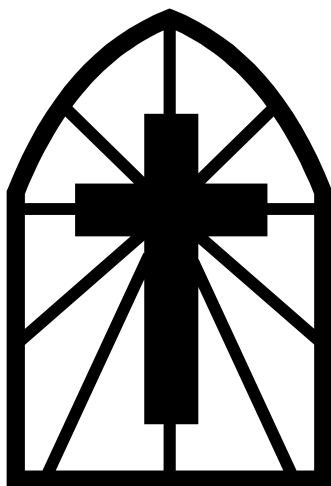


CHRIST CHURCH CHALLENGE



October 2005

CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD
DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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

Chris and Angela, 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.

Could you volunteer at the RUH?

Volunteers are urgently needed for our busy local hospital. The Friends of the RUH have a large team of volunteers who give 2 hours a week covering a wide range of duties, and they need more help.



If you would enjoy working in a hospital environment, and are friendly and sympathetic, please help - it is really worthwhile.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Jayne Cresswell, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01225 824046.

Forum...



It has been remarked that October is a funny month; the month when the ardent cricket fan realises that his wife left him in May. This year I doubt that this is so. Wives, partners, whole families previously immune from the game have been following the fortunes of England in the latest Test series. And we won the Ashes!

Over the years, many clergy, when explaining a summer absence from the pulpit, have been grateful for the phonetic confusion of the words "Lourdes" and "Lords". And it goes further even than that. The distinguished cricket journalist Sir Neville Cardus wrote, "For your good cricketer the ends of the earth have come to a resting-point at Lord's, and wherever he may be at the fall of a summer's day his face should turn religiously to Lord's". However, this sentiment would not have the approval of Archbishop Temple who actively dissuaded clergy playing a game which he described as "organized loafing".



The Archbishop would certainly find himself at odds with those who believe cricket to be a metaphor for life. And yet, if we accept this metaphor, we might say that this summer's test matches were a representation of life at its best. The standards of sportsmanship on the part of both teams were exemplary. And what will remain with me is the image of an English bowler comforting an Australian batsman in our high moment of victory. Later the two teams enjoyed a party together. England, modest in victory, gave Australian dignity in their defeat.

History is full of the dangerous consequences of depriving the vanquished of their freedom and dignity. It is generally thought that the seeds of the Second World War were sown in the crippling and humiliating reparations imposed on Germany at Versailles in 1918. The treaty was so harsh that it created smouldering resentment. It was this national humiliation that led to the rise of Hitler and a second bid by Germany for European domination. In our time, this raises questions about the resolution of the conflict in Iraq and in other places.

What do we do when the fighting is over? How do we enable broken and divided countries to resume their places within the family of the nations.

Post – apartheid South Africa based its rebuilding of the nation state on the realistic principle that national reconciliation does not mean forgetting the sufferings or negating the sacrifices.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, formerly chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, says to forgive goes beyond the smiling unselfish devotion to the cause of others. He adds, "to forgive is a process that does not exclude hate and anger. These emotions are all part of being human." Tutu continues, "You should never hate yourself for hating others who do terrible things; the depth of your love is shown by the extent of your anger."

This great humanitarian and spiritual pioneer then goes on to remind us of our Christian responsibility to move from anger to forgiveness. "When I talk of forgiveness, I mean the belief that you can come out the other side a better person. A better person than the one being consumed by anger and hatred." This implies that both the forgiven and those who forgive should be able to become equal partners in a restored world. Thus united they might listen to what God has to say: -

"For he will speak peace to his people....
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase." (Psalm 85)

Antony

From the Church Registers

Holy Baptism

4th September 2005

Rafferty Francis Weston

25th September 2005

Isaac William Elliott

Marriage

10th September 2005

Nicholas Derbyshire and Katie
Frankcom

Funeral

15th September 2005

Lawrence Ferguson aged 78

Church Calendar for October

Oct	1	Sat	EMBER DAY	
	2	Sun	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY and HARVEST FESTIVAL	
			4.00pm	Choral Evensong and Harvest Tea
	4	Tue	FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Friar and Deacon, 1226	
	9	Sun	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)
	13	Thur	EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, King, 1066	
	16	Sun	THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)
	17	Mon	IGNATIUS, Bishop and Martyr, c.107	
	18	Tue	LUKE, THE EVANGELIST	
	20	Thur	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Lunch
	23	Sun	THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)
	28	Fri	SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles	
	30	Sun	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	
			6.30pm	All Souls Evensong
	31	Mon	MARTIN LUTHER, Reformer, 1546	
Nov	6	Sun	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
			5.00pm	Evening Prayer (said)

