



Advent inclusion

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

A friend of mine has a rule that he will neither speak of Christmas nor hear it spoken of until All Saints has passed. Well, we celebrated All Saints last month, the clocks have gone back, and this year Advent Sunday will be in November. Time therefore to speak of Christmas and to look forward to two new carol services.

As well as our glorious traditional Advent and Christmas carol services on the second and fourth Sundays of Advent, this year we will also be holding an LGBTQI+ affirming carol service in Christ Church. It will take place at 5pm on Sunday 11 December. It is being organised jointly with St Stephen's Church and Oasis Church, but this year Christ Church will host and lead it. Everyone is welcome and the emphasis will be on affirming the central position in the church community of those who have historically been made to feel unwelcome – and, tragically, in some churches still are. One of our gifts in Christ Church is hospitality, and I hope many of you will want to come to sing, to provide a warm welcome during the service and to help with offering refreshments afterwards.

The second “extra” carol service will take place on St Andrew's Green. That's the green triangle of grass and trees on Julian Road where St Andrew's Church used to stand before it was bombed in World War II. Following Kara's lead in taking worship out of the church building, we will gather to sing carols

together on the Green on the evening of Thursday 15 December. Last year we held an informal gathering and many could hear and see from the surrounding apartments. This year we hope to be able to do something more structured, audible and visible. Imagine lights festooning the lower branches of the trees, a pop-up Christmas tree, mulled wine and carols for everyone in the Julian Road area.

May Advent, when we prepare to celebrate God's incursion into human history in Jesus Christ, make you joyful and hopeful and give us all courage and opportunity to share that joy.

Joining the choir



A warm welcome to Mary Nyota, who has joined Christ Church choir and sang with us for the first time on the feast of All Saints. The choir needs more members – all ages and all voices. There is no audition; all that is needed is a commitment to Friday night rehearsals and Sunday mornings. Anyone interested is invited to contact Mark Elliott or talk to any choir member.

Last month...



We know that our Trustees go to great lengths to care for the church building, but they go to great heights as well... Our Treasurer, David Bishop, is pictured here applying SmartWater to the lead on the church roof. Photo courtesy of Robin Kerr.



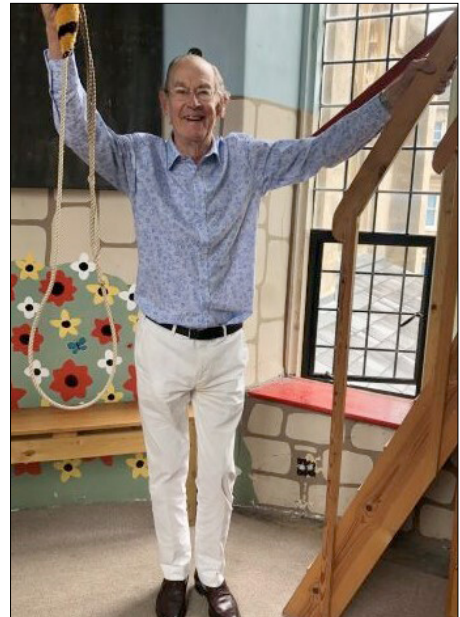
Friends and family filled the church as the Christ Church community said farewell to Ian Hay Davison CBE on Wednesday 19 October. We all join in sending our condolences and prayers to Morny and all the family.

In memoriam Ian Hay Davison

On Saturday 22 October our ringers, the Society of Christ Church Youths, successfully rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples, composed by Michael Hurst. The ringers were:

- 1 David P Guy
- 2 Maggie Willans
- 3 Dave Kelly
- 4 Sophie Sikorsky
- 5 Karen Tyler
- 6 Michael W Day
- 7 William Willans (C)
- 8 Julie Perkins

The quarter-peal was arranged and rung to commemorate and celebrate the life of Ian Hay Davison, a stalwart supporter of Christ Church, who masterminded the fundraising for the installation of our bells.



