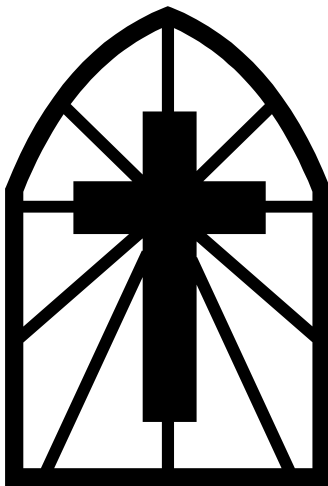


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March 2007

**CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD**  
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion, Junior Church & Crèche
First Sundays & Festivals	Choral Evensong and Sermon at 6.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5)

*There is amplification to assist the hard of hearing*

**CHOIR**

Junior Choir Practice	Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Adult Practice	Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm

*New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360*

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS**

By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

*Angela and John, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.*

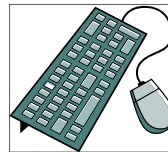


**ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEONE?**

When you become a Carer it could be due to a sudden event such as an illness or accident, or it could have crept up on you over a period of time. In either case you may be in need of information to help you make decisions, advice to help you make choices, or support to help you cope.

The Care Network is the local support service for unpaid family Carers in the Bath and North East Somerset area. We provide professional, friendly support through our Carers Support Workers, dedicated Carers Line and regular newsletters. Don't feel you have to cope alone, give us a ring on 01761 431389 to see what help is available.

## Forum...



### UK IS ACCUSED OF FAILING CHILDREN

The UK has been accused of failing its children, as it comes bottom of a league table for child well being across 21 industrialised countries.

#### UK Report Findings

- UK child poverty has doubled since 1979
- Children living in homes earning less than half of the national average wage - 16%
- Children rating their peers as "kind and helpful" - 43%
- Families eating a meal together "several times" a week - 66%
- Children who admit being drunk on two or more occasions - 31%

A Unicef report published on 13 February looked at 40 indicators including poverty, peer and family relationships, and health. One of the report's authors said that under-investment and a "dog eat dog" attitude in society were to blame for Britain's poor performance. The government, on the other hand, insists that its policies have helped to improve child welfare.

#### 'Dog eat dog society'

The report revealed that all countries have some weaknesses but. Professor Jonathan Bradshaw from York University, one of the report's authors, put the UK's poor ratings down to long term underinvestment. "It's very difficult to answer the why question. But if you're asking what is the main driver of these results, it's the fact that for a long time children in Britain have been under-invested in; not enough has been spent on them."

The Unicef study found Britain had the lowest proportion of children who found their friends kind and helpful - 40%, compared to 80% in Switzerland, he went on. Professor Bradshaw said that this was an indication of a "dog eat dog society". He added: "In a society which is very unequal, with high levels of poverty, it leads on to what children think about themselves and their lives. That's really what's at the heart of this."

**An unhappy and unhealthy generation**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Professor Sir Alan Aynsley-Green, said the report's findings should be a wake-up call to politicians and society as a whole. "We are turning out a generation of young people who are unhappy, unhealthy, engaging in risky behaviour, who have poor relationships with their family and their peers, who have low expectations and don't feel safe." He said parents, teachers, politicians and society as a whole all had a role to play in nurturing children and helping them to develop into successful adults.

**Church of England response**

The Children's Society has launched a website to coincide with the report, [www.mylife.uk.com](http://www.mylife.uk.com), which allows children to answer a series of surveys about their lives. The society's chief executive Bob Reitemeier said: "We simply cannot ignore these shocking findings. "Unicef's report is a wake-up call to the fact that, despite being a rich country, the UK is failing children and young people in a number of crucial ways."

**Leave it to the politicians?**

The government claims that it has given children proper policy priority and that more up-to-date data would show progress on issues like, pregnancy rates, teenage smoking, drinking and risky sexual behaviour had helped improve children's welfare. An opposition spokesman, on the other hand, accused the government of having "failed this generation of children".