Laity Rota for October

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
October	2	Junior Church	
	9	Martin Palmer	Penny Edwards Nicky Gladstone
	16	Bob Siderfin	Lloyd Grosvenor Georgina Bowman
	23	David Bishop	Chris Graham Mark Elliott
	30	Junior Church	
November	6	Jane Fletcher	Sarah Hiscock Matthew Jones
	13	Chris Munday	Ann Kemp Margaret Burrows

Chalice Assistants

October	2	Ann Kemp	Jane Fletcher
	9	Penny Edwards	Bob Siderfin
	16	Tessa Claridge	Roseanne Gabe
	23	Margaret Burrows	Janet Mahto
	30	Chris Graham	Ann Kemp
November	6	Jane Fletcher	Penny Edwards
	13	Bob Siderfin	Tessa Claridge

Intercessors

October	2	Junior Church
	9	Mark Elliott
	16	Penny Edwards
	23	Bev Pont
	30	Junior Church
Novmeber	6	David Marles



Sidespeople	8am	10am
October	2	Dil Jones Nicky & Joshua Gladstone
	9	Dorothy Twissell Margaret Silver Frank Twissell
	16	Barbara Hayward Ken & Sylvia Ayers
	23	Clive Tilling David Marles Joan Bunkin
	30	Elizabeth Iden-Hart John & June Metcalfe
November	6	Arthur Jones Chris Tanner Ann Charman
	13	Dorothy Twissell Tessa Claridge Jean Ferguson

Lectionary for October

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Oct 2	The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Festival		
	Junior Church		
9	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
16	The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity		
	Isaiah 45.1-7	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
23	The Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity		
	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Matthew 22.34-46
30	All Saints Sunday		
	Revelation 7.9-17	1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

"Martin Luther" (31st October)



Martin Luther was a German theologian, an Augustinian monk, and an ecclesiastical reformer whose teachings inspired the Reformation and deeply influenced the doctrines and culture of the Lutheran and Protestant traditions. Luther's call to the Church to return to the teachings of the Bible led to the formation of new traditions within Christianity and to the Counter-Reformation, the Roman Catholic reaction to these movements.

Luther's contributions to Western civilization went beyond the life of the Christian Church. Luther's translations of the Bible helped to develop a standard version of the German language and added several principles to the art of translation. Luther's hymns inspired the development of congregational singing in Christianity. His marriage on June 13, 1525, to Katharina von Bora began a movement of clerical marriage within many Christian traditions.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Both past and present Christ Church MU members attended the funeral service in September for the husband of Branch member Jean Ferguson. Laurie will be greatly missed, not least for his contribution to the Church Choir, where he brightened our Sundays with his singing. We are praying for Jean and her family at this sad time, and can assure her of our continued love and support in the future.

On Thursday October 20th, the MU Indoor Members' St Luke's Tide Holy Communion Service (BCP) will be held at 2.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Wellsway, led by their Curate, Rev Jackie Taylor. This will be followed by an MU tea in the South Aisle, and our own Indoor Members, Betty Lacey and Audrey Green have already been invited. If other members would also like to be there, they will be very welcome, but please let me know now, so that I can notify the organisers.



On Sunday October 23rd, as mentioned last month, we invite everyone to bring us at least one item from our *MU Women's Refuge Appeal "Wants" List*. There is an on-going need for cleaning materials, eg scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing-up liquid, washing machine, scouring, and dishwasher powders, cloths, dusters, polish, etc., and also such basic items as light bulbs, tinned goods, pasta, tea, coffee, and sugar. If *you* use it at home, *they need it too!* We are sure that you will all want to support this worthwhile endeavour, so we invite each member of the congregation to give us at least one item either in cash or kind either on



that Sunday, or during the following two weeks. Be assured that *every* gift is very warmly welcomed by the Refuge operators, so please be generous.

