



Christ Church Link

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The Word... with music too

Some thoughts about hymns, by Canon Angela Townshend

Do you ever go home after church thinking, “What good hymns we had today!” Why do you like some hymns and not others?

Savitri Hensman, a regular Christian commentator on politics, social justice, welfare, religion and spirituality, has written an article which I found very interesting. In it she examines and contrasts spiritual songs and hymns. She suggests that some people are put off hymns because of the complexity

and the sometimes archaic language they use. Some people do not like spiritual songs, finding them banal, simplistic and individualistic. But songs and chants can create an atmosphere and lead people into a deeper spiritual experience, and hymns can teach us much about theology, giving us a broad picture of experience which has stood the test of time. I want to focus on hymns.

Savi Hensman writes: “Hymns may ▶



Our secret stained glass window? The “Te Deum” window in the choir vestry by AO Hemming, 1891.

The Word... with music (continued)

enable us to enter imaginatively into a world different from, yet connecting with, our present reality. In a sense we may inhabit, not just read or hear, the Bible and hence be better able to grow in, and live out, our faith. We may also be prompted to be more attentive to our outward surroundings and inner longings, as well as to our calling."

Hymns can lead us into a world which we cannot experience first-hand. Hymnody can take us into the drama of the story of salvation and teach us much about sin and death and our renewed relationship with God.

Take for instance this verse from "Love's Redeeming Work is Done", by Charles Wesley:

*Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

This hymn is not simplistic in any way. It draws on Charles Wesley's deep knowledge of the Bible, using imagery from many different books. The line

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal reminds us of the central part of our faith, the resurrection, from the gospel stories, while the question

Where, O death, is now thy sting? was written by Paul in 1 Corinthians.

As we grow older, different hymns become important to us. I find myself saying "I want that at my funeral". The trouble is, I am up to about ten hymns

so far! But we experience different themes coming through our hymns as we grow and develop in our faith.

Some modern hymns also have this complexity. Think of "I the Lord of Sea and Sky", which we have sung. It explores God's compassion in the light of suffering in this world and the chorus echoes, "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" And I said, "*Here am I; send me!*" (from Isaiah). Or that wonderful line, *hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered* from "The Servant King", which brings creation and the crucifixion together in a wonderful imagery.

I hope you, like me, find joy in singing hymns. It brings us together as a congregation; it teaches us much about God and about our fellow human beings. And it is even good physically in that it requires us to breathe deeply!

It is important not only to enjoy the music, but also to focus on the words and think about them so that they will lead us into a deeper knowledge of the love of God and our neighbour.

Thank you to Mark, David and the choir for the wonderful way they enable us to be a part of the wonder of hymns as they lead us in our worship.

Editor's note: You can read Savitri Hensman's article "Worship, song and its impact on Christian imagination" online at www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/18557

From the editor: spread the word... and the load

There's an old saying in publishing: redesigns and relaunches can be hard work, but it's the *second* issue that's *really* difficult – you plan and think and reconsider and get the first one done, and then find you have to do it all *again*. So let me say a heartfelt thanks to those who have sent news, reports and articles for this

second issue. Contributions are always very welcome – anonymously if you wish (for the "Devil's Advocate" column, say?). Also, please don't hesitate to let me know what you'd like to read and want to know about. As I said last time, this is *your* magazine; help me make it all you want it to be! – Alex

Devil's advocate

An alternative view in the interest of stimulating open discussion

The meaning of Church

“Church” is a funny word. It can mean significantly different things. It can refer to an organisation, the Church of England; a single building; or a group of people, as in “We are an open and inclusive church”.

When the media mention “the church” they almost always mean the organisation, its officials such as archbishops or bishops, its corporate policies, and so on. Here in Christ Church we’ve recently been talking a lot about “the church” as a building.

But actually neither of these is as important as the church in the sense of a group of people. Jesus said: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”. He didn’t say “I’ll be there if you build a nice proprietary chapel with stained glass windows, a bell tower and wheelchair-accessible toilets”.

All these things might be nice to have, but they’re not essential, any of them. (According to the latest statistics from the Church of England, 47% of parishes do not have any church premises with a toilet. Yet they still function!) If we allow ourselves to become focused on these things we’re missing the point, a bit like Peter at the Transfiguration (who also, in a sense, gets sidetracked into worrying about buildings). We could meet in a barn, or a warehouse on an industrial estate as some bodies of worshippers do, and still be Christ Church.

