



Reading, talking and doing

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

George Herbert's poems are "heart work and heaven work," and the Revd Canon Mark Oakley, currently Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, provides food for both heart and soul in his new book *My Sour Sweet Days*. For each of the 40 days of Lent he has chosen a Herbert poem and written a short reflection to go with it. The poems and reflections add up to a powerfully prayerful Lent experience. Unlike with some Lent books, I didn't find myself putting off reading my daily portion. Rather, you may find you have to discipline yourself not to read ahead. Pitted against the Archbishop's 2020 Lent book and the Bloomsbury 2020 Lent Book, *My Sour Sweet Days* was the clear "Christ Church 2020 Lent Book" choice.

But Lent is not just about reading. This year, the Bishops of our diocese challenge us to have conversations with friends, family, colleagues, or people we just bump into in our daily life. To help, the Bishops have come up with 40 questions. The suggestion is that each day of Lent, we choose a question and challenge a friend, neighbour or chance acquaintance to answer it in 30 seconds while we don't interrupt. It's harder than it sounds, but the hope is that this will open up new areas of conversation and communication. The list of questions is available in Christ Church.

Reading, talking and... doing! This year we will be holding a Lent "Time and Talents Challenge" in aid of our

East End reordering project. The Treasurer will have £20 available for each of us to take away and to grow into £40, £60 – the sky's the limit. For our 2018 Lent Challenge we made cakes, learned Mah-jong, cooked meals, cleaned cars, sewed, planted and learned Spanish and computing skills from each other. As well as raising money, we spent time with each other, discovered each other's needs, deepened existing relationships and made new ones. I very much hope you will take part in this year's challenge. You can read more about it on page 2.

Reading to deepen our faith, talking to widen our outreach, and interacting with each other as we raise money together to make our generation's contribution to Christ Church's future – it's going to be a busy Lent.



Brother Marc, a monk from the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, will be visiting us in Holy Week. He will join us for our services, be able to talk about religious life, and generally deepen our experience of Holy Week. Find out more about Br. Marc on page 3.

Time and Talent Challenge 2020

The Fundraising Team write:

As part of the Christ Church campaign to raise funds for the re-ordering of the East End of the church, we are organising another “Time and Talent Challenge” during Lent. The first one, held in 2018, not only raised a good sum of money but also helped us to get to know each other better.

We are all aware of the bountiful gifts that God has given every one of us, and aware that these gifts are just as varied as we are. No one’s gift or talent is more important than another’s, merely different – and all are given so that God might be glorified. In spite of our protestations that we have such heavy schedules, we have also been given time in which to share our talents with those around us.

During Lent we will be asking members of the congregation to exercise their talents and to use their time to raise funds for the campaign. In so doing we hope that we will discover in each other unknown talents, and that we will also share them with friends and neighbours outside Christ Church.

Each person that joins the challenge will be given £20 as seed money, and then the rest is over to us in terms of how we use it during the season of Lent. Last time some people used the money to make things for sale (by baking, cooking, sewing, knitting), and others used the money to buy ingredients to host a tea or meal for friends in return for a do-

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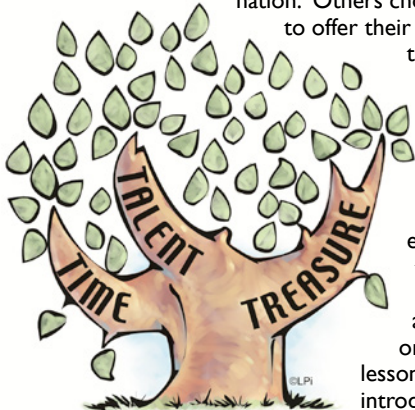
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social media. Yet others chose to run a raffle for something special they donated to the campaign. Whether you are a retired person or a school-goer (and everything in-between), you have a contribution to make, so please think creatively. As we are relatively small congregation at Christ Church, we need to ensure that we reach a wider audience with our products and services, and so approaching friends, neighbours and family members would be excellent.

We will have a “Time and Talent” notice-board at the back of the church so that we can keep you up to date with what items and services people are able to offer and correspondingly what goods and services people would like. There will be a small Bring and Buy sale on Sunday 22 March for baked goods and plants, and then a larger one on Saturday 25 April with a range of stalls.