Sylvia M. Ayers (Secretary)

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

When is it? Monday, October 10th

What is it? A day to highlight the worldwide problem of mental illness.

Why does it matter? Mental ill health is a major global concern. According to the World Health Organisation it is projected to reach 15% or the global burden of disease by the year 2020, by which time depression will disable many more people than AIDS, traffic accidents, heart diseases and war combined.

Too often, people who are mentally ill are shunned by others who are afraid of them, or isolated from the community for their own protection. Even now, some mentally ill people, in countries such as India and Ghana, may be kept in chains and denied their basic human rights. Throughout the centuries, people have been feared and mocked, or even regarded as evil spirits. Such was the attitude when Jesus was on earth. He recognised their isolation, spoke to them without fear, and was able to calm their troubled spirits. We pray for that same healing influence now, on all who suffer from sickness of the mind and for those who have become victims of mentally disturbed people.

How BasicNeeds is helping the mentally ill in developing countries. The charity BasicNeeds works specifically with mentally ill people in developing countries, where there is a clear link between poverty and mental illness. The first essential is for people to be seen by a mental health professional, ensuring that they get the right medication – an opportunity that many have never had before, because they live in isolated areas and are too poor to travel. BasicNeeds and its local partners organise rural health clinics, where mentally ill people can be diagnosed and treated locally by visiting psychiatrists.

BasicNeeds also helps provide employment opportunities, so that once stabilised, mentally ill people can contribute to the family income, for instance through horticultural projects, and begin to overcome the stigma that their illness attracts. Many others, once treated, are able to return to their former jobs. This has a knock-on benefit for carers, many of whom are children, and for other family members.

Please remember in your prayers mentally ill people worldwide and those who are working to help them.

(Further information on the work of BasicNeeds from Jane Cox, BasicNeeds, 158A Parade, Leamington Spa, Warks. CV32 4AE. Tel: 01926 330101. jane.cox@basicneeds.org.uk www.basicneeds.org.uk

Farewell to Laurie Ferguson

"Have a good life: live it to the full"

Family and friends gathered at Christ Church on September to say goodbye to Laurie Ferguson. Laurie was a member of Christ Church choir for some 20 years and his funeral service was full of the music he loved.

Speaking on behalf of the family, Laurie's son John spoke of his father as a man for whom his wife Jean of 52 years and their children were a great and enduring passion. John recalled that he was always a source of calm and helpful advice and was hugely generous with both his time and money. He created several beautiful gardens which were perfect for children to play in. Born in Yorkshire, the son of a miner, Laurie worked hard to win his way to grammar school and later to university. He became recognised as a talented teacher of chemistry both in schools and finally at the College of Education based at Newton Park. Laurie had a great love of the arts, especially music. He played the cello as a young man and encouraged all his children to play an instrument. He also loved the written word and his houseful of books was, said John, "a fantastic resource for his children's' growing minds.

Not many of us at Christ Church knew of Laurie's taste for fast cars and motorbikes. For many years he was a steward at the Brands Hatch racing circuit. The exhilaration of speed must have been the inspiration for Laurie's decision to take flying lessons when he retired. The family recall him "roaring over St James' Park" coming close to a victory roll.

Laurie's appreciation of landscape, castles and churches was wonderfully expressed in his photographs. His absorption in his cameras and his natural diffidence mean that there are few photographs of him. However, his family will always be able to conjure their own images of him perhaps with his headphones clamped to his ears or as ever, in his trademark flat cap.

Laurie, the family man full of friendship and faith is remembered with gratitude by us all.

A Letter from Cambridge

Jean thanks you all

Jean Ferguson is in Cambridge with her daughter from where she writes to you all.

“My family and I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation of the beautiful music and dignity with which all participating carried out the funeral service of my beloved husband, Laurie; particularly to all members of the choir ... I know he would have loved it. Thinking of it has helped sustain me over the recent days.

