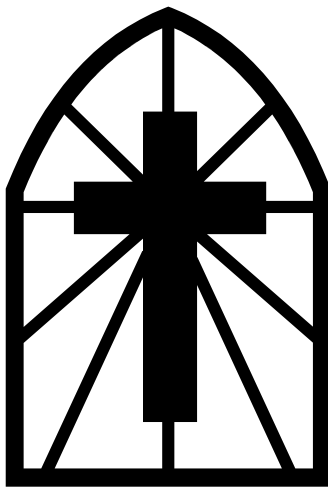


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September 2009

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 4.30pm
Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

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

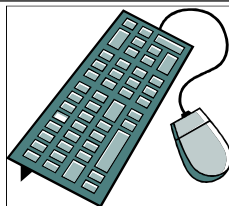
BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

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

Angela and Chris, 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.

Forum...

New Beginnings, A Constant Comfort



I have always liked September. In my mind it is associated with new beginnings. I expect this is because I have spent all my working life in schools and colleges. Every new school year begins with the issue of new exercise books. The unblemished pages offer the prospect of excellence and achievement with past errors forgotten.

It's true there is nothing like starting again but its not all that easy. The problem with September is that it is not same beginning place for everyone. Many come as the youngest in their schools or classes, unsure of what is expected of them. Others have ceased to be Juniors and suddenly realise there are different forms of conduct and performance expected of Seniors. And perhaps the worst thing of all for some is the realisation that they are at the threshold of their final year. One way or the other things are never going to be same.

Whether we are beginning a new term, a new job or even retirement there are always thoughts of how we are going to cope. Will we know which way to go? Will anyone remember speak to us? And if they do, will we know what to say? I remember seeing a drawing in a bound copy of the humorous magazine Punch. In the nineteenth century the laugh usually came from an observation rather than a joke. The picture showed beautifully dressed men and women sweeping into a grand hotel where a ball was being held. In the foreground were two mud-spattered street urchins and the one turns to the others and says: "What I wants to know is, where do I fit in?"

In spite of the grammar, the question resonates with all of us. Deep within us is the natural and desperate need to fit in, to know our place. On my first day at school, I arrived not knowing that it was the custom to bring a couple of biscuits to eat with the mid-morning milk. I felt out of place and foolish. When I got home and my parents asked how I enjoyed school, all I could think to do was to blurt out that I had had no biscuits. I hadn't been able to fit in

and so I forgot all about the bright classroom filled with books and toys and all the children who might be my friends.

The nature of life dictates that we are always making new beginning, meeting new people and trying to make sense of fresh places. And the unspoken question which haunts us is: how do I fit in? Which is another way of saying: who am I?.

Our prayers and reading of the scriptures bring the glorious answer which is, nevertheless, so hard to believe and hold on to. In the silence and in the spaces between the words God says: You are my child who has been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. As we face our new days, our farewells and our home comings nothing can change the fact that no matter what other people call us, God calls us his sons and daughters.

Antony

Lectionary for September

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sep 6	Trinity 13		
	Isaiah 35. 4-7a	No reading	Mark 7.24-37
13	Trinity 14		
	Isaiah 50. 4-9a	James 3.1-12	Mark 8.27-38
20	Trinity 15		
	No reading	James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a	Mark 9.30-37
27	Trinity 16		
	No reading	James 5.13-20	Mark 9.38-50
Oct 4	Harvest Festival		
	Joel 2.21-27	No reading	Matthew 6.25-33

Church Calendar for September

Sep	6	Sun	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8	Tue	BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
			7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
	11	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	13	Sun	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			4.30pm	Choral Evensong
	14	Mon	HOLY CROSS DAY	
	15	Tues	7.30pm	Christ Church Trustees
	16	Wed	B&W 1100 Celebrations: Mary Robinson Lecture at Bath Abbey (see p11)	
	17	Thur	CTB Committee at Friends Meeting House	
	18	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	19	Sat	B&W1100 Celebrations Sponsored Walk to Wells	
	20	Sun	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	21	Mon	ST MATTHEW, Apostle	
	23	Wed	12.30pm 4.00pm	St Mary's Charlcombe Quiet Afternoon Led by Mother Sarah
	25	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
			8.00pm	B&W 1100: Radio 4 Any Questions Wells Town Hall
	27	Sun	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	29	Tue	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	
Oct	2	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	4	Sun	HARVEST FESTIVAL	