Ian pictured in the ringing chamber. Photo courtesy of Will Willans.

Safeguarding Sunday

This year's Safeguarding Sunday takes place on 20 November. Ben Goodhind, Safeguarding Manager for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, said, "We would like all of our churches to reflect on safeguarding within their service on Sunday 20 November and in particular to give thanks to those who volunteer to do this important work, which is often unseen."

Appropriately, the Church of England has published the findings of the national safeguarding Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2). The aim of PCR2 was that any files that could contain information regarding a concern, allegation or conviction in relation to abusive behaviour by a living member of the clergy or church officer (whether still in position or not) were identified and analysed by independent safeguarding professionals. In Bath and Wells, 3,063 files dating back to the 1950s were reviewed by the independent assessors.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells, along with dioceses across the country, has shared a summary of its report – you'll find it at www.bathandwells.org.uk/pcr2-published.php. Bath and Wells has already started to action the recommendations in the report and continues to strive to be a safer church for all.

The Safeguarding Sunday Prayer 2022

Dear God,

Help us to be a church that:

Loves, welcomes, protects.

Listens, learns, serves.

Repents, restores, transforms.

Values, cares, believes.

God of justice and compassion, hear our prayer.

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.



Curate's corner



Revd Kara Maylor writes:

A huge thank-you to all of you for your support for the London Marathon. It was a fantastic experience. We made it round in just over 5 hours. The support was incredible, with people lining the route shouting encouragement to all of us along the way. We ran with rhinos, a giant nurse, a man carrying an ironing board and rotary washing line, to mention but a few... all with heart-wrenching stories about the reason they were doing the run. If you fancy a challenge I would encourage you to go for it. What a great way to raise the wonderful amount of £1,800 for one of our local charities, Genesis. Bless you all.

I've been enjoying spending time with some of our new students over the past few weeks. I am at the University on a Friday afternoon walking the dog and there are a few who join me each week. If you're interested in joining us, we meet outside the Chaplaincy at 4pm.

The Cedar Tree Café community is thriving. After the café a group of us (with Barney the ministry dog, of course!) go for a walk to enjoy God's glorious creation that surrounds us, frequently finishing in a café. All are welcome.

I spoke last time about exploring the Bible in some different ways. If you're interested, please come and join us in our Agape group on alternative Thursdays to Pilgrim Group, where we are enthusiastic and welcoming in encountering innovative approaches and ideas.

Bishop's formal, and less formal, welcome

The final step of Rt Revd Michael Beasley becoming the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells will take place at a service of installation in Wells Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 12 November.

While Bishop Michael legally became Bishop of Bath and Wells in June and has already been out and about visiting parishes and deaneries, the installation service marks his formal welcome to the diocese.

People from across Bath and Wells, many of whom have been involved in the selection and interview process, will have a role in the

service. They include school children and young people, people from church communities across Bath and Wells, community and charity representatives, and local leaders of other faiths.

On the morning of the day of the service, Bishop Michael will attend morning prayer at Bath Abbey and will then travel back to Wells using a range of forms of transport, meeting and greeting the people of Bath and Wells along the way.

"Before I was interviewed for the role of Bishop of Bath and Wells," Bishop Michael said, "my wife Lizzie and I undertook a 60-mile walk around the diocese, so it felt only fitting to undertake a similar pilgrimage on the morning of my installation. I hope to meet many people of Bath and Wells along the way as I travel by foot, electric bike, bus, tractor and lorry from Bath, through Peasedown St John, Chilcompton and back into Wells in time for the service."

The installation service is ticketed but will be live-streamed via the diocesan Facebook page so individuals and churches across the diocese and beyond can share in the occasion.