The Challenge will be launched at the service on Sunday 1 March, and envelopes will handed out after that service and on the following Sunday. We will be collecting the envelopes on Sunday 25 April and (if necessary) also the following week. The envelopes will be numbered but will not indicate a specific person to whom it has been given, so the process will be confidential and no one, apart from the person counting the money, will know what amount has been returned by any person.

It is for each of us, prayerfully, to commit this activity to God and then to share our time and talents with others around us. It is important to tell people why we are raising the funds, and that is not for the normal maintenance of the church or to pay salaries. We believe that part of Christ Church’s ministry is to provide a welcoming and accessible venue for our local community around Julian Road and to Bath more widely, and this is the purpose of our campaign.

We are aware that Christ Church members are already contributing in so many ways to the church, and we thank you for all you do to make this a special place of worship and fellowship.

Coming events

Meet our Hindu neighbours

What is it? Come and celebrate the Hindu spring festival of Holi, also known as the Festival of Colours or the Festival of Love. Meet our Hindu neighbours, learn about their faith and join in the fun. Everyone is welcome, children included, and the food will be delicious.

When is it? Sunday 8 March, 3–5pm

Where? The Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock BA3 5SW

Admission free; donations welcome for Interfaith Work.

A Vigil for Our Planet

What is it? A vigil of prayer for peace to rain. All proceeds on the night will be split equally between WWF and the British Red Cross Australian Bushfires Fund.

When is it? Sunday 8 March, 8–9pm

Where? The Roman Baths

Tickets free; donations requested at the event.

Book at www.prayerforpeacetorain.com

Rainbow Church: a talk on “Being an inclusive church”

What is it? A talk by Ruth Wilde, followed by tea and cake. Rainbow Church is a series of events including a talk and separate act of worship held in churches across Somerset to signpost the inclusion of LGBTi people in Christian worship. All are welcome.

When is it? Saturday 14 March, 2pm

Where? St John’s Church, Bridgewater

Entry free; donations to cover costs welcome.

Through the Roof: Disability Inclusion

What is it? Through the Roof, the UK Christian disability charity, is holding an event to help churches to be able to welcome and include disabled people well. Refreshments provided, but please bring your own lunch.

When is it? Saturday 21 March

Where? Holy Trinity Church, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 0BD

Tickets £10 from www.throughtheroof.org/forchurches/events

Meet Brother Marc

Hello! My name is Br. Marc, and I am a monk in the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. I have nearly completed two years here in profession or simple vows.

I am very much looking forward to being with you in Bath this Holy Week, as we commemorate our Lord’s passion and death and journey together to the glory of the resurrection on Easter Day. It will be my first time in your lovely city. Be kind to me – I am a Northerner by birth!

My background is in education, having worked with differently-able young people for ten years as a Teaching Assistant. I also have a degree in linguistics and literature (York). Currently, I am reading for a BA in theological studies with the University of Sheffield, as well as learning to lead our brothers in singing the daily offices. You would be right in thinking that there are more a few challenges here! Monastic life might not be all you think it is! Perhaps we can chat about it more during the week if you are curious?

I wonder what your feelings are about Holy Week? Do you recoil? Are you intrigued? Are you hopeful or expectant? What more of God do you hope to learn in this week?

I am a mixture of all these things. May we each know that God will surely lead us together during this important week to a deeper understanding of Himself and of ourselves in Him. Do join us!

With my prayers and good wishes, Marc CR



Br. Marc with the other monks of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

Faculty granted

The Diocesan authorities have granted a faculty (the Church of England counterpart of Listed Buildings Consent) for our reordering. The process took a little longer than anticipated because a member of the congregation lodged a formal objection questioning the need to dispose of certain fixtures of architectural or historical interest, but there was no objection to the essentials of the proposals and the Chancellor of the Diocese has made a ruling on the questions raised, so the work can now go ahead.