This devastating report demands something more than the usual yah-booo exchanges between political parties. We all have to become involved. Most of us know, by observation and experience that tax laws, benefit policies and the excessive demands of employers militate against family life. It is often impossible for many families to devote their time to their children. We all have a duty now to pressurise the policy makers into legislating for families and placing value on the work of parents. The Mothers' Union and the Children's Society represent a direct line of action for our church. This Unicef report must be seen by all of us as call to prayer and action in a precious task we share with the whole of society; the care and nurture of our children. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me". Can we, his church, say less?

*Antony*

# Church Calendar for March

Mar	4	Sun	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong
	5	Mon	8.00pm	“Meet Up Monday” at the Hare and Hounds
	7	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion and Lunch
	8	Thu	GEOFFREY KENNEDY, Priest and Poet - 1929	
	9	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	11	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	14	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion and Lunch
	16	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	17	Sat	PATRICK, Bishop, Missionary & Patron of Ireland - 460	
	18	Sun	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
			MOTHERING SUNDAY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taizé
	19	Mon	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH	
	20	Tue	CUTHBERT, Bishop and Missionary - 687	
	21	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion and Lunch
	23	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	25	Sun	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
			NB: Bath Half Marathon (10.30—2.30)	
			5.00pm	Said Evening Prayer
	26	Mon	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD to the BVM	
	28	Wed	11.00am	Holy Communion & Lunch
	30	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
Apr	1	Sun	PALM SUNDAY	
			6.30pm	Choral Evensong

# Laity Rota for March

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	Georgina Bowman	Mark Elliott	Chris Graham
	<b>11</b>	Sarah Hiscock	Jane Fletcher	Margaret Heath
	<b>18</b>		Junior Church	
	<b>25</b>	Judith Bishop	Sylvia Ayers	Ann Kemp
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	Margaret Burrows	Judith Anderson	Richard Gabe
	<b>8</b>	Emma Elliott	Bev Pont	David Marles

## Chalice Assistants

<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	<b>11</b>	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	<b>18</b>	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
	<b>25</b>	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	<b>8</b>	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp

## Intercessors

<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	David Marles
	<b>11</b>	Rev Cliff Burrows
	<b>18</b>	Junior Church
	<b>25</b>	Chris Graham
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	Georgina Bowman
	<b>8</b>	Rev Antony Claridge



Sidespeople		8am	10am	
<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	Arthur Jones	David Marles	Joan Bunkin
	<b>11</b>	Clive Tilling	June Metcalfe	Chris Gladstone
	<b>18</b>	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge	Jean Ferguson
	<b>25</b>	Clive Tilling	Chris and Eliza Gladstone	
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	Arthur Jones	Margaret Silver	Frank Twissell
	<b>8</b>	Clive Tilling	Ken and Sylvia Ayers	

# Lectionary for March

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>		
	No reading	Philippians 3.17-4.1	Luke 13.31-35
<b>11</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Isaiah 55.1-9	1 Cor 10.1-13	Luke 13.1-9
<b>18</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday</b>		
	No reading	Colossians 3.12-17	John 25b-27
<b>25</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Isaiah 43.16-21	No reading	John 12.1-8
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
	Isaiah 50.4-9a	No reading	Luke 19.28-40

## Our Calendar Correspondent Explains... “GEOFFREY KENNEDY” (8th March)

**Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy**, MC (June 27, 1883 - March 8, 1929), was an Anglican priest and poet. He was nicknamed 'Woodbine Willy' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers. Born in Leeds in 1883, Kennedy was the seventh of nine children born to Jeanette Anketell and William Studdert Kennedy, a vicar in Leeds. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Trinity College, Dublin, where he gained a degree in classics and divinity in 1904.

After a year's training, he became a curate in Rugby and then, in 1914, the vicar of St. Pauls, Worcester. On the outbreak of war, Kennedy volunteered as a chaplain to the armed forces on the Western Front, where he gained the nickname 'Woodbine Willy'. In 1917, he won the Military Cross at Messines Ridge after running into no man's land to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline. He wrote a number of poems about his experiences, and these appeared in the books *Rough Rhymes of a Padre* (1918), and *More Rough Rhymes* (1919).