This doesn’t mean we must stop talking about what we want in our building, or the policies of the Church of England. But let’s remember what must be our focus as a church in this essential sense of the word. “Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:32-33, New Living Translation)

Farewell to “Fingers”

Our organist, David Wrigley, will be leaving Christ Church at the end of July. After some 19 years here, he’s decided it’s time to move on.

David originally came to Bath to study engineering at the University of Bath and arrived at Christ Church as organ scholar. He stayed on after he’d graduated and begun working for a local engineering firm. His musical talent and commitment have made an enormous contribution to the choir and to our worship. We all wish him well in everything he goes on to do.

Sunday 21 July will be David’s last day on duty. The whole Christ Church community is warmly invited to come to a farewell lunch in the Lower Mews after the 10am service on that day and give him a fitting send-off. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church, or contact Judith Bishop, so we know how many to cater for.



Now it can be told: staunch Yorkshireman David reveals that Wrigley is a Lancashire name. Shock!

Mothers' Union news

Sylvia M. Ayers reports:

First, I must congratulate Alex, our new Magazine Editor, on his splendid issue number 14, and for deciding to produce the magazine in future on a monthly basis. It will be good to be able to publicize our news once again as it happens. Unfortunately I found that Matthew and Sarah's quarterly issue, while being a splendid and very welcome publication, was not available at the right times for me to do this.

I can now let everyone know that in October, our very kind friends in the congregation donated a total of 84 items for the Women's Refuge, all of which were very gratefully received. An Overseas Collection in January raised £35.00, and following this, on Mothering Sunday, you gave us another £30.00. To date you have donated £84.20 to this summer's Wheels Appeal, which, while it was still on-going, had already beaten last year's total. We cannot thank everyone enough for your continued generosity.

After being the last two branch members for some time, Margaret Burrows and I have now been very fortunate in gaining the active support of Canon Angela, who has been an MU member for some years. You will have already received her invitations to meetings designed to raise the awareness of the MU among our congregation. The most recent took place on Thursday 20 June, when, over refreshments in the garden, we discussed "Where do we go now?" and also heard more about the Wheels Appeal than I was able to tell you.

Canon Angela Townshend adds:

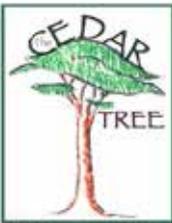
We are going to meet about once every two months. Our next meeting is on Thursday 12 September, and we hope to have a speaker on Transgender Issues. All will be welcome.

We are also going to have a monthly midweek communion on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am, followed by coffee.

Watch this space for further details.

Help nurture the Tree...

Can you spare a few hours once every six weeks to help at the Cedar Tree Café (Friday 10:45–1:45)? We are looking for people with any of the following skills:



- ✓ tea/coffee making
- ✓ taking customer orders
- ✓ washing up
- ✓ making beans/cheese on toast
- ✓ talking to customers

If you're interested in adding voluntary work to your CV, helping our local community, Christ Church outreach, or having a social time at lunchtime on Fridays, then please see Keri after the 10am service on

Sunday or e-mail keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org

Anniversary Book

In addition to singing "Happy Birthday" to people who are there after the 10am service on Sundays, we want to be able to mark the first anniversary of a baptism or a wedding, or a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary for members of the Christ Church community, even if they're not present. We'd particularly like to give cards to the children. To this end we are starting an Anniversary Book. Please give details to Angela Soboslay.

Diocesan Message for July

“A prayer for a changing landscape”

**From Stephen Llynas,
Senior Chaplain to the Bishops of
Bath & Wells and Taunton**

“Change is here to stay”, they say. Regular readers of this column will have come to expect a message from one of our bishops. But at the moment, we only have one bishop!

On 22 June we said farewell to Rt Revd Peter Price, who has been Bishop of Bath & Wells for 11 busy years. That’s a big change for the church – and for me. As senior chaplain to the bishops, I have to help the Bishop of Taunton deal with the vacancy, and I’m keenly interested in when and how Somerset gets its next Bishop of Bath & Wells.

We take our time choosing our leaders. There has been a whole lot of consultation with the wider community about what kind of Christian leader we need. Over the summer, the Crown Nominations Commission will be trying to discern who there is available that might fit the bill. Hopefully, after much work and prayer, a name will be announced in the autumn.