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Laity Rota for September

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
September	6	Emma Elliott	Richard Gabe	Bev Pont
	13	David Marles	Eileen Selmes	Martin Palmer
	20	Nicky Gladstone	Bob Siderfin	Esme Buss
	27	Morny Davison	Penny Edwards	GeorginaBowman
October	4	David Bishop	Mark Elliott	Jane Fletcher
	11	David Bishop	Sylvia Ayers	Judith Anderson

Chalice Assistants

September	6	Bev Pont	Margaret Burrows
	13	Margaret Heath	Janet Mahto
	20	Jane Fletcher	Penny Edwards
	27	Bob Siderfin	Andrew Sillett
October	4	Tessa Claridge	Bev Pont
	11	Margaret Burrows	Margaret Heath

Intercessors

September	6	Bev Pont
	13	David Marles
	20	Rev Cliff Burrows
	27	Georgina Bowman
October	4	Rev Antony Claridge
	11	Mark Elliott



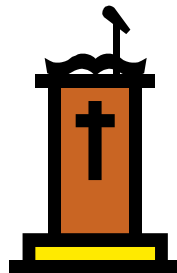
Sidespeople		8am	10am
September	6	Arthur Jones	Andrew Sillett Janet Mahto
	13	Clive Tilling	Morny Davison Margaret Heath
	20	Arthur Jones	Tessa Claridge Emma Elliott
	27	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver Frank Twissell
October	4	Arthur Jones	Ken and Sylvia Ayers
	11	Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett Janet Mahto

Food for thought at Wells this Autumn

A series of lectures at Wells Cathedral focussing on the future of the Church of England in a fast-changing world.

Every Tuesday from September 15 to October 13
7.30pm—9.00pm
Free admission

This year's Autumn Lecture Series of five weekly talks will investigate the church from a variety of perspectives, including the arts and contemporary expressions of Christianity, and the Anglican Church in the context of political order, a changing culture and the worship of other faiths.



The Very Rev Nick Bury, Dean of Gloucester, launches the series and is expected to address 20th century poetry and art in sacred spaces.

Theo Hobson, a London theologian, argues in the September 22 lecture, entitled *The Church and the Liberal State*, that Christianity must affirm secular liberalism and reject its old links with Christendom. In his view, a truly liberal form of Christianity entails the separation of church and state.

Professor Grace Davie, who has a personal Chair in Sociology of Religion at the University of Exeter, will address the topic *From Obligation To Consumption: Different Ways Of Being Church*, in the third lecture.

The fourth in the series, *TS Eliot Revisited—The End Of Christian Society?*, will be delivered by the Very Rev John Clarke, who has been Dean of Wells since 2004. He is particularly interested in how to speak of God in the contemporary world.

The series will conclude with a lecture by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Rev Peter Price. He will discuss *The Church of England: The Next 25 Years in the Context of Other Faiths, the Worldwide Church and the Anglican Communion*. The bishop's special interests include small Christian communities and he is active in issues of reconciliation.

The Contemplative Path

The Contemplative Path is the title of a day designed to explore contemplation and the life of Ety Hillesum, who developed a profound spirituality before dying in Auschwitz. It will be led by Canon Patrick Woodhouse, Precentor of Wells Cathedral and author of a book about Ete Hillesum called, "A Life Transformed".

**The Old Bakery, High Street, Freshford
Saturday, 3rd October from 10 am to 3.30 pm.**

Genesis Matters

Genesis matters to a lot of very needy people.

Here are some practical ways for readers to give their support.

Genesis Trust Supporters Celebration and Party

Tuesday 15th September 2009

7.30pm, St Michael's Church, Broad St, Bath

Come to the first-ever Supporters Celebration and Party. After worship and food, you can hear a bit about Genesis, and listen to a wonderful guest speaker, Ann Morisy. She works alongside churches as they engage with holistic mission in their communities; and using stories, humour, analysis and earthy theology she will look at issues such as suburban struggles, power, and trust. The evening will include a 5-minute AGM and promises to be an entertaining, informative evening.

