



Bells restoration under way

Faculty received and preparatory work started

In early June we received a faculty, the Church of England equivalent of planning permission, authorising the bells restoration project. A faculty takes the place of Listed Building consent in the case of places of worship, and local authority planning permission is not required for works that will not affect the exterior of the building, so the work can now get under way.

A team of volunteers have already made a great start. They've opened the dome in the ringing chamber floor, over the hatch through which the bells will be removed. The dome has been put back in place for safety but without its wooden boarding so that light can shine through the fretwork and brighten the porch lobby below. Take a look as you come in or out of the church and let us know what you think!

The work party has also removed the clappers, chiming wires and hammers, but not the clock chime hammers. These are being removed at the end of June, after which the clock chimes will not be heard until the new installation is complete. Our clock engineer has repositioned the clock weights, so that they are out of the way and the clock can continue to operate. The bell wheels, some of the metal brackets and most of the tie-bars have also been removed. Well done and thanks to all those involved! Preparatory work should be completed in early July, and the bell-hangers (with the help of volunteers) are scheduled to remove the old bells and frames in the week of Monday 14 July.

Meanwhile fund-raising is continuing, as is consideration of other works at the west end. Make your views known!



A team of volunteers have made a splendid start on dismantling the old bell installation. Above, Roger Button removes a tie bar.



Above, Phill Butler and Roger at work in the bell chamber. Thanks to them, Ian Smith and Dave Kelly! Photos courtesy of Dave Kelly / Keltek Trust.

New Bishop of Bath and Wells installed

Virginia Knight writes:

On Saturday 7 June I attended the “installation” (rather as if he were a boiler or a modern artwork) of Peter Hancock as Bishop of Bath and Wells. The doors of Wells Cathedral opened at 1 o’clock, the building filled up almost immediately and we did not emerge for another three hours!

Before the service proper began, various groups of people filed into the building at five-minute intervals, while we heard music from the organist and a brass ensemble. After a mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury had been read out, the action really began when the Bishop struck the West door three times with his staff. On being asked by a child “Who are you and why are you here?” he answered “I am Peter, a pilgrim and servant of Jesus Christ and I come as one seeking the grace of God...” and was let in.

Bishop Peter had to declare his assent to the faith of the Church of England and his allegiance to the Queen and the Archbishop, before he was anointed on his forehead and hands, given his ring, robes, mitre and pectoral cross, and set on his throne. The new Bishop was then presented to various local representatives including the headmaster of Bathwick Primary School. The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset greeted him with the hope that he would be happy in his new home in Wells, which drew a spontaneous round of applause. (I noticed also that the anthem “I was glad” contained the line

“Plenteousness within thy palaces”!) He was then officially presented to the congregation.

In the final part of the service Bishop Peter’s ministry began with prayers, Bible readings and his first sermon as Bishop. The sermon centred on Jesus’ commissioning of 70 disciples in the Gospel reading, and Bishop Peter’s role as a catalyst for discipleship in his Diocese. It’s clear that he is going to encourage lay involvement in the Church – nothing new to us, but perhaps a consequence of reduced clergy numbers?

It may sound as if the congregation had little part in the service, but we were able to acclaim and welcome our new Bishop and there were no fewer than seven hymns to sing. These included “At the name of Jesus” (to the 60s tune “Camberwell”, which some of us remember from school), “Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer” and that evangelical favourite “And can it be?”.

As you might expect from Wells, the music was of a very high standard. There were two new anthems, one a setting of (inevitably) “Tu es Petrus” by Jeremy Woodside, the other a setting by Robert Walker of words by the Indian mystic Kabir. During the latter piece a pupil from The Blue School danced a ballet routine. The enthronement was celebrated with William Walton’s “Coronation Te Deum”.

After the service we were offered tea and cake outside on the Cathedral Green before dispersing. Christ Church was well represented with seven of our congregation there for the occasion.



Over 1,000 people saw Rt Revd Peter Hancock installed as the 79th Bishop of Bath and Wells.