I would also like to thank all members of the congregation who took time and trouble to write such lovely cards and letters of condolence and kindness”.

A Friend



In Deed

The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours, called Area Wardens. These Area Wardens 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 Area Warden best able to provide the help that is needed.

Prayer Cycle for October

- Sat** 1 For our readers, Cyril, Tom and Mark. For Sarah's ministry at Batheaston
- Sun** 2 For Christ Church's children, as they help to lead this morning's 10am service; for those who lead the Junior Church
- Mon** 3 For those moving house or looking for a new home, that God's peace will touch them at this stressful time
- Tue** 4 For countries of the Third World which suffer through the selfishness of richer nations
- Wed** 5 For our HR Group for young people and for their leaders
- Thur** 6 For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens, and for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens
- Fri** 7 For the work of Churches Together in Bath; for Sylvia and Chris, our CTB representatives
- Sat** 8 For all doing voluntary service overseas
- Sun** 9 For members of our congregation who are unable to worship with us today
- Mon** 10 For all suffering from mental health problems; for those who care for them
- Tue** 11 For children who care for their parents, either due to illness or old age; for families everywhere
- Wed** 12 For those who are lonely
- Thur** 13 For those who are hungry, both abroad and close to home
- Fri** 14 For the choir: for Mark, David and Mike
- Sat** 15 For all being mistreated or suffering injustice
- Sun** 16 For Antony, Cliff and Sandy, and for their families
- Mon** 17 For Sarah Hiscock who draws up the Laity Rota. For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople
- Tue** 18 For those who work for the Emergency Services
- Wed** 19 For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work

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- Thur 20** We pray for the University Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains
- Fri 21** For the work of USPG and for our project at St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi; for Adrian, our USPG representative
- Sat 22** For our Local Ministry Group; for Jonathan and Caroline, the clergy team at St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe
- Sun 23** For couples experiencing difficulty in their relationship; for the work of Relate
- Mon 24** For those mourning the loss of a spouse or partner, that they will know God's comfort
- Tue 25** For Genesis and the work of the Sunday Centre
- Wed 26** We pray for the week ahead, and think especially of those who are unhappy or frustrated in their work.
- Thur 27** For our clergy team, Antony, Cliff and Sandy
- Fri 28** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them
- Sat 29** For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families
- Sun 30** For those who work behind the scenes to assure the smooth running of our church
- Mon 31** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer him the challenges of the month that is to come

November

- Tue 1** For the work and witness of the Mothers' Union: for Sylvia, Margaret, and all members of the Christ Church MU Branch
- Wed 2** For those who are facing retirement, that God will help them with the challenges of their new life
- Thur 3** For intelligent inter-faith dialogue; for all those affected in any way by acts of terrorism
- Fri 4** For those who use our roads; for all who are travelling
- Sat 5** For all who are coming to terms with the death of a loved one. For those who are bearing a grief which they cannot share
- Sun 6** For David, our Treasurer

CHRIST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Moving On

At the family Eucharist on Sunday 18th September, Antony presented Becky Kirkbride and Jenny Dudley with book tokens as they set off for their first terms at university. Becky is leaving Bath for the University of Warwick and Jenny is taking up residence at the University of Hertfordshire. Mark echoed Antony's words when, on presenting gifts of CDs from the choir, he paid tribute to Jenny and Becky's devotion to and hard work on behalf of Christ Church. We look forward to seeing them again at Christmas.



Moving Up

Harriet Nourse and Jenny Soboslay have moved up from their junior schools to a different style of life in secondary education. Both have settled in well; Harriet at Hayesfield and Jenny at the Royal High. We wish them every success and happiness.

Popping Across

As the magazine goes to press Madge North is high over the Atlantic as she flies to Canada to visit her grand-daughter Jenny and her newest great-granddaughter, Natalie, who was born on the 4th July. Happy landings, Madge



Coming Back

Yvonne and Donald Morris have also been in Canada, where Yvonne has a sister. It is good to know that Christ Church is so well represented in North America. Welcome home, Donald and Yvonne.

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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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