After the war, Kennedy was appointed to run St. Edmund King and Martyr in Lombard Street, London. Having been converted to Christian socialism and pacifism during the war, he wrote *Lies* (1919), *Democracy and the Dog-Collar* (1921), *Food for the Fed Up* (1921), *The Wicket Gate* (1923), and *The Word and the Work* (1925). He went on to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he went on speaking tours of Britain. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill and died, in Liverpool.

## Preparing for Easter

In this year's lead up to Easter Christ Church will be joining with neighbouring churches and churches across the city of Bath.

On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we shall join with the churches of our Local Ministry Group for a series of meditations led by Bishop Richard Llewellyn under the title *The Holy Land in Holy Week*. Bishop Richard was a priest in Johannesburg in the 1960's. After work in parishes in Waltham Cross and Harpenden, he became Bishop of St Germans in 1985. Subsequent appointment as Bishop of Dover in 1992 was followed by staff work as Bishop at Lambeth from 1999. Bishop Richard has also worked with USPG.

Maundy Thursday will see us in the company of our friends from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church for the last of the Lent Lunches which will follow the 11am Eucharist. In the evening there will be an agape supper which is a fellowship meal incorporating the liturgy of the Eucharist.

On the morning of Good Friday we shall walk with Christians of all denominations through the streets of Bath to the Abbey Churchyard. Here there will be a service of witness which will include an address by Bishop Richard Llewellyn.

Full details and times of these events together other services on Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter day will be found below.

## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

During Holy Week you are invited to join the pilgrimage of the cross, the destination of which is the celebration of Easter day. In the first three days there will times of quiet reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewellyn in each of our Local Ministry group churches. During these one-hour sessions Bishop Richard will take a look at historic and contemporary events in the Holy Land. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, different forms of worship lead into the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

### HOLY WEEK

#### Monday 2nd April

8.00 pm      The Holy Land in Holy Week  
Meditation and prayer with Bishop Richard Llewellyn  
at St Stephen's Lansdown



**Tuesday 3rd April**

8.00 pm     The Holy Land in Holy Week  
Meditation and prayer with Bishop Richard Llewelin  
at Christ Church

**Wednesday 4th April**

11.00 am    Holy Communion  
With a Lent lunch shared with the people of  
St Mary's RC Church

8.00 pm     The Holy Land in Holy Week  
Meditation and prayer with Bishop Richard Llewelin  
at St Mary's Charlcombe

**Maundy Thursday**

7.30 pm     Agape



**Good Friday**

10.00 am    Good Friday Cross Walk to the Abbey Churchyard

12.30 pm    Good Friday Journey (at Christ Church)  
People of all ages are invited to follow the Way of the Cross

1.15 pm     Music and Meditations for Good Friday

2.00 pm     An Hour at the Cross  
Prayer and meditation

**Easter Eve**

7.30 pm     The Easter Vigil  
With music and hymns

**EASTER DAY**

6.00 am     Service at the Break of Day at St Mary's Charlcombe

8.00 am     Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer (said)

10.00 am    Sung Family Eucharist  
(Plus the Great Christ Church Egg Hunt!)

Entourage has just finished its second season, hidden away on ITV2. Vincent Chase, an actor radiating silver screen charisma; Eric, his closest and smartest friend, now his manager and the natural home for the viewer's sympathies; Johnny "Drama", Vince's less good looking, less successful, less Hollywood older brother, a few years down the line from his last major role; and Turtle, the driver, gopher and fixer; they all grew up together in Queens, New York and are now in LA with Vince on the brink of the big-time.



**Entourage**  
created by **Doug Ellin**



The show is based around Mark Wahlberg's experiences of arriving in Hollywood. It surrounds and tempts the boys with opulent, gaudy wealth which isn't theirs, not yet, maybe not ever, unless they can just make the right moves at the right time...

Guiding them, but only because their success is his success, is the wonderfully ruthless, ambitious Ari Gold, Vince's agent, low on scruples and quick with a biting comment. He likes them, but he likes himself much more.