Bishop Peter and his wife Jane during the service. Photos courtesy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Mothers' Union News for July

Sylvia Ayers writes:

Last month we launched our next fund-raising effort for the 2014 MU Wheels Appeal. As previously stated, we are again asking for home-made cakes to sell after the morning Communion Service, and also any plants you can grow or beg. Your gifts can be brought to church for sale at any time, with the target date being Sunday July 13th, although of course we will accept donations at any time. Last month we gave you details of how the money you raise will be spent in support of the MU Community Development Co-ordinators (CDCs) who do such wonderful work within their isolated African communities. We look forward to your support for this worthwhile cause.

Our next Corporate Communion Service will be in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 2 July at 11am, and we once again invite any member of the congregation who is free at this time to join us. The MU Prayer will again be used, after which we will enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits and chat at the back of the church.

Award for Street Pastors

The Taunton Street Pastors, a group of 60 volunteers from 20 local churches, have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Taunton Street Pastors came into being in 2008 as a way of supporting young people and other vulnerable people on the streets of Taunton late at night. The Pastors work tirelessly from 10pm to 4am every weekend, plus special occasions such as Carnival night. In the last six and a half years, they have helped over 25,000 people on the streets, doing things such as giving out bottled water, foil hoodies and free flip flops. For more see <http://taunton.streetpastors.org.uk>

Last month in Christ Church



On Saturday 7 June, members of the Christ Church community enjoyed an Italian Evening in the Lower Mews with a home-cooked Italian-style meal, fine Italian wines, and sociable company. Thanks to all involved in organising the evening, and particularly Clive and Jude for the food! (Photo courtesy of Malcolm Wall.)

On sunny Saturday 21 June, Julia Tanner married Grant Holderness in Christ Church. Warm congratulations to them and all their families, particularly the bride's mother, Chris.



Archbishop Justin and Pope Francis speak



The two church leaders seem to have established a cordial personal relationship. Photo: The Times.

In mid-June the Archbishop of Canterbury travelled to Rome to meet the Pope for the second time since both church leaders took office within days of each other in 2013.

After talks on a range of matters, they issued a joint statement condemning modern slavery and human trafficking as crimes against humanity, promoting a joint project to use the global influence of their churches to battle the physical, economic and sexual exploitation of men, women and children.

The Global Freedom Network is an open association that other faiths will be invited to join. It will work to make the churches' (and other organisations') investments and supply chains "modern slavery proof", to eliminate human trafficking including organ trafficking, forced prostitution, debt bondage and forced marriage, and to oppose child labour and the involvement of children in armed conflict.

According to the association, between 12m and 27m people worldwide are estimated to be enslaved into forced labour and sexual exploitation. Each year, about 2m people are victims of sexual trafficking, 60% of whom are girls. Human organ trafficking is also rife: annually around 20,000 people are forced or deceived into giving up an organ.

In a separate statement, Archbishop Justin added: "We are being challenged to find more profound ways of putting our ministry and mission where our faith is; and being called into a deeper unity on the side of the

poor and in the cause of the justice and righteousness of God. For this reason, the Global Freedom Network is being created to join the struggle against modern slavery and human trafficking from a faith base, so that we might witness to God's compassion and act for the benefit of those who are abducted, enslaved and abused in this terrible crime.

"All are called to join common cause to end this crime and suffering. The more we share the pain and oppression of the poor and suffering in the name of God, the more God will draw us closer to each other, because we will need each other's strength and support to make the kind of difference that is needed. We are struggling against evil in secret places and in deeply entrenched networks of malice and cruelty. No one of us is strong enough, but together we are ready for the challenge God is placing before us, and we know that he will strengthen us so that all people may live in freedom and dignity."