The church has not (yet) worked out a way of enabling women priests to become bishops. So one thing we know is it will be a man! But we don’t know who it will be, or what changes his appointment might bring.

In the meantime, the church will carry on being the church. We’ve been around long enough to be able to carry on without a leader for a while. Not every organisation could say the same.

Change is unsettling. Yet Christians believe in a God who says, “Behold, I make all things new”. One of the best



things you can do when the landscape is changing around you is to say a prayer. Here’s one we’re going to be saying a lot this summer. Do join us, if you can.

Faithful God, in your providence you lead your pilgrim Church into new adventures of faith:

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that all who are involved in the selection of our new bishop may be blessed with discernment, vision and wisdom; And that the one who is your choice will be anointed with all the gifts of that same Spirit to be a blessing to us in this diocese.

Trusting in your power to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine, we ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis postpones “Pirate Pedal”

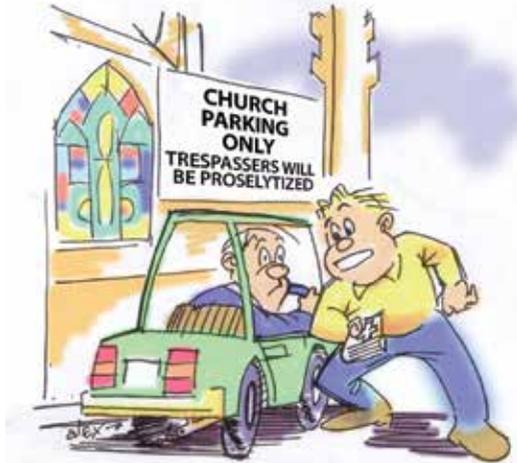
The Genesis Trust “Pirate Pedal” fundraising event scheduled for Saturday 13 July has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday 28 September from 1pm to 4pm. The venue has changed too: the “pirates” will now be journeying around the Odd Down cycle circuit, BA2 2AX.

The theme hasn’t changed: families and children are invited to take part in the sponsored cycle ride wearing pirate costume to raise funds for Genesis. You’ll also be able to try out the BMX track, and adults can take a test drive on some electric bikes. Prizes will be given for the most sponsorship raised and for the best-dressed pirate, bike and helmet. (All riders must wear a helmet, and under-14s must be accompanied by an adult. You’ll pay £1 to ride on the Odd Down circuit.)

For more details or a sponsorship form, call Katie on 07889 167985 or e-mail katie@genesistrust.org.uk. For general information about the Genesis Trust and its work, visit the website at www.genesistrust.org.uk

Car park gate

If you know anyone who has been using the church car park on weekdays but isn’t an official keyholder, please alert them that the gate will now be kept locked as a matter of course. If you’re an authorised user, contact Angela Soboslay if you haven’t already been given the combination to the padlock. The code will be changed from time to time to maintain security. Please don’t pass it on.



Hello! Since you’ve chosen to park here, we assume you want us to talk to you about Jesus...!

The Bath Walk: visit 14 of Bath’s churches

The Bath Walk is a rare opportunity to visit 14 of the churches, chapels and meeting houses in central Bath in one day. It takes place on Saturday 14 September, starting at any time you wish between 10:30am and 12:30pm. The route begins at Elim Pentecostal Church in Charlotte Street and ends at the remarkable St Michael’s Chapel within the grounds of St John’s Hospital in Westgate Buildings, although you may decide your own route if you like. The total distance is about two miles, and the latest finishing time is 4pm.

The walk is in aid of the FSCC (Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels) fund for the

repair and improvement of historic churches and chapels. You can take part by finding sponsors, or simply register for a fee of £10 (£5 for those 18 and under). You can opt to have half of the sponsorship money you raise returned to Christ Church directly (subject to participants from Christ Church raising a total of more than £30 in sponsorship).

We’ll also need volunteers between 10am and 4pm to ensure that someone is here for the whole time that Christ Church is open. Even if you can do only an hour, it would be a great help. Please contact Angela Soboslay, who can also supply sponsorship forms.

IN FOCUS

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.

SYNOD SEEKS PROGRESS TOWARDS WOMEN BISHOPS

General Synod members will debate new legislative proposals to enable women to become bishops at their meeting this month.

This will be the first occasion that Synod has met since November 2012, when the previous legislation narrowly failed to secure the requisite majority in all three Houses, despite a 73% majority overall.