Sleeping Bags and Men's Clothing

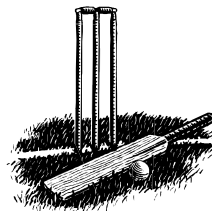


Despite a good response to a recent appeal, Genesis still needs more sleeping bags to give out to the homeless so if you have any unwanted ones, please take them to the Genesis Centre on James St West (opposite the Trinity pub near the cinema) or the Furniture Project. Good, clean, warm clothing is also required.

Can I have more please?

Oliver may have said it first, but Genesis is currently running short of food supplies for their emergency parcels. They are appealing now for donations of tinned and dried food. Please check that any donations are well within their sell by date and drop them at the Furniture Project in St James Street West. There will be an opportunity for Christ Church people to make a **big** contribution at Harvest Festival on 4th October.

Following England's victory in the recent Ashes series, you will, I have no doubt, all want to attend the great cricket match to be held at the County Ground in Taunton on Monday 21st September. This will feature a 30/30 overs match between Bishop Peter's XI and a specially selected XI by the Chairman of Somerset County Cricket.



Bishop Peter has been so inspired by the England that he has decided to make a guest appearance and will play a few overs on the 21st September. The Chairman's side will feature another Bishop, Richard Frith, Bishop of Hull, who was Archdeacon of Taunton and also a Bishop Elect will also be part of Bishop Peter's team—Mark Rylands, Canon Missioner for Exeter Diocese will shortly become Bishop of Shrewsbury.

The match starts at 2pm and is expected to finish at about 6.30pm. Do come along and enjoy a great day out and join church members from all across the Diocese. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Jessica Davies at Diocesan Office.

*Nick Denison Diocesan Secretary
The Old Deanery, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UG*

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.

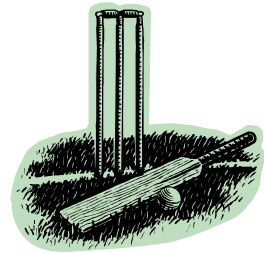
All our yesterdays

Again we dip into the archives for a taste of life at Christ Church at the end of the nineteenth century. This month the focus is on the church as a social centre.

The flats situated across the car park at the west end of the church are known as Christ Church Hall because that is what the building used to be—our Church Hall. The building was sold to the local authority in the 1960's, but in the 1890's and well into the 20th century the building housed a thriving social and recreational centre.

It is September, 1898:

The Christ Church Club which has done some useful work during the summer months, is now getting things in trim for the winter season. The Cricket Club worked well. Its advantages in helping our young men to become proficient in this manly game were great, and others who walked out as spectators and friends thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Thanks are given to those who by their kind donations made this effort possible.



The Billiards Club is also very popular...

The Tournament that has been running for the past three months was one of the largest and best ever held in the club. Our Committee hopes, with the help of friends to be able to start another contest for the winter months.

Success is proving to be a mixed blessing for the bagatelle players.



The Bagatelle Board has become worn out with constant use and it has been necessary to order its repair. When it is ready the Committee will contemplate making the small charge of one half pence per game to reimburse the expense. This table has had little rest for years, game following game without any charge, and

proving a great attraction to the younger men.

The Draughts Section presided over by the Revd FM Russell-Davies is gaining a city-wide reputation.

The game has been studied in real earnest. The League Team reported that they still held the Bath Draughts League Challenge Shield". [This shield is still in the church today!]

Other activities include, gymnastics, chess and woodwork. However, there are worries about the "heavy atmosphere" on winter nights when the gas heaters were on. 1898 sees an important change.

The Committee have determined to introduce the incandescent [electric] light into all the rooms., in the hope not only to increase the light in the evenings, but also to reduce the number of burners and thus improve the purity of the air.

Recreation apart, there are other important examples of what we would now call, social outreach.

The Dinner Kitchen, 27 Morford Street will be reopened on Thursday 2nd November. Although money paid for tickets goes a long way to covering the expenses of the Kitchen, the Treasurer...would be glad to receive some fresh subscriptions. The Kitchens are a great boon to the poor.

Also of great benefit to the poor is the Christ Church Winter Fund. The Vicar appeals for donations, explaining:



This Fund provides Bonuses for the Coal Club, the Clothing Club, and the Penny Bank, and supplies blankets to the poor at half price.

The appeal raises the sum of £30 4s 6d.