COMMENT *The Archbishop's remark about "being called into a deeper unity" isn't accidental. The two leaders seem to view their churches not just working together in a common cause but drawing closer together. As Paul Valley noted in The Independent (<http://ind.pn/1r7wX3>), "One of the purposes of Archbishop Welby's visit to Rome was to launch a new website (www.iarccum.org) dedicated to implementing better ecumenical relations." Valley believes "Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby have similar visions" and "have no patience with the 'let's agree to disagree on theology and just open a food bank together' approach." There are major differences but, as Valley notes, "Anglicans are [also] more divided among themselves now than ever before".*

Is it impossible to picture a truly Broad Church built on the (very Anglican) virtue of toleration – recognising that human understanding is inherently imperfect, that people who think differently from us might nevertheless be sincere and good and even godly, and that unity doesn't require uniformity? Without something along these lines, it's hard to see the Church of England itself remaining intact.

Bishop's Message for July

**From the Rt Revd Peter Maurice,
Bishop of Taunton**

As I write this, the church is coming to the end of the Easter season. The readings that have been part of our worship during these weeks have reminded us of the extraordinary impact that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus had on individuals and communities. The feast of Pentecost that follows is God's prompt that we now have to live lives that do the same. As one author puts it, "Jesus has to go as from the grave he had to rise. In order to be everywhere, he must depart to live, not in one place, but in every human heart."

I was reflecting on this as I watched the vigil from Lichfield Cathedral in thanksgiving for Stephen Sutton, the young man who had been diagnosed with cancer at such a young age, and yet in his short life had made a huge impact on so many people.

A week or so later, Maya Angelou, the African-American author, poet and civil rights activist, also died. She was one



A public vigil was held in Lichfield Cathedral for Stephen Sutton, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer at the age of 15. By the time he died, aged 19, he had raised over £3m for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Photo courtesy of The Guardian.

of the most renowned and influential voices of our time, and her poem "When I say I'm a Christian" is worth our attention in this season of Pentecost as we seek to live more Christlike lives.

When I say I'm a Christian, I'm not shouting, "I'm clean living", I'm whispering, "I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say I'm a Christian, I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say I'm a Christian, I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need his strength to carry on.

When I say I'm a Christian, I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say I'm a Christian, I'm not bragging of success, I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say I'm a Christian, I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.

+ Peter Taunton

EDITOR'S NOTE: The poem originally titled *When I Say, "I Am a Christian"* is widely misattributed to Maya Angelou but was actually written in 1988 by Carol Wimmer. It has been passed around on the internet, altered and added to over the years, and the version quoted here by Bishop Peter is not the original (and is still not by Maya Angelou). For the original poem, and more about its curious history, visit <http://bit.ly/carol-wimmer>

Lottery funds for Bath Abbey project

Bath Abbey has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a £10m bid for its Footprint project.

“Initial support” means that the HLF considered the Abbey’s outline proposal in competition with other projects, and the bid has passed the first stage. The Abbey now has up to two years to submit fully developed proposals to secure a firm award. Development funding of £389,000 has also been awarded to help progress plans to secure a full grant.

In order to secure the £10m from the HLF, the Abbey will need to raise

around £7m in additional funding through grants and donations.

The Footprint project is a £19.3m programme of works including:

- stabilising the Abbey floor, particularly in the North aisle (the photo shows emergency work being done on this);
- developing a new, energy efficient underfloor heating system for the Abbey and Kingston Buildings using waste hot water from the nearby Roman Baths;
- opening a new Song School for the Abbey’s choirs and local schools;
- creating a modern refectory and new “interpretation centre”;
- other building works including the installation of toilets (there are none at present!) and improved disabled access.

Subject to funding and planning approvals, building work is expected to start in 2016. For more information, visit www.bathabbey.org/footprint



This month’s charity: Help for Heroes

With the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War falling this month, the loose collection in the plate on Sunday 13 July, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to Help for Heroes.

Help for Heroes is a Wiltshire-based charity dedicated to helping veterans and serving personnel who have been wounded or injured, or have become sick, as a result of serving their country.

In addition to life-long support for those suffering from life-changing injury or illness, along with their families and carers, a Quick Reaction Fund (QRF) helps by giving swift financial support (within 72 hours in urgent cases) to those with life-changing injuries or

illnesses and their families. The charity runs four Recovery Centres around the UK, which provide support in the form of rehabilitation, education, vocational training, welfare, sport and adventure training to residents and day visitors and their families alike.