The whole series constantly mixes reality with fiction. Ari is based on a real agent (Ari Emanuel) and is occasionally seen meeting his clients, who are all real clients of the real Ari. Johnny, the less successful brother, is played by Kevin Dillon, who is the less successful brother of actor Matt Dillon. Vince's first big movie is Aquaman, directed by James Cameron (fictional film, real director) and so James Cameron (the real director) has a recurring role in the series. Those of us who are not quite hip enough are left unsure as to what's real and what's not.

The show is funny; the characters are believable and Hollywood believably outrageous. If you're in the mood for it, it leaves you smiling.

Like every successful comedy or drama series, it's about a family and how whatever happens to them, whatever conflicts they have with each other, whatever leads them away from each other; nothing is more important than the family. Vince sails through each episode, more or less unmoved by events with a belief and confidence that is independent of his worldly success. His friends are more nervous; trying to engineer his success, for their own share in it, understandably, but also because they love Vince and believe it's the right thing to do for him. It is this that gives the fun of the glitz and glamour a light moral message; be true to those you love.

*David Marles*

**Take up a book for Lent***Archbishop recommends power and passion*

As reported last month, The Archbishop of Canterbury's official book for lent 2007 is *Power and Passion* by Samuel Wells. In it Wells shows how the characters in the Holy Week story face choices and experience feelings very similar to our own. In his forward Rowan Williams commends the author for arguing "that if we look at how the gospel stories of the passion of Jesus understand power and conflict, we learn something essential about connecting politics and passion."

The book offers a fascinating textual examination of six characters in the passion narratives. Each character study draws out a particular theme: The first chapter on Pontius Pilate looks at political power and the possibilities of our own personal power. The second chapter, focusing on Barabbas, is a study of violence and its use and abuse in the political sphere, and of how we as individuals are to deal with obstacles to what we believe to be right. The third chapter focuses on Joseph of Arimathea, posing the question 'is it possible to be a Christian privately?' Wells contends that 'the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the heart of reality – and that can hardly be a private thing'.

The fourth chapter, intriguingly, focuses on 'Mrs Pilate'. A fleeting character (she appears in just one verse in the Bible – Matthew 27:19) she represents a rather unusual choice of figure for a passion meditation. Wells uses her as the basis for a meditation on dreams (she tells her husband that she 'suffered in a dream' because of Jesus), looking at the role that dreams play for the powerful and the powerless, and what place they might have in political life. The fifth chapter returns to more familiar ground, looking at the character of Peter, his failure of discipleship in his denial of Christ, and at his subsequent forgiveness and the implications that this might have for friendship. The final chapter looks at Mary Magdalene, and contains an interesting discussion of the role of women in the Gospel passion narratives, and of their potential for transformative leadership within politics and the Church. It also contains an interesting treatment of Mary's anointing of Jesus, and questions the assumptions of the Church about the poor.

These themes are drawn together to suggest that "Jesus invites a new kind of passion because he brings a new kind of power." In this Wells contends that the power of Christ's resurrection is politically transformative, that it changes the way in which we are called to view and act towards the world. In this respect, Wells' book is a suitably challenging series of Lenten studies. Like all good preachers, his prose is accessible but never patronising, and his insights will do much to enrich your understanding of Christian discipleship.

*Published by Zondervan Price £8.99*

## Keeping Up With The Joneses

Due to various trips away in January, we've only one church to report on this month. But before we get to that, we thought we'd mention a phenomenon that we've noticed at all the churches we've been to.

The priest who baptised Matthew was renowned for the occasion he berated his congregation for "paying more attention to a bus timetable than you do to service times". It seems that this is as applicable to South London in 2006 as it was to Hereford in the 1980s. At all the churches we've attended, between a third and half of the congregation seemed to arrive after the service had started. Indeed, it seems not unusual for large groups of people to wander in 15 minutes late. There are, of course, reasons why anyone could be late occasionally, but such widespread lateness seems strangely disrespectful and we can't fathom out why it happens. Answers on a postcard please!

