributes to a disconcerting sense of the passing of time.

Each person who joins the congregation adds their own characteristic to the composition of the church, and as old friends die or move away they leave behind their contribution. So over time the “flavour” of the church becomes deeper and richer. Ian left us much. He ▶

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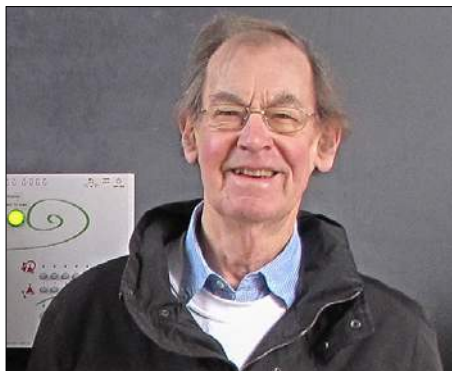
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- ▶ was a source of wise counsel, encouraging to the young, and full of enjoyment for life whether for bell-ringing, the Mozart festival, trips to Lords for the cricket or, with Morny, marvellous hospitality at home.

Ian's standards were high but then he had the example of Christ to live up to. To maintain standards of truthfulness, transparency and integrity in public life was natural to Ian. He was incorruptible. Like the saints – though I'm not saying Ian was a saint – he saw straight through to “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just... whatsoever things are of good report.”

So as a church we celebrate but we also grieve. We hold together joy and grief, believing that when, as Ian does now, we too see God face-to-face, we will finally understand how those two emotions are reconciled in God.



Ian Hay Davison CBE died on 20 September after a short final illness. He died peacefully, at home, with Morny and his family with him. Our deepest condolences to them. Ian is pictured here shortly after the completion of the refurbishment of our bells in 2015, a project that simply would not have happened without his energy and commitment. His funeral will take place in Christ Church on Wednesday 19 October at 12 noon.

Thanksgiving Service for Genesis Trust

Bath's Genesis Trust invites all its friends and supporters to a Thanksgiving Service taking place on Thursday 13 October at 7.30pm, in Bath Abbey.

Genesis Trust is a network of people, often but not exclusively Christians, who are following Jesus' call to love their neighbour. The seeds of Genesis Trust were sown 32 years ago, and the Trust are immensely grateful for all who have shown compassion and hospitality to serve people in crisis in Bath over these many years.

It will be an evening for giving thanks for all the support and provision Genesis Trust has received over these years. Genesis Trust would also like to offer an update on how it is currently supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable people, especially at this time of increasing need, and to share some plans for the future.

Worship will be led by Dave Bilborough and his band.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start, and the event will finish by 9:30pm.

Tickets are free but you are asked to book in advance via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/genesis-trust-thanksgiving-service-tickets-319752938647.



Pilgrim Group

The Pilgrim Group will continue its new term this month, meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 6 October in the Lower Mews, then every two weeks. We will be reading Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. All are welcome.

Curate's corner: change and challenge

Revd Kara Maylor writes:

There is no doubt that the death of Queen Elizabeth II, following the longest reign in British history and the second longest anywhere in the world ever, is a milestone in the life of the nation. I feel privileged to have been part of the moving and thoughtful commemorations of her life and work. She demonstrated through both her words and actions that Jesus offers us hope in sharing in his resurrection. Some of my favourite words of hers are from her Christmas message in 2002:

I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, take the long view, give my best in all that the day brings, and put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.

Some struggle with the changing order of things especially when so much else in our world appears to be in disarray. Do not struggle on your own. Christ Church is an inclusive and welcoming community. Do join us on a Friday at our Cedar Tree café, where you can eat, drink, play games and have fun. After the café we head out for a walk into our beautiful city with my crazy but cuddly ministry dog Barney.

By the time you read this I hopefully will have completed the London Marathon. Thank

you so much for all your support and encouragement through my training and fundraising – I am running to raise funds for our wonderful local charity Genesis. My target was £1,500 and to date thanks to all your generosity the total is at £1,164.



The official 90th birthday portrait of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Photo: Press Association / Danny Lawson.

Phantom of the Opera at Christ Church

What is it? Acclaimed concert organist David Briggs improvises a live soundtrack to the 1920s gothic horror film starring Lon Chaney. In 2019 he improvised a live accompaniment to the 1920 film *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* on our then newly restored organ. Don't miss this!
When is it? Wednesday 5 October, 7:30pm
Where? Christ Church

Tickets £15 adults, available from Mark Elliott or Bath Box Office, <https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/phantom-with-david-briggs/>



All Day Long: Workers of Bath exhibition

All Day Long: The Workers of Bath in 50 Portrait Photographs – A Visual Record of a City at Work. Exhibition at the Museum of Bath at Work

Work is a fact of life for us all, whether it is paid or unpaid, in the home or in a place of work. Whether it is homework, housework or metalwork, we are brought up with it from childhood. This exchange of our labour for



One of the photos from the Workers of Bath exhibition: Maggie Willans with the bells she teaches.

reward may have changed its form over the centuries, but it has always been with us.