The proposals from the House of Bishops accompany the publication of a report of a Working Group. It sets out four possible options for the shape of the new legislation. Of these the House of Bishops has recommended “the simplest possible legislation” (Option one) which reads: “A measure and amending canon that made it lawful for women to become bishops; and “The repeal of the statutory rights to pass Resolutions A and B under the 1993 Measure, plus the rescinding of the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod.”

In addition, option one involves arrangements for those who, as a matter of theological conviction,

are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests being set out either in a declaration from the House of Bishops or in a new Act of Synod.

General Synod will debate the proposals on Monday 8 July in York, but members will also spend a substantial amount of time on the Saturday in facilitated conversations, in which the various options can be explored further.

“This mandate did not simply reflect the House of Bishops’ assessment of what was achievable, it also reflected its view of what was desirable,” said the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Chair of the Working Group. “Namely that the Church of England should retain its defining characteristic of being a broad Church, capable of accommodating a wide range of theological conviction.”

www.churchofengland.org to follow Synod’s debates.

A CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

The Queen’s Coronation in 1953, and her public service ever since, have symbolised “the very nature of being British” said the Archbishop of Canterbury at a service celebrating the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty’s Coronation.

In his sermon at the recent service in Westminster Abbey, the Archbishop reflected that, “Her Majesty knelt before the altar at the beginning of a path of demanding devotion and utter self-sacrifice, a path she did not choose, yet to which she was called by God. Today we celebrate 60 years since that moment, 60 years of commitment.”

Archbishop Justin told the congregation of 2,000, “The Queen’s original pledge of allegiance to God symbolises the model of liberty and authority which our country enjoys. Liberty is only real when it exists under authority. Liberty under authority begins, as the *Book of Common Prayer* puts it, with our duty to God, ‘whose service is perfect freedom’. We live in a hierarchy of liberty under authority that ascends to God’s limitless love. A nation that crowns its head of state with such a model of liberty under authority expresses commitment to the same glorious values for itself,” he said

ARCHBISHOP ADDRESSES IF CAMPAIGN RALLY

The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken out in support of a campaign encouraging world leaders to tackle hunger, saving the millions of lives it claims each year. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year while 13% of the world's population goes to bed hungry every night. Shockingly 20,000 children under the age of five die every day from hunger-related causes.

Archbishop Justin spoke via a video link to thousands gathered in Hyde Park attending the IF London campaign event. The IF campaign is made up of more than 200 charities includ-

ing the Church of England. It is urging G8 leaders to take big steps that will tackle the global injustice of hunger.

“We’ve come to celebrate the opportunity we have to end hunger in our lifetimes. The only way that’s going to happen is by mass movements of people, like yourselves, getting together,” he said.

“We can celebrate the fact that in the UK we commit 0.7% of our national income to foreign aid. (But) I encourage you, keep the pressure on. We can change the world in our own lives.”

EDUCATION MATTERS

The Rt Revd Timothy Dakin, Bishop of Winchester will be leading for the Church of England on Higher and Further Education issues in the House of Lords.

“Bishop Tim will be a voice for HE and FE, a link to the Anglican universities, and a critical friend and supporter of chaplaincy,” says Dr Stephen Heap, the Church of England’s National Adviser for Higher Education.

As one of the “Lords Spiritual”, Bishop Tim will also take a lead in faith relations in local communities. In his Maiden Speech in the House of Lords, Bishop Tim highlighted the important role played in Higher Education by the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion. He also urged the Department for Education to review the arrangements

for RE qualifications saying, “The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education has very recently reported that apparently unconnected changes to qualifications, assessment and teacher education have had a negative impact on religious education. I urge the Department for Education to review the arrangements for RE in a parallel process to developing the national curriculum.”

The Rt Revd David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon, is the new Vice-chair of the Coffe’s Board of Education and National Society. In his new roles, Bishop David will be an advocate for the Church of England’s involvement in education and support Bishop John Pritchard, Chair of the Church of England’s Board of Education.

ACTS435 RESPONDS TO 2000TH REQUEST

The Christian online giving charity, acts435.org.uk, has responded to its 2000th request for help. Since its launch three year ago by the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu, the charity has offered donations worth £175,000 to individuals in need of school uniforms, basic

items of furniture, debt relief orders, food and much more.