A few matters are to be decided by discussion in the course of the works, particularly how many pews are removed at the east of the nave, and we'll be doing our best to find a suitable new home for the now redundant choir stalls, so that they are preserved and ideally used in a church environment, because they are the work of Frederick Bligh Bond (1864-1945), a leading designer of ecclesiastical furniture and student of medieval design.

Once it's begun, the work should be completed in about five weeks, with as little disruption as possible to our usual services.

Electoral Roll update

Our electoral roll is a formal register of the Christ Church community. Inclusion on it entitles you to take part in the Annual Church Meeting, to vote for members of Church Council and this year our Deanery Synod representatives, or stand for election yourself. The electoral roll is also the Church of England's only form of record of membership.

To help update our electoral roll, please check the current roll available at the back of the church to ensure that your name is on it. If it is, no further action is needed. If it isn't and you'd like to be added, please complete the form available from the churchwardens or our Electoral Roll Officer, Judith Anderson. Please return completed forms to Judith via the "A" pigeonhole at the back of the church.

More coming events

City Sound Voices – “Spring of Hope”

What is it? CitySound Voices is performing Fauré's Requiem together with a medley from Les Misérables, in aid of Hope and Homes for Children. Musical Director Nicholas Bromilow, Accompanist Peter French. Find out more at <https://citysound.org.uk>

When is it? Saturday 7 March, 7:30pm

Where? St Swithun's, Bathford BA1 7RS

Tickets: £10 (under 18s £5) from Keith Masdin, keithmasdin@btinternet.com

Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

What is it? The 200-strong Millfield Festival Chorus, combining the School Choir with Millfield Chorale, its adult choral society, performs this charming yet powerful work.

When is it? Tuesday 10 March, 7:30pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

Tickets free. To reserve, contact Millfield Music School on music@millfieldschool.com

Bath Minerva Choir: Alexander's Feast

What is it? Bath Minerva Choir present Alexander's Feast or "The Power of Music," one of Handel's most colourful oratorios, featuring his celebrated Harp Concerto, starring one of the UK's premier baroque harpists, Oliver Weiss, with Bristol Baroque Ensemble. More details at bathminervachoir.co.uk.

When is it? Saturday 21 March, 7:30pm

Where? St Swithin's Church, The Paragon

Tickets £15 (all seats unreserved), under-16s and students half price, from Bath Box Office, 01225 463362 or bathboxoffice.org.uk

Trowbridge Symphony: Fantasy & Fire

What is it? Trowbridge Symphony Orchestra presents Stravinsky's Firebird, Humperdinck's Hänsel und Gretel, Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty, and Rossini's Cinderella. Find more at www.trowbridgesymphonyorchestra.co.uk

When is it? Saturday 21 March, 7:30pm

Where? Holy Trinity church, Bradford on Avon
Tickets £15 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or at the door

Church of England's Coronavirus advice

The Church of England has published advice to churches on practical steps to reduce the risk of infection from Coronavirus (Covid-19). The advice, drawing on the latest government guidance, is available on a dedicated web page at <http://bit.ly/church-coronavirus-advice> and is being updated as necessary.

The Church of England is not at present recommending suspension of the use of the Common Cup (chalice) at Holy Communion, as it did in the swine flu outbreak in 2009. That followed advice from the Department of Health not to share common vessels. No such advice has been issued in this case so far.

Churchgoers with coughs and sneezes should, however, receive Communion in one kind only – that is, take the bread only and not drink from the chalice – and should refrain from shaking hands during the Peace.

The guidance also advises against intinction – dipping the bread into the chalice – because “this could represent an infection transmission route” (most obviously if someone has contaminated fingers).

The guidance notes that the risk in the UK remains low. Current government advice is to follow good hygiene practices, including:

- carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes, then bin the tissue;
- wash hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or use sanitiser gel to kill germs;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- if you feel unwell, stay at home, do not go to work or school, and if necessary call 111.

Anyone who has visited certain regions affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, however, should follow the government advice, which varies according to the region. There is a link on the CofE web page to find details.

The Rt Revd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, the lead bishop on health issues, said: “We pray for all those affected by Coronavirus here and around the world, particularly in China, and for all those caring for them.”

The Big Bath Sleep-Out 2020

Stand up against homelessness. Challenge yourself to sleep out for one night and help raise vital funds and awareness for those forced to do so every night.