The Museum of Bath at Work (up the steps from the Christ Church car park) opened in 1978 and since then the nature of work has changed dramatically. In the last few years, how, with whom and where we work has changed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

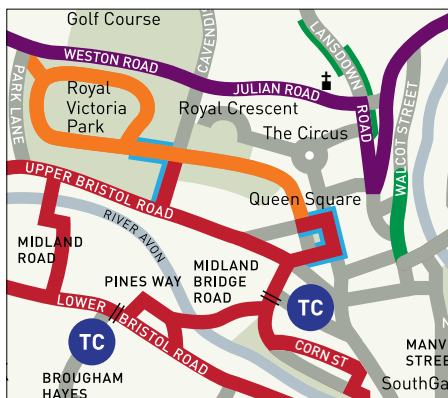
In an attempt to record the range of occupations in Bath in 2022, The Museum of Bath at Work arranged with 50 local businesses and organisations for portrait photographs of workers to be taken in their place of employment. In some cases this was voluntary work, but in most, paid work. We asked each subject to present us with a brief statement about their work and why they continue doing it.

These have ranged from a funeral director to a chimney sweep, a teacher of bell-ringing to an estate agent. Viewed together these 50 images present a picture of the working life of the city today. Many occupations are not represented here, and the intention is to carry this project onwards and take additional photographs as the years go by.

Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Road closures for Bath Half Marathon



Watch out when travelling to church on Sunday 16 October – the Bath Half Marathon takes place on that day. Roads along the route (shown in red on the map) are closed from 9am to 4pm (and Royal Victoria Park from 6am to 6:30pm) and parking on those roads – including disabled parking – is suspended from 6am to 4pm. Traffic is likely to be heavier than usual on the diversion routes (shown in purple), which include Julian Road, so you might wish to allow extra time to get to and from Christ Church. Temporary crossings (marked TC on the map) are provided for pedestrians to cross the race route at Green Park and Brougham Hayes.

Bishop's Message for October

The same yesterday, today and forever



**From the Rt Revd Michael Beasley,
Bishop of Bath and Wells**

Many of us know well Bob Dylan's song *The Times They Are A-Changin'*. Was it written with us in mind? None of us could have predicted the changes that we have seen in 2022. The death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the accession of a new King, a war in Ukraine, a cost-of-living crisis. None of these were on the cards as we made our new year's resolutions on the 1st of January.

Yet happen they have. And whether we like it or not, we're forced to agree with Bob Dylan's lyrics that the times are indeed changing. What can see us through these days?

A phrase that's often used about the

period through which we're going is "unprecedented". I'm not sure it's entirely valid! Previous generations have faced situations as challenging, or more challenging than ours – seasons of plagues, wars, famines and conquest. The times in which the New Testament was written were, for its writers, periods of profound uncertainty. Its writers faced violence and vulnerability, conflict and dispute. Yet into their times they were able to speak words of hope, confidence and assurance.

One such phrase that stands out for me is a line from the letter to the Hebrews. Hebrews was written in response to a time of persecution and the possibility of people falling back from the faith as a result. Into its time and ours, the writer of the letter makes an extraordinary claim: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Just imagine! The one who walked in Galilee has been there for his people throughout time, is with us now, and will be whatever the future may hold.

So respectfully, I have to disagree with Bob Dylan. In his song he tells us that in the face of times that are "a-changin'," we'd better start "swimmin'." Much better than hyperactive splashing, I suggest, is to live out our vision to "live and tell the story of Jesus". For it's as we do so that we can hold fast to the one who is constant and unchanging, who holds us always in the palm of his hands: Jesus Christ, who is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

+Michael

This month's charity: WaterAid UK

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9 and 23 October – will go to WaterAid UK. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

This month's charity is WaterAid UK. Its aim is "a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene." Global progress towards that vision, it says, is shamefully slow:

- One in 10 people still don't have even a basic supply of clean water close to home.
- One in five don't have a decent toilet.
- Nearly a third can't wash their hands with soap at home.
- 800 children die every day as a result.

WaterAid says the scale of the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) challenge calls for a monumental shift in ambition and approach. So the charity is not just continuing its work on the ground "to support service providers and local and national authorities to strengthen their human and organisational capacity so that they can expand sustainable and inclusive WASH services and behaviour change models." It will also increase its influencing efforts, using policy research, lobbying and advocacy and working with others within and outside of the WASH sector to accelerate progress and make a global case for invest-

ment in WASH.

WaterAid UK has sent this information about its work in one country:

"Malawi is one of the smallest and least-developed countries in Africa, yet it shows great progress and leadership in providing clean water. Since the early 2000s, Malawi's government has made clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene for every person a priority. Globally, 70% of people now have clean water to drink. But these successes are under threat, more so since the pandemic.

"For 23 years, Gloria Mkukawa has cleaned the maternity ward at the Ntosa Health Center in Nkhotakota. She takes out the rubbish. She mops the floors. And as part of her job, she and other ward attendants make at least five trips per day to a borehole at a school nearby to collect water. The borehole is the main water point for the community, and the only source the health centre has to access water for providers, for patients, and for cleaning.