Acts435.org.uk is about connecting those who can help those in need, whilst protecting their anonymity. Every pound donated goes directly to those needing help.

NATIONAL ADVISER FOR DEAF MINISTRY APPOINTED

The Revd Canon Gill Behenna has been appointed as part-time National Adviser for Deaf Ministry. Gill is Chaplain with the Deaf Community in the Bristol Diocese and will continue in this role alongside her national responsibilities.

As National Adviser, Gill will support the Chaplains with Deaf people. She will also provide advice to bishops and diocesan staff on awareness of Deaf people in the life of the church and encourage their contribution to mission and growth. She will be working with the Archbishops' Council Committee for Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled

People (CMDDP), whose chair is the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury.

Canon Behenna is a Trustee of the Deaf-led charity Go ! Sign and also works voluntarily for Signs of God, a Christian training organisation.

“Gill’s appointment is very good news for the Church as well as the Deaf church and her colleagues in the Ministry Division,” said the Venerable Julian Hubbard, Director of Ministry. “Her commitment to mission and her deep knowledge of the Deaf community are widely known. We look forward to working with her.”

CHERISH YOUR CHURCHYARD

Shrinking the Footprint, the CofE’s national environmental campaign, and conservation charity Caring for God’s Acre (CfGA), are encouraging people to cherish churchyards that offer a sanctuary for wildlife.

The recent *State of Nature* report, launched by Sir David Attenborough and UK conservation charities, shows that 60% of all UK species are declining in number.

Churchyards and Burial Grounds are placed at the heart of communities where ancient yew trees, old flower rich meadowland, tiny lichens and ferns, birds, butterflies and bees all find a home. Sometimes only small changes to the

care of these habitats are needed to make a big difference to wildlife, advises CfGA.

“The Church has more than 10,000 churchyards, many of them providing the only ‘green lung’ in the local community,” says David Shreeve, the National Environment Adviser. “Together they are a huge national park rich in biodiversity which can often be taken for granted. They are very special places.

Andrea Gilpin, of CfGA suggests, “Start a project listing all the plants and animals in your churchyard, supporting the information with photographs. This will be helpful for future conservation tasks.”

NEW BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

The Rt Revd David Walker is to be the next Bishop of Manchester. An experienced and highly regarded spiritual leader, Bishop David is passionate about issues that affect social housing, asylum seekers and welfare benefit. He grew up in Greater Manchester and is currently the Bishop of Dudley.

“I’m delighted that I will now have the opportunity to give something back to the

place that gave me my start in life. I am looking forward to working with the people and communities of what is one of the most richly diverse places in the world,” said Bishop David. “I believe that the Christian faith and the Church of England have a great contribution to make to that richness. I ask the people of Manchester to hold me in their prayers as I prepare to take up my new role.”

GREEN CARPET LAUNCH FOR ECO FILM

A Cathedral with solar panels, birds of prey in church and a community litter pick all feature in a new film launched recently in Ripon and Leeds diocese.

Our Hope for God's Creation, produced by the Church in Yorkshire and the North East, illustrates how very different parishes are responding to the threats posed by climate change as we are called to steward God's creation. It features the solar panels on Bradford Cathedral's roof, and churches of various traditions in Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Wakefield

and York, as well as featuring a vicarage in Durham diocese with air-source heat pumps.

"God's love for the whole of the cosmos lies right at the heart of the gospel," said the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who commissioned the film. "*Our Hope for God's Creation* shows us how churches can put that love into action with examples of good stewardship and how we can all contribute and make a difference. I hope it will be an inspiration for churches throughout the province and beyond."

NATIONAL FABRIC SURVEY OF 16,000 CHURCHES

Nearly nine in ten churches across the county are in good condition. That was just one of the findings of a National Fabric Survey of 16,000 CofE churches which has recently been completed. Funded by English Heritage and undertaken by the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council, the survey shows that almost 90% of our churches are in fair or good condition.

"This is a great testimony to the efforts of our church communities and to the technical and funding support we receive from English Heritage, the Heritage Lottery Fund and

others" says Janet Gough, the Director of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division.

ChurchCare is now working with the dioceses, English Heritage, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other partners to understand and make use of the significant data which the survey has produced. "This analysis will assist us in helping the 10% of church communities that are struggling with the upkeep of their building, and help to prevent more church buildings from slipping into this category," says Janet.