Turning to this month's church takes us to South Dulwich and the parish of St. Stephen's ([www.ststephensdulwich.org](http://www.ststephensdulwich.org)). The building is an elegant neo-gothic affair with a beautiful arts and crafts style interior. We've attended two services here, primarily because the first (an "all age" Family Eucharist) was so dreadful we wanted to give them a chance to redeem themselves! The priest leading this service had clearly worked really hard to try to produce something to appeal to the children, but the result, sadly, was rather dated. It included some terrible poetry and a painful attempt at congregation participation which none of the kids seemed very impressed with. We don't think the rest of the congregation was enjoying it either.


Moving swiftly on, the second service we attend (a Parish Communion) was a vast improvement. We were made very welcome as we both arrived and departed, whilst the service itself showed distinct Anglo-Catholic tendencies, especially in the prayer to Mary during the intercessions. The sermon was given by an eminent visiting preacher and was excellent (we hadn't noticed quarter of an hour had gone by).


The church is clearly proud of its musical tradition – we were handed music copies of the service setting as we arrived and a new organ was completed in 2005 – but the painfully slow speed of the hymns meant that it sounded like the hills of the north were a very long way from rejoicing and the Lord's anointed a long way from being hailed! Sadly the choir did not sing during either visit - apparently, they were singing


at an evening service on the second occasion and so could not possibly sing in the morning as well!

Overall, we feel it's not the church we want to attend regularly – to be honest, it has one too many candles (see below) for us! We may well return here however, if we ever wish to attend a quieter, more reflective service than most of those on offer in the area.

Churchmanship: 

Welcome: 

Music: 

Coffee:  (no instant coffee here!)

*Matthew & Sarah Jones*

## **MOTHERS UNION NEWS**

First, may I thank everyone for your prompt response to my annual request for subscriptions. Although it seems a large amount, with it, we can help to pay for the running of Mary Sumner House, the expenses of Deanery and Diocesan Officers, and the publication of Springs, our quarterly magazine.

Members were invited to attend the commissioning service of Pam Cavallini as Bath Deanery President, which was held at St Stephens Lansdown on February 27th. Pam will remain as President for the next 3 years, and during that time, she will be able to complete her plan for a Bath Deanery Group, as outlined in these notes last November. We wish her every success with this new initiative.

Members will be notified of all MU Deanery events in due course, and meanwhile we continue with our usual activities. We will still hold our monthly midweek Corporate Communion, have a Summer Sunday Overseas after Church Bring and Buy sale table, and retain our usual October "Refuge" Appeal.

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday March 14th, and will be followed by a Lent Lunch. We do hope that all members will be able to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)*

**DO YOU KNOW** the wild variety of this glowing plant which has been so tamed, civilised and hybridised that the vast majority of public and private gardens contain at least one variety; that in the C15th it was claimed that every county in the land had these flowering plants in abundance, but they are now restricted to a few, if widespread areas; and what has all this to do with leeks and Lent lilies (which name also rhymes with one of the nicknames for these plants)?



Most of us will only be familiar with the cultivated versions of these plants: I think we have at least four varieties in our front garden; some of them inherited from the previous owners (about forty years ago) but most of the bulbs bought and planted more recently. Indeed, in recent times many local authorities and garden centres have encouraged the planting of these bulbs on embankments, motorways and by-passes.

The widespread nature of the wild variety had disappeared by the 1930s and no-one seems able to account for its present distribution: it is still abundant in South Devon, along parts of the Gloucester-Herefordshire border, the Weald of Sussex, parts of Yorkshire and the Lake District. Its disappearance from the rest of the country remains a mystery: being an attractive plant many were picked for sale, but many witnesses say that this only seemed to encourage their growth in greater numbers. The abundant area closest to us is the Golden Triangle between Dymock, Newent and Ledbury. In this area, locals, pickers and gypsies have all been involved in selling these plants. Gypsies from Newent travelled to Minchinhampton to sell their wares and John Masefield, who was born in Ledbury, wrote, "And there the pickers come, picking for the town... Hard faced women, weather-beaten brown". Indeed, if you visit Newent at any time of the year, you will see the black-painted wrought-iron gate which bears a striking replica of this flowering plant. These plants were so popular that the GWR started a Dymock Special in 1935 so that Londoners might see the area for themselves. The demand for these plants was so great that many farmers and their workers regarded them as an important cash crop. However, when interest waned and the line closed in 1956, this source of revenue declined, but began to revive in the 1980s.