This year's Big Bath Sleep-Out takes place in Alice Park on the night of Friday 6 March.

Last year Julian House provided life-changing support to over 1,000 vulnerable individuals who were suffering from, or at risk of, homelessness across Bath, Bristol and the South West. It's a grim realisation, that without support like this, the life expectancy of a long-term homeless person is just 45 years. But you can help change that.

Over the last 10 years, the Big Bath Sleep-Out has brought together hundreds of teams and individuals willing to make a difference. In 2019, 312 people slept out and raised an incredible £52,000 to help fund Julian House's vital projects and services. This year they want to exceed our goal of £60,000, but they can only do it with your help. So join Julian House's annual Big Bath Sleep-Out for a truly memorable experience with family and friends. Giving up just one night really could transform the lives of others.

When is it? Friday 6 March. Register 8pm–10pm; quiet/sleep time from 11pm; breakfast 7am on Saturday 7 March (free bacon bap or muffin & hot drink provided).

Where? Alice Park, Bath

Information: Find full details and sign up at www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk



Zambia flood appeal

While people respond generously to aid those affected by flooding in the UK, the Diocese of Bath and Wells is also launching an urgent appeal to help the people of Eastern Zambia, who are suffering severe floods.

The Rt Revd William, Bishop of Eastern Zambia, says: "People have lost their properties, food supplies and crops. Roads are now running rivers, and people are camping at schools and villages. The situation is dire, and this is a recipe for hunger in the coming months as there will be no crops to harvest."

A package of supplies for a family of six lasting one month will cost approximately £35. Bishop Peter and Bishop Ruth say: "We value our links with our brothers and sisters in Zambia enormously, and our heartfelt prayers are with them at this time. The situation is truly devastating, with hundreds of families affected. Let us hold them up to God in our prayers and, if we can, make a donation to help reach our target of £17,500, so we can help as many of those families as possible."

You can donate in several ways:

- **By text:** to donate £10, text ZAMBIABVAPPEAL to 70085. This costs £10 plus a standard rate message. You will then be able to follow a link to register to Gift Aid to your donation.
- **By BACS:** Account number 40907155, Sort code 60-23-06, quoting the reference *Diocesan Zambia General Fund*.
- **By Cheque:** Make your cheque payable to *The Diocesan Board of Finance (Zambia General Fund)* and send it to The Diocese of Bath and Wells, The Old Deanery, Wells BA5 2UG.



Coming later

Stravinsky, Symphony of Psalms

What is it? Bristol Choral Society and Bristol Ensemble present Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms, plus Sonata for Two Pianos, and Fauré's Requiem.

When is it? Saturday 21 March, 7:30pm

Where? Bristol Cathedral

Tickets www.bristolchoral.co.uk/events or Colston Hall 0117 203 4040

Mozart Requiem

What is it? Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society and English Symphony Orchestra (conductor Jeremy Cole) present Mozart's monumental Requiem, with Haydn's London Symphony and *Insanae et vanae curae*.

When is it? Saturday 28 March, 7pm

Where? Wells Cathedral, Wells BA5 2UE

Tickets £12–£28 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and on the door

CanZona: Music to Inspire

What is it? A concert of music for Holy Week, including works by Stainer and Rutter.

When is it? Wednesday 8 April, 7 for 7:30pm

Where? St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Tickets £10 in advance from 07798 802156 or on the door

One Good Friday 2020

What is it? A Passion Play by Bath for Bath, performed and staged by local people in a 90-minute outdoor retelling of the story of Good Friday. Note: there are scenes where parental guidance is advised. Details at <http://onegoodfridaybath.org>

When is it? Good Friday, 10 April, 12 & 3:30pm

Where? Parade Gardens, Bath



Church of England Green Lent Challenge

Switch off the floodlights, turn down the heating, plant a tree – all calls to action as part of the Church of England's first ever official Green Lent campaign. While people may traditionally give up just one thing for Lent, marking Jesus's time of fasting in the wilderness, this year the Church of England's #LiveLent challenge sets out 40 challenges, topics for thought and prayers to help those taking part along the journey of Caring for God's Creation.