In next month's All our Yesterdays, a faraway war casts its shadow over Christ Church.

~ Anniversary Lecture ~

Realising Rights

The role of religion on human rights in the future

Bath Abbey, Wednesday 16th September, 6pm

The Bath & Wells 1100th Anniversary Lecture, given in association with the University of Bath and Bath & North East Somerset Council will be given by The Honourable Mary Robinson.

Before the lecture, Mrs Robinson, who was the UN Commissioner for Human Rights, will be awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the university. In 2004, she received Amnesty International's Ambassador of Conscience Award for her work in promoting human rights.

Admission is by free ticket, available from the Bath Chronicle offices or from the Diocesan Office (01749 670777).

Prayer Cycle for September

September

- Sun 6** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Mon 7** For those suffering from depression; for those struggling to support them.
- Tues 8** For our Church Council, that their meeting tonight may be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Wed 9** For the work of Christian Aid in helping the world's poor.
- Thurs 10** For Angela, our Verger.
- Fri 11** For Margaret and Andrew, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Sat 12** For the work of Dorothy House, for those benefiting from its care and for their families.
- Sun 13** For Mark, our Director of Music and David, our Organist. For our choir.
- Mon 14** For David, our Treasurer and magazine editor.
- Tues 15** For our Trustees, meeting tonight.
- Wed 16** For the Genesis Trust, for all the employees, volunteers and the people that it helps.
- Thurs 17** For all Christians who live and worship in Bath. For the CTB committee, meeting tonight.
- Fri 18** For the work of the Cedar Tree. For Nicky and all the helpers.
- Sat 19** For Chris and Lewis, our church wardens.
- Sun 20** In the Churches Together in Bath rota, we pray for the people and leaders of the Salvation Army and the Orthodox Church.

- Mon 21** For the staff, pupils and governors of St Andrew's and St Stephen's schools.
- Tues 22** That humans may learn humility in our dealing with the natural world.
- Wed 23** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Thurs 24** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Fri 25** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rotas.
- Sat 26** For our politicians and those working in the public service.
- Sun 27** For our Clergy Team.
- Mon 28** For our LMG partners, St Stephen's and St Mary's Charlcombe.
- Tues 29** For those young people leaving home for University.
- Wed 30** Let us thank God for the blessings of the month now ending.

October

- Thurs 1** For those who are preparing for ordination. For all who are considering their vocation.
- Fri 2** For the work of USPG around the world.
- Sat 3** For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families.
- Sun 4** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice. For all prisoners who are held without trial or without the protection of legal systems.

Oh Lord hear my prayer

Circuit of Bath Walk

Homeless charity Julian House will be staging their 9th Circuit of Bath Walk on **Sunday 20 September**. The 20 mile circular route takes in some fantastic countryside on the edge of the city. Participants can do anywhere between 2 and 20 miles; thanks to the unique shuttle bus service that operates between start points on the day.



The route comprises public rights of way through Monkton Combe, Englishcombe, Newton St Loe, Upper Swainswick and Bathampton. Solsbury Hill, the Midford Valley and Woolley are just a few of the scenic highlights.

Not only is this a great day out but participants will also be giving a welcome boost to the charity's work. Although Julian House is best known for its busy Night Shelter, this is only one of services it provides for homeless men and women. Recognising that homelessness is not a single issue Julian House has developed new projects and facilities which aim to tackle the underlying problems which force men and women onto the streets.

Participants can start at any of the five check points, where detailed route instructions are supplied.

Further information is available on the Julian House website

www.julianhouse.org.uk

or by calling Cathy Adcock on 01225 354656

email cathya@julianhouse.org.uk

Calling all women...Be transformed!

At Dress4Dignity Day get hair, make up and clothes styling tips from the professionals, finishing with an evening "Rags to Riches" Ball! Held on 3rd October in Bath in aid of Robin Hood Ministries overseas poverty relieving projects.

Event entrance £10/Ball £25 including buffet

Buy 10 get one ticket free!

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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

Published on the first Sunday of every month, Christ Church Challenge brings news of the church locally, in the Diocese, and throughout the world. Our website is constantly updated and can be found at www.christchurchbath.org

**The deadline for articles for the magazine is the
15th of the preceding month.
Thank you.**