Another wild variety of this plant was found in the Tenby area of South Wales. This variety is shorter and sturdier than the English variety but was also exploited for selling to "townies"; indeed, in this case, overpicking by one farmer almost resulted in its extinction in the 1980s. His name was Shaw and he employed collectors to search for the bulbs throughout South



Pembrokeshire, which he then sold on to wholesale merchants who coveted this new variety and encouraged its sale by supporting stories about it reaching Wales through visits from the Phoenecians. Most farmers thought of the plant as weeds and allowed cart loads to be taken away. In 1895 Shaw sold one cart-load for £165. What would that be worth today? A final clue: the petals of this variety stand at right angles to the trumpets of the bright yellow flowers. These plants are daffodils.

In this part of the country they are also called Lent Lilies, presumably because they are one of the few plants which flower during Lent. They are also known as dillies or datty down dillies in many parts of the country. Many country sites are known as Dilly copses or Dilly covert. Richard Mabey also asks: why is Wales the only country to have two national plants, the daffodil and the leek? He suggests it might have something to do with a misunderstanding of the Welsh language at sometime in the past. In Welsh, leek = Cennin; daffodil = Cennin aur (golden leek). He thinks this is a delightful explanation because both of these plants are lilies.

So which did you wear on the 1st of March?

*Cyril Selmes*

## A Friend



## In Deed

The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours who have volunteered to do the neighbourly things we used to do for each other when we lived closer together. When the need arises, they are prepared on request to:

- make friendship visits or telephone calls
- do shopping at times of illness or infirmity
- offer or find sources of advice
- handle occasional non-specialist odd jobs

All areas in which church members live are covered by the Friends in Deed scheme. If you need or know of someone else who needs help, you should in the first instance contact the Friends in Deed Co-ordinators, Jane Fletcher (01225 463758) and Yvonne Morris (01225 425555). They will then get in touch with the local contact best able to provide the help that is needed.

# Prayer Cycle for March

- Thurs 1** For those coping with terminal illness. For their families and all who care for them.
- Fri 2** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.
- Sat 3** We pray for the University Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains.
- Sun 4** For our Clergy Team.
- Mon 5** For all who will visit Christ Church during this week; for those enjoying this evening's Meet-Up Monday.
- Tues 6** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries.
- Wed 7** For our Church Trustees, who meet today. For Yvonne, their chairman.
- Thurs 8** For Emma, Margaret and Sarah, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Fri 9** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work.
- Sat 10** For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi. For Adrian Pegg, our USPG representative.
- Sun 11** For Mark, David, Mike and the choir. We thank God for the gift of music and its role in our worship.
- Mon 12** For all leaders of nations. For those who feel they must use violence to achieve their ends.
- Tues 13** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries and for those who work for the emergency services.
- Wed 14** For John and June and all who are supporting the Christ Church and St. Mary's Lent Lunches.
- Thurs 15** For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Fri 16** For the Cedar Tree project; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.



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- Sat* 17 For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Sun* 18 For those mourning the death of loved ones: for those mourning the death of a child or children.
- Mon* 19 For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders, that God will bless them and guide them in their ministry and learning.
- Tues* 20 For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Wed* 21 For Angela, our Verger.
- Thurs* 22 For David, our Treasurer.
- Fri* 23 For Angela and John, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Sat* 24 For those who are facing retirement, that God will help them with the challenges of their new life.
- Sun* 25 On this Passion Sunday, we pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: for those who care about them and worry about them.
- Mon* 26 For all parents, step-parents and godparents. For foster parents and all who care for children.
- Tues* 27 For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity.
- Wed* 28 For Sylvia and Margaret, our Churches Together in Bath Representatives.
- Thurs* 29 For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota.
- Fri* 30 Let us give thanks for our friends and families, for food and shelter, for all that brings us joy and contentment.
- Sat* 31 Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.
- April*
- Sun* 1 That, whatever burdens we bear, our worship today may reflect a deeper joy and thankfulness.
- Mon* 2 For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed.
- Tues* 3 That the Holy Spirit may guide all our prayers and meditations this Holy Week and prepare us for Easter.
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# Big Questions, Little Answers