Could you switch from harmful chemicals in your kitchen or bathroom? How much water was used to make your pair of jeans? When was the last time you gazed at the night sky? And what was the carbon footprint of the meal you just ate? These are just some of the questions and topics participants will explore, with a different challenge every day.

#LiveLent 2020 is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life*, by Dr Ruth Valerio. Instead of giving up chocolate or alcohol for Lent, participants are challenged to follow a set of daily reflections, which correspond to chapters of the full Lent book for those wishing to go deeper. With children's, youth and family resources also available, there is something to help every age group to get involved.

Launching the resources, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "We urgently need to rebuild our relationship with our planet. To do this, we need to change our habits – in how we pray and how we act.

"Lent is not just about discipline. It's about allowing Christ to show us what's keeping us from loving and serving Him – and joyfully letting it go.

"Whatever age you are, this Lent I hope you'll engage with God's plea for us to care for His creation, and that these campaign resources will help you on that journey."

Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Influencing and Advocacy Director at Tearfund and author of *Saying Yes to Life*, said: "Responding to the poverty and environmental crises of our times goes right to the heart of what it means

to be a Christian in today's world, following God, who calls us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with him."

#LiveLent builds on the success of the Church of England's most recent campaign, #FollowTheStar, Christmas 2019, which saw an increase in social media reach of 59% to 12.6 million from 7.94 million in 2018. The church finder website A Church Near You saw a substantial increase in page views to 6.7 million during the month of December. The reflections run from Ash Wednesday through to Easter day, Sunday 12 April.



■ The #LiveLent resources are available in a booklet, which has already sold nearly 100,000 copies, as well as a free app for iOS and Android, via daily e-mail updates or through the CofE's Alexa and Google Home smart speaker apps. To find out more or sign up, visit www.churchofengland.org/LiveLent

Christ Church AGM

The Annual General Church Meeting of the Christ Church congregation will be held on Sunday 26 April after the 10am service. Come along to have your say, elect Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and Church Council, and receive reports on the activities of all the groups in the church.

Anyone can attend, but you must be on the Electoral Roll of Christ Church to vote. If you've recently joined us and wish to add your name, or if you need to change any details, forms are available from the Churchwardens or from Judith Anderson, our Electoral Roll Officer – see page 4 for more.

40 Everyday Questions

This year's Bishops' Lent Challenge sounds straightforward: simply to have conversations with our friends, family, colleagues, or people we just bump into in our daily life.

How can that be a challenge? Often the conversations we have are on the same topics or they are about practicalities like who is going to get the tea. This challenge is a way to grapple with some simple questions about life, death and everything in between. In a society where loneliness is on the rise, it's good to find ways of connecting with those around us and having meaningful conversations.

Are they all "Christian" questions? No! These are questions, big and small, on a variety of topics about life, the world and faith. They are everyday questions that many of us wonder about, even if we wouldn't usually have a conversation about them.

This is about conversation, not about answers. The Challenge is twofold:

- To listen to someone else's viewpoint;
- To ask ourselves how our own answers connect to what we believe.

The questions will be shared each day from Ash Wednesday (26 February) on the diocesan Twitter and Facebook feeds with the hashtag #40questions. These will also share some very short videos of people of all ages having a go at some of the questions, just as a conversation starter!

To find out more, visit <http://bit.ly/2020-lent-challenge>, or go straight to: <https://twitter.com/BathWells> or <https://www.facebook.com/bathandwells>



Church goes greener

The Green Lent campaign (see page 7) is only the start. In February, General Synod set new targets for all parts of the Church of England to work to become carbon "net zero" by 2030, 15 years ahead of the original proposal.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nick Holtam, lead bishop on Environmental Affairs, said: "To reach Synod's target of 2030 will not be easy, and requires each of us to hear this as an urgent call to action. But this is a clear statement of intent across the Church and to wider society about our determination to safeguard God's creation. This is a social justice issue, which affects the world's poorest soonest and most severely, and if the Church is to hold others to account, we have to get our own house in order."