Help for Heroes has also been involved with Sports Recovery for six years, and in the past year alone has put on 300 events across 50 different sports enabling over 1,800 wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans to take part in adaptive sports.

Help for Heroes was founded in 2007 with the declaration “It’s not about the rights and wrongs of war, we just want to support those who serve our country and are injured in doing so”. It is strictly non-political but does give money to other charities involved with physical rehabilitation, re-employment and housing, mental health and similar activities.

For more, visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk. You might find it particularly helpful to look at [How we help](#) > [About us](#) > [FAQs](#)



Welcome to the latest edition of *In Focus*, a monthly newsletter from the Church of England. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *In Review*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

Commissioners' investment results report nine year high to support the Church's growth

The Church Commissioners have published its annual report and announced that the total return on its investment for 2013 was 15.9 per cent. from £5.5 billion to £6.1 billion.

As part of the announcement, an annual review shares stories of support across the country for church growth in new housing and development areas as well as a dedicated stream of funding for work in deprived areas.

In a Church of England interview the Rev James Barnett, pioneer minister to new communities in Leeds, talks about people's lives being transformed and shares inspirational stories from Riverside. Andrew Brown, Secretary to the Commissioners, also explains more about the funding.

The review features Commissioners funded projects from around the country, including:

- Former hair stylist Rev Ben Norton has an Archdeaconry brief in York Diocese for pioneering work among young people

building on earlier work on a major housing estate. He is also volunteering a day a week in the local hairdressing salon.

- Liverpool Cathedral has committed to offering a variety of styles of worship that are accessible to all. The Zone 2 all-age, café-style service meets every Sunday at the same time as the traditional Choral Eucharist.
- The Tolladine Mission in Worcester is based in an area with pockets of multiple deprivation. The missionaries live in the area and their work includes a garden project for young people with learning and/or behavioural difficulties and work in local schools, along with opportunities to explore the Christian faith.

**The annual review is available at bit.ly/ccreview2013
The full report is available at bit.ly/ccreport2013**

Award for investment manager

The Director of Investments for the Church Commissioners has won the top award at the Asset Investors (aiCIO) European Innovation awards.

Tom Joy who was awarded the prize for the Investment Head of the Year, manages the investments of the Church Commissioners.

**More details can be found at:
bit.ly/tomjoyaward**

The Church Commissioners responsibilities include:

- Supporting poorer dioceses with ministry costs
- Providing funds to support mission activities
- Paying for bishops' ministry and some cathedral costs
- Paying clergy pensions for service prior to 1998
- Running the national payroll for serving and retired clergy

New report of Anglican chaplaincy in the secondary state school and academy sector

The varied and vital role of chaplains in Church of England state secondary schools and academies is outlined in “The Public Face of God”, showing that chaplaincy is no longer the preserve of the independent sector.

The research showed that of the 72 schools which responded 58 have chaplains or a chaplaincy team with the majority ordained but with a growing number of lay chaplains. Almost all are directly funded from the school’s own budget. The Church of England has 220 secondary schools and 80 sponsored academies.

The Revd Garry Neave, the Church of England’s National Further Education and Post-16 Adviser and co-author of the report said: “This research clearly shows that schools greatly value the contribution which chaplains can make to

pastoral care of students and staff - and to the whole school community - to encouraging the spiritual development of students and to serving people of all faiths and beliefs.”

In the foreword, the Church’s Chief Education Officer, Rev Jan Ainsworth, said: “This study, which came into being at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, concentrates on one aspect of school chaplaincy - that exercised in Church of England maintained secondary schools and academies - since this is the fastest growing type of provision and one which is developing in ways which are often different to that in the historic independent sector.”

The report is available at:
bit.ly/chaplaincyreport

Nigel Genders announced as next Chief Education Officer

The Revd Nigel Genders has been appointed as the next Chief Education Officer for the Church of England and General Secretary of the National Society. He replaces the Revd Jan Ainsworth who retires this summer.