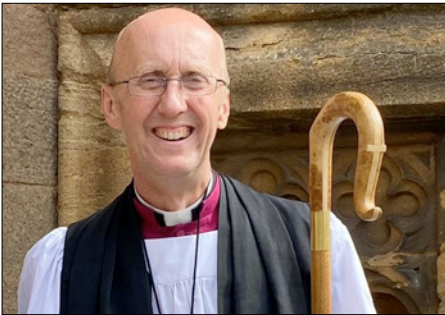


Photo: Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Nosferatu 100th anniversary at Christ Church



What is it? David Bednall is both a superb organist and a highly respected composer. He is Choral Director at Clifton Cathedral and Sub Organist at Bristol Cathedral. He is particularly renowned for his improvisations and is a regular contributor to silent film festivals. He is coming to Christ Church for a 100th anniversary screening of *Nosferatu*, a towering classic of 1920s German Expressionist silent filmmaking. He will perform a live improvised soundtrack on our organ to this unauthorised adaptation of *Dracula*, which influenced generations of filmmakers that followed.

When is it? Monday 21 November, 7:30pm

Where? Christ Church

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

Bishop's Message for November

Called to walk the way of the cross



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

As I prepare to be installed as the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells on Saturday 12 November, I have been reading and re-reading the charge given to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury when I was legally confirmed as bishop back in June. The charge can be found on the diocesan website at www.bathandwells.org.uk/news/bishop-michael-beasley-has-legally-become-the-80th-bishop-of-bath-and-wells.php. Please do take a look at what it says.

The charge is terrifying. It calls me to walk the way of the cross. It urges me to rely not on my own strength, but on that provided by the Lord. The charge asks me to “speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable” (Proverbs 3:18). It reminds me that I am to be the shepherd of the flock entrusted to me. It also includes calls to be committed to the highest standards of safeguarding and care of the environment.

Reading my charge makes me wonder

whether I have been invited to impersonate the Archangel Gabriel! Thankfully it also includes words which act to make the whole thing possible. Chief among these is this phrase: I am called to “build a church where each stone is valued”. Drawing on the writings of the First Letter of Peter (see Chapter 2), the charge calls me to remember that I’m not doing this all alone. We are doing it all together.

I’ve already been discovering this as I’ve travelled around Somerset attending worship in different churches and meeting new clergy colleagues. The installation will see people gather from across the county, committing together to our vision of “Living and Telling the Story of Jesus”. Undertaking that task with authenticity and integrity is the greatest charge of all. It’s one that I’m looking forward to sharing with you.

Every blessing

+Michael

Pray for Bath

All are warmly invited to join Christians from across Bath to pray as one for our city and the surrounding area, for our neighbours and our communities, in Bath Abbey at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8 November, followed by refreshments and fellowship. Watch for any further information from the Bath Christian Action Network at www.bathcan.org.uk

**Pray
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This month's charity: USPG Malawi project

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 13 and 27 November – will go to USPG's Malawi project. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

This month we are again supporting USPG's project in Malawi, which has helped improve the living standards of vulnerable households across the four Anglican dioceses of Malawi.

The key areas the programme focuses on are: girls' education, livelihoods, environment and climate change, water, sanitation and hygiene. To improve literacy amongst girls, it focuses on increasing school enrolment and also works with communities and parents to reduce early marriages, early pregnancies, and the rate at which girls drop out of school.

The programme is working to achieve increased household income and food security by equipping farming households with improved farming skills, business skills and access to loans. It has set up farmers' groups to teach farmers to use new agricultural technologies. It also ensures that households, churches and other institutions are knowledgeable about environment management.

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



Christmas invitation

The Church of England's "Follow the Star – The Great Invitation" campaign for Christmas 2022 encourages all our churches and all our churchgoers to invite their neighbours and their communities to an in-person gathering this Christmastime where they can hear the Christmas story and be welcomed into the love of Jesus.

The campaign aims to encourage people to attend their local church at Christmas and to take the next step on their journey of faith.

The focus is on The Great Invitation – encouraging everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with their family, friends and neighbours, especially after two years where this has been impossible for many.

There are resources for churches to use where they are, and also 12 daily reflections, available to access in a range of ways including e-mail, audio and print, from Christmas Eve.