*Thank you to Margaret Heath, our resident “roving reporter” for providing the answers to this month’s questionnaire.*

**Where were you born?** Lancashire. My father, WL Bragg, was a Professor of Physics at Manchester University at the time. His family came from Cumbria, my mother’s from Manchester

**What are your hobbies?** Keeping in touch with family and friends, (including as a treat visiting my OZ friends and relations) country walks, Art History, exploring spirituality, and above all remembering Mark (d. 28 Sept 2005) with great affection

**What car do you drive?**

Mark’s Vauxhall, but I prefer the train for any distance, and bus or walk locally. I grew up in Cambridge on a bike, but find Bath too hilly for biking.

**What is your favourite film, and why?**

Tea with Mussolini—I found it very funny, and I love Italy.

**What is your favourite kind of music?**

Mozart, Verdi & folksongs. I play the car radio on Classic FM or Radio 3, whichever is more cheerful.

**What is your favourite kind of meal / food?**

I tend to eat the food of the country I happen to be in, but, that said, definitely prefer garlic, olive oil and wine to pickles, butter and beer.

**What has been your proudest moment?**

After we’d had the Queen to lunch following her visit to Pope John Paul II and an equerry asked if I had a footstool ready. I hadn’t, and Mark was knighted kneeling on a chair.

**What is the most amazing place you have visited?**

My recent visit to Galapagos was fantastic, otherwise perhaps Petra, Mount Sinai or Ayers Rock.

**What famous person, dead or alive, would you like to meet?**

Chaucer—I would like to ask him about that knight in the Canterbury Tales.

**What’s your pet hate?**

Being told lies—life is complicated enough as it is.

**What’s your favourite book?**

“Middlemarch” by George Eliot, with Owen Chadwick’s “Victorian Miniature” a close second.

**Tell us a little-known fact about yourself**

My name comes out in Chinese, I am told, as Very Intelligent Horse.

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# ***CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD***

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### **PAST HISTORY**

Christ Church was built at the end of the 18th Century by the socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship by the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church of that time to provide seating free of charge. Early supporters included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; the great evangelical campaigner against slavery, William Wilberforce; Philip Pusey, the father of E B Pusey; and Martin Stafford Smith, the godfather of John Keble, who were both founders of the Oxford Movement. The building was designed by the famous Bath architect John Palmer, who was responsible for the completion of the Great Pump Room, Lansdown Crescent and St Swithin's, the parish church of Walcot. In November 1998, the congregation, friends and well-wishers from all over the world celebrated the bicentenary.

### **MINISTRY**

Christ Church is unusual in not being a parish church. Much of the vitality of its life and worship derives from the fact that the congregation comes from all areas of the city and the surrounding districts. Whilst there is no full-time paid vicar, there is a non-stipendiary priest-in-charge, who leads a ministerial team of ordained and lay people. Worship at Christ Church largely reflects the traditions of those responsible for its foundation and the rich diversity of the Church of England as a whole. Thus, preaching and Bible-based teaching is firmly set within a liturgical setting which is best described as liberal and catholic.

### **SERVICES**

The 8am Holy Communion is either Book of Common Prayer (1662) or Common Worship. At 10am the Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a full Choral Evensong. A Junior Church and a Crèche cater for the children and young people who attend the 10am service. We hold special all-age services once a month and at festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Wednesday during Lent, followed by lunch). The notice board and the weekly notice sheet provide details of discussion and prayer groups which are held at different times throughout the year. An all-age choir, which rehearses on Friday evenings maintains the much-admired music tradition at Christ Church.

### **CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS**

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