As the Church’s Chief Education Officer, Nigel will have lead responsibility for the development of strategies and policies for education - in schools, colleges and universities, and in parishes, deaneries and dioceses - to promote the highest quality of educational practice and to promote and

support the Church’s voluntary work among children and young people.

Nigel is currently Head of School Policy, based at Church House, Westminster, supporting dioceses around the country and engaging with the Department for Education on all matters to do with the Church’s 4,700 schools.

Read more about the work of the Education Division and National Society at:
<http://www.churchofengland.org/education>

Archbishops’ Council submits petition on HS2 Bill to Parliament

The Archbishops’ Council has submitted a petition on the HS2 Bill to Parliament, regarding treatment of burial grounds and human remains.

A Church of England spokesperson said “In terms of ‘opposition’ the C of E is not opposing HS2 per se, rather we are petitioning for a technical change to the Bill, ie we are opposing the Bill in its present, in our view technically deficient,

form. It is simply a matter of re-instating a clause which can be found in other legislation relating to development and has been left out of this Bill.”

The petition can be found at bit.ly/hs2petition

More information on the petition can be found at:
bit.ly/hs2petitionsub

Scheme launched to support national network of churches and credit unions

The first steps towards a national network of churches, communities and credit unions has been launched, supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on Responsible Lending.

The Church Credit Champions Network (CCCN) aims to create a network of people who will bring together churches, communities and responsible lenders. The scheme is being piloted in three Church of England Dioceses - Southwark, Liverpool and London. The members will act as advocates for the community finance providers.

The launch event took place in the St Martin's Hall at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in Central London. The keynote address was given

by Sir Hector Sants, former Chief Executive of the Financial Services Authority and Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs for Barclays Bank, who convenes the Archbishop's Task Group.

The launch also featured stories of churches which are already working closely with credit unions and previewed new resources which are being developed by the network - including Bible study tools, videos and tips for getting a church congregation talking about money.

A transcript of Sir Hector Sants' speech is available at:
bit.ly/hectorsantsspeech

Rap song highlights the danger of pay-day industry to young people

A rap song aimed at warning young people about the possible dangers of pay day lenders has been released.

Inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's comments on responsible lending, songwriter and music producer Charles Bailey approached the Church of England with the idea for the rap.

The song, called "Union on the Streets" by Charles Bailey, feat. Question Musiq and Delilah

also features Martin Lewis of MoneySavingExpert.com and tells the stories of young people who get into debt because of payday loans with high interest rates. It aims to highlight credit unions as a better way to borrow.

Listen to the song here:
bitly.com/uniononthestreets

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Watch us on Youtube:
www.youtube.com/user/ArchbishopsCouncil

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Church called to be enabling, says National Disability Adviser

The Church of England's national disability advisor, Roy McCloughry, has written an article calling churches to rethink their attitude to disability. A short extract from the article is included, and the full article available at: bit.ly/theenabledlife

"The Church is called to be "enabling" rather than disabling. The Spirit brings together diverse groups of people into community. It is part of the extraordinary nature of the Church that we preach that Christ has made us whole, however unconventional our bodies are."

Three Bishops make maiden speeches after State Opening

Following the Queen's Speech at the State Opening of Parliament, three bishops made their maiden speeches in the House of Lords.

In the speeches the Bishops of Rochester, Chelmsford and Durham talked about their dioceses and also covered topics including housing, the Living Wage and education.

The Rt Rev James Langstaff, the Bishop of Rochester, focused on housing issues and talked about how churches work with homeless people. He also talked about his new role as Bishop to Prisons and how he's looking forward to contributing to debates on criminal justice.

The Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, opened his speech by saying how he

felt an imposter ending up in the Lords when he wasn't brought up going to church and left his secondary modern school with three O levels. He talked about the importance of church schools and how good RE teaching is one of the best ways of countering religious extremism.

The Rt Rev Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham, focused on the attributes and needs of his diocese and how local people have given him a very clear message about speaking up in the Lords for the North East. He also spoke of his concern for young people's social and economic welfare.