Find out more at churchofengland.org/resources/advent-and-christmas-resources.



Pilgrim Group

The Pilgrim Group will continue its new term this month, meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 November in the Lower Mews, then every two weeks. We will be exploring Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. All are welcome.

Christ Church calendar Nov. 2022

1	Tue	<i>All Saints Day</i>
3	Thu	11am Eucharist Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
4	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
6	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i> 10am Eucharist
7	Mon	<i>224th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church</i>
10	Thu	11am Eucharist
11	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
13	Sun	<i>Remembrance Sunday / The Second Sunday before Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Eucharist
17	Thu	11am Eucharist
18	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
20	Sun	<i>Christ the King / The Sunday next before Advent</i> 10am Eucharist 4:30pm Choral Evensong
24	Thu	11am Eucharist
25	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
27	Sun	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i> 10am Eucharist 5pm Contemplative Service (Iona)
30	Wed	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
Dec	1	Thu 11am Eucharist
	2	Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	4	Sun <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i> 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? 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 November 2022

Tuesday	1	For those who care for the sick
Wednesday	2	For Kara our Curate
Thursday	3	We give thanks for beauty in creation
Friday	4	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Saturday	5	For our link Dioceses in Zambia
Sunday	6	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Monday	7	For our government and politicians
Tuesday	8	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
Wednesday	9	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Thursday	10	For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism
Friday	11	For those who are confined to their homes
Saturday	12	That we may have grace to forgive
Sunday	13	For Angela our Verger
Monday	14	For those who work in the emergency services
Tuesday	15	For the lonely and depressed
Wednesday	16	We give thanks for our blessings
Thursday	17	For peace
Friday	18	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
Saturday	19	For those on our long-term prayer list
Sunday	20	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Monday	21	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	22	We give thanks for those who inspire us

Wednesday 23	For countries with economic problems
Thursday 24	For our Charity of the Month, USPG in Malawi
Friday 25	For the unemployed
Saturday 26	For volunteer organisations
Sunday 27	For our Junior Church
Monday 28	For prisoners and prison workers
Tuesday 29	For the work of Genesis
Wednesday 30	That we may show mercy and compassion

Long-term Prayer List

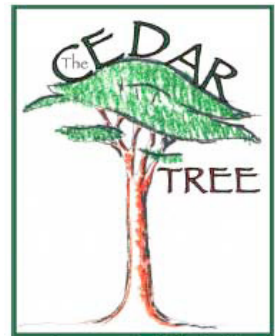
Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...

Tilly	Chris
Revd John	Thomas
Jean	David
Louise and Elliott	Patrick
Amber	AJ
David	John K
Joyce W	Romey
Roger and Frances	Frankie
Joyce K	Mylene
Jean and John	Evelyn
Guo Ping Jiang	Margaret H
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 Jenny Hesketh. Your offers will be very gratefully received.



'Under it every kind of bird will live'

Julian Road Bath

Rotas for November 2022

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
6 Nov. 3rd before Advent	Carol Hussey Job 19:23-27a	Mark Elliott 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	Nick Wells Luke 20:27-38
	Intercessions: Peter Bowes		
13 Nov. Remem- brance	Georgina Bowman Malachi 4:1-2a	Malcolm Wall 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Alex Soboslay Luke 21:5-19
	Intercessions: Simon Tatton-Brown		
20 Nov. Christ the King	Simon Tatton- Brown Jeremiah 23:1-6	Morny Davison Colossians 1:11-20	Jane Hoe Luke 23:33-43
	Intercessions: Peter Bowes		
27 Nov. 1st of Advent	Zoë Bushell Isaiah 2:1-5	Brenda Wall Romans 13:11-14	Robin Kerr Matthew 24:36-44
	Intercessions: Beryl Bowes		
4 Dec. 2nd of Advent	Angela Soboslay Isaiah 11:1-10	Richard Gabe Romans 15:4-13	Sylvia Ayers Matthew 3:1-12
	Intercessions: Georgina Bowman		

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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 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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