MOVING ON IN MINISTRY

Priests should seek inspiration from 20th Century poet and priest RS Thomas and the film *Of Gods and Men*, suggests the book *Moving on in Ministry*. The new book comprises essays focusing on transition and change by respected authors in their fields.

Realising that development can slow down then speed up in an 'S' shape, and can actually

take place without moving to a new role, the book encourages priests to make reflective and practical responses to moving on in ministry. It begins with an essay by Tim Harle on the 'S Curve', to help priests identify where they are in the process of accommodating the change they are experiencing; and also to help them "live comfortably out of control".

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Christ Church calendar for July 2013

July 3 Wed *Thomas the Apostle*

4 Thu Home Group meeting, 7:30pm

5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

7 Sun *Sixth Sunday after Trinity*
4:30pm Choral Evensong

12 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

14 Sun *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

18 Thu Home Group meeting, 7:30pm

19 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

21 Sun *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

22 Mon *Mary Magdalene*

25 Thu *James the Apostle*

26 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

28 Sun *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

30 Tue *William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)*
Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

Aug 2 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

4 Sun *Tenth 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 2013

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| Monday | 1 | For shopkeepers and shop workers |
| Tuesday | 2 | For those preparing for marriage or recently married |
| Wednesday | 3 | For good relations between different faiths |
| Thursday | 4 | We give thanks for those who inspire us |
| Friday | 5 | For Keri and the Cedar Tree |
| Saturday | 6 | For those who are persecuted for their faith |
| Sunday | 7 | For Angela our Verger |
| Monday | 8 | For scientists and engineers |
| Tuesday | 9 | For those who care for the sick |
| Wednesday | 10 | That we may show mercy and compassion |
| Thursday | 11 | For the Church Council |
| Friday | 12 | For the homeless |
| Saturday | 13 | For our link dioceses in Zambia |
| Sunday | 14 | For Mark our Lay Reader |
| Monday | 15 | For places affected by recent tornadoes and flooding |
| Tuesday | 16 | For the work of Genesis in Bath |
| Wednesday | 17 | For the mentally ill |
| Thursday | 18 | For those choosing our new diocesan Bishop |
| Friday | 19 | For those in slavery or bonded labour |
| Saturday | 20 | We give thanks for the beauty of creation |
| Sunday | 21 | For all clergy taking services at Christ Church |
| Monday | 22 | For our armed forces and police |
| Tuesday | 23 | That we may have the grace of the Holy Spirit |

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| Wednesday | 24 | For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church |
| Thursday | 25 | For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church |
| Friday | 26 | For those in hospital |
| Saturday | 27 | For prisoners and prison workers |
| Sunday | 28 | For the local Deanery Synod |
| Monday | 29 | For those who work in the hospitality industry |
| Tuesday | 30 | For those who are travelling |
| Wednesday | 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

Margaret Warren
 Marjorie Nicholson
 Andy Quarren-Evans
 Jason Batup
 Rowena Hall

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.

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Rotas for July 2013

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
| 7 July Trinity 6 | Morny Davison 2 Kings 5:1-14 | David Bishop Galatians 6:7-16 | Dylan Blackshear Luke 10:1-11,16-20 |
| 14 July Trinity 7 | Brenda Wall Amos 7:7-17 | Janet Mahto Colossians 1:1-14 | Richard Gabe Luke 10:25-37 |
| 21 July Trinity 8 | Alex Soboslay Amos 8:1-12 | Sylvia Ayers Colossians 1:15-28 | Malcolm Wall Luke 10:28-42 |
| 28 July Trinity 9 | Emma Elliott Hosea 2:2-10 | Martin Palmer Colossians 2:6-15 | Anthony Ridge-Newman Luke 11:1-13 |

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Chalice assistants | Sidespeople | Intercessions |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7 July | Jane Fletcher | Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath | Sarah Jones |
| 14 July | Andrew Sillett, David Rawlings | Margaret Silver, Morny Davison | Canon Angela Townshend |
| 21 July | Janet Mahto, Brenda Wall | Jane Nicholson, Andrew Sillett | Mark Elliott |
| 28 July | Keri Chivers | Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers | 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 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-judgmental setting.

Regular Sunday services

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| 8am | Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>On the second and fourth Sunday of every month</i> |
| 10am | Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people <i>Every Sunday</i> |
| 4:30pm | Choral Evensong <i>Usually the first Sunday of every month, but see website or notice board for details</i> |

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



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