Interviews with the Bishops are available to listen to here:

bit.ly/stateopening14

Communications Training

Upcoming courses:

16th September

Visual Liturgy Live

Visual Liturgy Live is a unique and powerful service planning software package that provides everything you need to create inspiring, refreshing and well-planned worship. Spend a day learning how this powerful tool works and how to produce your own Order of Service in our IT training suite. Previous course members say it'll save them days over a year!

Tuesday 4 November

Get your Church noticed!

Does your local community know about all the good things on offer at your Church? Join us for a whistle-stop tour through all the tools you can use to successfully put your church on the map – branding, noticeboards, websites, magazines, social media, working with the media – even how to use your buildings. Ensure you reach the people you want to reach!

For more details and booking info: <http://www.churchcommstraining.org>

Christ Church calendar July 2014

July 2 Wed 11am Holy Communion, followed by coffee

3 Thu *Thomas the Apostle*

4 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

6 Sun *Third Sunday after Trinity*
4.30pm Choral Evensong

10 Tue Christ Church Trustees meeting 7:40pm

11 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

13 Sun *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

14 Mon *John Keble, priest and poet*

18 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

20 Sun *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

22 Tue *Mary Magdalene*

25 Fri *James the Apostle*
Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

27 Sun *Sixth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre

29 Tue *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus*

30 Wed *William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)*

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

3 Sun *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*
4.30pm Choral Evensong

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 July 2014

Tuesday	1	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Wednesday	2	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Thursday	3	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Friday	4	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	5	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
Sunday	6	For Angela and Ned
Monday	7	For our armed forces and police
Tuesday	8	For those who mourn
Wednesday	9	For good relations between different faiths
Thursday	10	That we may be peacemakers
Friday	11	For Keri and the Cedar Tree
Saturday	12	For the work of Genesis
Sunday	13	For Peter our new Bishop
Monday	14	For shopkeepers and shop workers
Tuesday	15	For carers
Wednesday	16	For our plans for our church building
Thursday	17	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
Friday	18	For the sick and suffering
Saturday	19	That we may have the gift of faith
Sunday	20	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Monday	21	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	22	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Wednesday	23	For those who have been forced to flee their homes

Thursday	24	For Matthew who manages the website
Friday	25	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	26	For those who travel
Sunday	27	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	28	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	29	For the work of Julian House
Wednesday	30	For good relationships between the nations
Thursday	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...

Kay Clark
 Rachel Sillett
 June Metcalfe
 May Palmer
 Cyril Selmes
 Ken Austwick
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Rowena Hall

David Ough
 Ned Townshend
 Sarah Dack
 John Osborne
 Joyce Fairburn
 David Slater
 Celia and Trevor Shears
 Val Curtis

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.

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

Rotas for July 2014

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
6 July 3rd after Trinity	Lewis Boyd Zechariah 9:9-12	Sylvia Ayers Romans 7:15-25a	Penny Edwards Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
13 July 4th after Trinity	Rebekah Cunningham Isaiah 35:10-13	Rosanne Gabe Romans 8:1-11	Rowena Hall Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
20 July 5th after Trinity	Malcolm Wall Wisdom of Solomon 12:13,16-19	Sarah Cade Romans 8:12-25	Judith Anderson Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
27 July 6th after Trinity	Alex Soboslay 1 Kings 3:5-12	Judith Bishop Romans 8:26-end	Janet Mahto Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
3 August 7th after Trinity	No reading	Andrew Sillett Romans 9:1-5	Richard Gabe Matthew 14:13-21

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
6 July	Clive Tilling, Lewis Boyd	Morny Davison, Andrew Sillett	Canon Angela Townshend
13 July	Jane Fletcher	Iain Barrowman, Rowena Hall	Sarah Jones
20 July	June Matthews, Andrew Sillett	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
27 July	Keri Chivers, Brenda Wall	Margaret Silver, Jane Nicholson	Georgina Bowman
3 August	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Melvyn Matthews

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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 normal 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. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on a Sunday morning, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir. New singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Home 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 and fourth Sunday of every month
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually the first Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details

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



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