Meanwhile, the Church of England Pension Board has invested £600m in establishing a new global stock index, the FTSE TPI Climate Transition Index, which assesses companies' alignment with Paris Climate Agreement targets as a transparent, free guide for investors.

Finally, the Church of England has also announced an energy footprinting tool for parishes to calculate their carbon footprint.

Other LMG services

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

Sundays

- 9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's
- 10:45am Choral Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays) or informal communion (2nd and 4th Sundays), St Stephen's Lansdown

Morning Prayer

- Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
- Tuesday 9am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Christian Meditation

- Wednesday 6:45–7:30pm, Charlcombe St Mary's

Bishop's Message for March

Let's talk



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

"It's good to talk!" So the old advert for BT (other telecommunications firms are available) used to say. I agree. Who doesn't feel better after having a good old chat with a friend, or even after having a quick chat with a stranger when stuck in a tedious queue? It may seem, then, that this year's Lent Challenge from Bishop Peter and myself is no great challenge at all, as we are simply suggesting that we have conversations with our neighbours, family and friends.

The challenge comes in what we might talk about. We are encouraging all of us, including Bishops, to step

outside what may be our normal topics of conversation, and perhaps our comfort zones, and grapple with some simple questions about life, death and everything in between. The challenge is both to listen to someone else's viewpoint and to ask ourselves how our own answers connect to what we believe.

In order to help us have those conversations, the Go Team and Discipleship team have produced a handy pack of question cards, and by the time Lent begins we hope each church will have received at least one of these packs of 40 Everyday Questions. The questions are suitable for all ages, so can be used in a whole host of ways – with friends, family, colleagues, in school, with a Lent group, at a "bring and share" lunch, even in church on a Sunday.

We've already been out and about across the diocese asking people some of the questions on the cards. And you can bet that asking school children questions like "Should all bad people be punished?" or "How would you describe God?" has yielded some very interesting conversations. We will be sharing some of the conversations we've had with a range of people on Facebook and Twitter, so if you are on social media then do keep an eye out for them during Lent, and by all means let our communications team know how you are getting on using the hashtag #40questions.

We really hope the 40 Everyday Questions cards generate some interesting, meaningful, and indeed Godly conversations that will help us hear the point of view of those around us and refresh and deepen our faith in God this Lent.

+Ruth Taunton

This month's charity: Bath Welcomes Refugees

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 8 and 22 March – will go to Bath Welcomes Refugees. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Bath Welcomes Refugees (BWR) has one simple aim: to bring to safety and security in the UK those people persecuted and in danger in their own countries and homelands, and in particular to help them settle in Bath or the surrounding area, should that be where their journey ends. BWR aims to maintain a non-partisan stance when it comes to party politics and religion so that this one simple aim stays forever at the front of BWR's efforts whatever else may be happening globally, nationally or locally.

BWR, registered as a charity in February 2017, is run by volunteers and aligns its operation with the goals of Refugees Welcome and supports those campaigns initiated to improve the circumstances of refugees. It also seeks to support and assist all agencies involved in settling refugees locally through practical hands-on involvement, befriending,

fundraising, and campaigning where necessary.

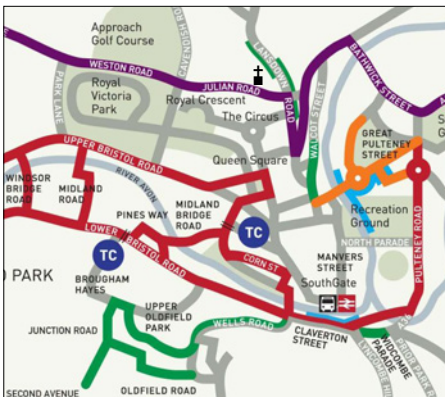
While the refugee situation is constantly changing BWR strives to keep up with current developments and provide some insight into opportunities to volunteer or help beyond the bounds of its own activities. BWR communicates with many other organisations locally and nationally as it has a firm belief that pooling resources and working together is most effective.

BWR is currently supporting several refugee families in Bath and is fundraising to help bring more to safety within our community. A fundraising goal it is well on its way to reaching is to bring another Syrian family here through the Community Sponsorships scheme. BWR is also hoping to fund some advanced level English classes for a few of those already here so that they can help with the settling of future families.