"Partnership working and community action are vital in making progress towards clean water for all. WaterAid has partnered with the Ministry of Health to train health workers at Ntosa and other clinics in infection prevention and control, and is implementing a comprehensive package of WASH improvements – including a solar-powered water supply system and inclusive bathrooms.

"Better water, sanitation and hygiene in health facilities can help health workers protect themselves and their patients. Together, we will reach every last person in Malawi with water, toilets and hygiene. We know that doing so will have a lasting impact, helping poor and marginalised communities escape poverty for good."

Find out more about WaterAid, its vision and its strategy at www.wateraid.org/uk/. If you wish, you can donate online. If you do so, please use the reference "Christ Church Bath" so that the charity can supply us with a tally of the direct donations received.



Women in Chiswe Village, Malawi, in June 2019. Photo: Dennis Lupenga / WaterAid UK.

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2022

6 Thu 11am Eucharist
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

7 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

9 Sun *The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Eucharist

13 Thu 11am Eucharist

14 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

16 Sun *Harvest Festival / The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist
4:30pm Choral Evensong
(Bath Half Marathon – watch for diversions and road closures)

18 Tue *Luke the Evangelist*

19 Wed Ian Hay Davison's funeral, 12 noon

20 Thu 11am Eucharist
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

21 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

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

27 Thu 11am Eucharist

28 Fri *Simon and Jude, Apostles*
Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

30 Sun *All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent*
10am Eucharist

Nov 1 Tue *All Saints Day*

3 Thu 11am Eucharist
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

4 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm

6 Sun *The Third Sunday before Advent*
10am Eucharist

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

Prayer Cycle for October 2022

Saturday	1	For those who work in dangerous conditions
Sunday	2	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	3	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	4	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Wednesday	5	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Thursday	6	For all who produce publicity for Christ Church
Friday	7	For those with addictions
Saturday	8	For countries which have experienced storms and flooding
Sunday	9	For Mark, David and the choir
Monday	10	For our King and all heads of state
Tuesday	11	For the ministry of Julian House
Wednesday	12	For those on our church rotas
Thursday	13	That we may have the gift of kindness
Friday	14	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	15	For those on our long-term prayer list
Sunday	16	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	17	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	18	For countries in conflict
Wednesday	19	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Thursday	20	For the chaplaincies at Bath's Universities
Friday	21	For those who lack food, water or warmth
Saturday	22	For adoptive and foster families
Sunday	23	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church

Monday	24	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	25	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
Wednesday	26	For our Charity of the Month, Water Aid UK
Thursday	27	That we may be open to encounters with God
Friday	28	For the homeless
Saturday	29	For those who teach
Sunday	30	For our bell-ringing team
Monday	31	We give thanks for the blessings of the past month

Long-term Prayer List

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

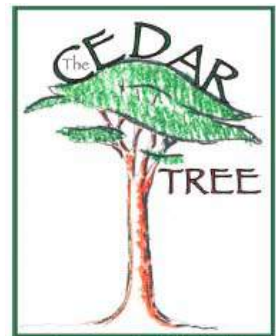
Tilly	Chris
Revd John	Thomas
Jean	David
Louise and Elliott	Patrick
Amber	AJ
David	John Batup
Joyce W	Karin
Roger and Frances	Frankie
Joyce K	Mylene
Jean and John	Evelyn
Guo Ping Jiang	
Kun Yue	

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'

Bath
Julian Road

Rotas for October 2022

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
2 Oct. 16th after Trinity	Virginia Knight Lamentations 1:1-6	Malcolm Wall 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Morny Davison Luke 17:5-10
	Intercessions: Simon Tatton-Brown		
9 Oct. 17th after Trinity	Carol Hussey Jeremiah 29:1,4-7	Rosanne Gabe 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Brenda Wall Luke 17:11-19
	Intercessions: Georgina Bowman		
16 Oct. Harvest	David Bishop Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Angela Soboslay Philippians 4:16 – 5:4	Jonathan Stead John 6:25-35
	Intercessions: Kara Maylor		
23 Oct. Last after Trinity	Sylvia Ayers Joel 2:23-32	Isaac Elliott 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Kara Maylor Luke 18:9-14
	Intercessions: Jonathan Stead		
30 Oct. 4th before Advent	Emma Elliott Isaiah 1:10-18	Beryl Bowes 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	Robin Kerr Luke 19:1-10
	Intercessions: Peter Bowes		
6 Nov. 3rd before Advent	Jude Bishop Job 19:23-27a	Peter Bowes 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Nick Wells Luke 20:27-38
	Intercessions: Mark Elliott		

Who's who at Christ Church

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About Christ Church

We're a liberal, inclusive and open church, seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty in our faith and doubt, and support in our community

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the 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 anyone concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we do not sing at the 8am BCP Communion or 5pm Quiet Service.

As well as worship on Sundays and Thursdays, there are many other activities going on in our community, including our 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. 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*
- 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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