Website: www.bathwelcomesrefugees.org.uk



Road closures for Bath Half Marathon



Watch out when travelling to church on Sunday 15 March – the Bath Half Marathon takes place on that day. Roads along the route (shown in red on the map) will be closed from 9:45am to 4pm (and parking on those roads – including disabled parking – suspended from 6am to 4pm). That's an extra half hour of restrictions this year. 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 will be provided for pedestrians to cross the course route at Brougham Hayes and Green Park (marked TC on the map).

Christ Church calendar March 2020

1 Sun *The First Sunday of Lent*

3 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

5 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee
Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

6 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

8 Sun *The Second Sunday of Lent*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

12 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

13 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

15 Sun *The Third Sunday of Lent*
Bath Half Marathon – watch for road closures and diversions
4:30pm Choral Evensong

19 Thu *Joseph of Nazareth*
11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

20 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

22 Sun *Mothering Sunday / The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

25 Wed *The Annunciation*

26 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

27 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

29 Sun *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*
(British Summer Time begins)

Apr 2 Thu 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee

3 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

5 Sun *Palm Sunday*

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 March 2020

Sunday	1	For our flower arrangers and others who look after the church
Monday	2	For those in the legal profession
Tuesday	3	For our plans for the church building
Wednesday	4	We give thanks for family and friends
Thursday	5	For those at school
Friday	6	For those who use or run food banks
Saturday	7	For those have have experienced recent storms and flooding
Sunday	8	For Lore our priest in charge
Monday	9	For those who live or work in care homes
Tuesday	10	For peace
Wednesday	11	That we may be pure in heart
Thursday	12	For hospices
Friday	13	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	14	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
Sunday	15	For Angela our Verger
Monday	16	For those who work in social services
Tuesday	17	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Wednesday	18	For the Mothers' Union
Thursday	19	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Friday	20	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Saturday	21	For the work of Genesis
Sunday	22	For vocations to the ministry

Monday	23	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	24	For our charity of the month
Wednesday	25	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
Thursday	26	That we may have the gift of kindness
Friday	27	For those who mourn
Saturday	28	For those who travel
Sunday	29	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	30	For farmers
Tuesday	31	We give thanks for beauty in creation

Long-term Prayer List

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

Joyce Fairburn
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King
 Zayad
 Joe Street
 Mrs Wright
 Zareb

Judith Rogers
 Nancy Kiddie
 Revd John Brown
 Alan White
 Ian Muir
 Liza Burdon Bailey
 Maureen Barker
 David Slater

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.

Rotas for March 2019

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1 March Lent 1	Judith Anderson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Greg Ridley Romans 5:12-19	Sylvia Ayers Matthew 4:1-11
8 March Lent 2	Rebekah Cunningham Genesis 12:1-4a	Jude Bishop Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Ian Hay Davison John 3:1-17
15 March Lent 3	Daphne Radenurst Exodus 17:1-7	Morny Davison Romans 5:1-11	Mark Elliott John 4:5-42
22 March Mothering Sunday	Richard Gabe Exodus 2:1-10	Nick Wells 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Charles Rice Luke 2:33-35
29 March Lent 5	Robin Kerr Ezekiel 37:1-14	Lewis Boyd Romans 8:6-11	Bob Siderfin John 11:1-45
5 April Palm Sunday	Isaac Elliott Isaiah 50:4-9a	-	(Dramatised Passion reading)

Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
1 March	Clive Tilling, TBC	Jane Nicholson, Janet Mahto	Sarah Jones
8 March	Keri Chivers, Angela Soboslay	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Nick Wells
15 March	David Rawlings, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Janet Mahto	Mark Elliott
22 March	Angela Soboslay, Janet Mahto	Morny Davison, TBC	(Junior Church)
29 March	Keri Chivers, David Rawlings	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Rebekah Cunningham
5 April	Clive Tilling, Janet Mahto	Jane Nicholson, Morny Davison	Penny Edwards

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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 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 Sunday and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community. We have our own weekly community café every Friday. 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 Pilgrim Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
On the second Sunday of every month
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually on the third 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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