



Sunday 14th June – First Sunday after Trinity

RSCM Music Sunday

Welcome!

Dear friends of Christ Church,

Welcome to this week's bulletin. We hope that you are finding it useful in keeping you in contact with our community in Christ Church in this most difficult time. We welcome contributions from anyone who has a message to give, be it serious or maybe a little humorous. We all need to be able to smile in the face of challenge.

This bulletin will be emailed out to those on our email list. As always, material for inclusion should be emailed by Tuesday evenings to Jude Bishop at notices@christchurchbath.org

Please forward this bulletin to anyone to whom you think it would be of interest. We will print a few paper copies and post them to those who are not on email.

We're now streaming Sunday services from inside church and hopefully you are managing to join in from your living room. A reminder of how you can do this is [here](#). Do please email or post or text prayer requests and we will try to include them week by week. But be aware that the service will be online and so be careful of the confidentiality of friends and loved ones.

The June Link is available online now. Particular thanks to Alex and the other editors for a magazine full of interest. Don't miss the article on Simon Tatton-Brown, the appreciation of Penny and a short story by Fred. If you have any articles you wish to be included in future copies please email Alex at alexs@christchurchbath.org.

The weekly readings are to be found in the Link. All copies of the Link can be found on the website [here](#).

If you are not on the internet you will receive a copy in the post.

Reminder from the Priest-in-charge

If you are experiencing financial problems, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact the Priest-in-charge in confidence.

Sermon for Thursday 11th June, Corpus Christi

OT: Genesis 14: 18-20

NT: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Corpus Christi is the celebration the Institution of the Eucharist. I have to admit I am ambiguous about celebrating Holy Communion on my own. Knowing that we have not been able to share the bread and wine together for nearly three months while sharing is central to the concept of Eucharist is deeply uncomfortable. The Eucharist is about sharing with Christ and sharing with each other. I think that is unprecedented in this country to have had no shared Eucharistic celebrations for nearly three months. While I believe it is essential that we keep faith with the first apostles and that priests throughout the world should continue to consecrate and break bread even without sharing it, we do need to come together to share because together we form the body of Christ, his resurrected presence in the world. That's difficult to explain. Words fail and it's much simpler just to experience it. But at the moment we can't experience it, so I have to use words.

Augustine of Hippo posed the question; *'If Christ has lived, died, been raised from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, how then can he be present in the bread and wine?'* Augustine's answer was that it is we are the body of Christ, we in whom Christ is present. *'It is the sacrament of yourselves that is placed on the Lord's table and it is the sacrament of yourselves that you are receiving,'* he wrote.

Later in this service we will say together *'Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread,'* and as Augustine tells us, *'Bread is not made of a single grain but of many. Wine is not made until grapes have been*

harvested and their juice flows together as one indivisible liquid.' In John's Gospel we hear these images used as a sign that we belong with each other and to Christ.

Today I am using not the flat wafers we usually use in Christ Church but ordinary everyday 'daily' bread. And I am using an earthenware goblet of the sort one might use every day. Because it is the ordinary every day, daily bread that is consecrated at the Eucharist just as it is the ordinary, everyday 'we' who are called together to be Christ's body. That is still the case while we cannot receive bread and wine together in fellowship. We are all Christ's church and we have the joy and privilege and responsibility of being his presence in the world.

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Today's service

10am

OT: Exodus 19: 2-8a

Psalm: 100

NT: Romans 5: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9: 35-10: 8

The anthem this morning is "*Hymn for St Cecilia*" by Herbert Howells (1892-1983), based on a poem by Ursula Vaughan Williams

The hymn is "*Angel voices ever singing*".

Next week

Thursday online Eucharist at 11am

The readings will be:

OT: Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalm 97: 1-8

Gospel: Matthew 6: 7-15

In the meantime, congratulations if you have recently joined us for online services or Bible study or zoom virtual coffee or morning prayer at 8 am every weekday. If you still haven't taken the plunge but would like to have a go and need to have your hand held through the process of accessing Facebook or Zoom so that you too can join us online, do phone or write - or even email. Email Lore, lore.chumbley@me.com for a zoom invitation.

Christ Church opening for private prayer but not yet

The government's announcement that churches will be open for private prayer from June 13th was welcome but unexpected. Our bishops have responded with a comprehensive risk assessment which churches wishing to open must complete. As you know, the builders have been working in Christ Church and work will not be finished there for another six weeks or so. We are in discussion about what can be done to allow those who wish to come to Christ Church for private prayer from time to time. When it is safe and possible we would hope to open initially for one day a week. Although we will not be at our best, we recognise that for many of you a visit to Christ Church would be reassuring - even if the interior looks a bit like a building site. The bishops are adamant that group prayers and worship with a leader in church are not at present possible so opening would be only for private prayer with appropriate distancing.

If you would like to be part of a team of adults providing a presence in church during 'opening hours' please let the churchwardens or the priest in charge know.

A thank you from USPG



Thank you Christ Church, Bath for all your prayers and support.

"I thank very much this programme because it gave me hope and now I am happy and healthier with my family." John, Tanzania.

During these times of uncertainty, I wanted to simply thank you for standing in solidarity with USPG in 2019. You are one of our most committed churches, our partnership with your congregation involves much more than the financial support you have given. We know that your congregation pray, engage with USPG's work and many volunteer their time. USPG holds you, alongside all our partner churches, in our prayers particularly at this challenging time.

There is however much to celebrate: last year was a year of transformation. Your support enabled Anglican churches across the world to respond to the injustices they see in their local communities. Together we have strengthened the mission of the local church as it reaches out in service to others.

This month's charity – Project 28 (chosen by Junior Church)



Project 28 is a young people's drug and alcohol service in Bath & North East Somerset. They provide advice, guidance and one-to-one sessions for young people who are having problems with drugs and/or alcohol. The service is free and confidential. They aim to provide a flexible and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing.

The charity helps young people by offering support and assessment around their drug/alcohol use, employment and training needs and other skills. The charity also supports parent carers of young people using drugs or alcohol problematically.

You can donate here: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/> or contact Emma Elliott, emma@house-of-elliott.com

Or you can donate by giving money directly to Isaac or Emma (if you can get it to them) and they will pass it on to the charity. Please let them know if you are eligible for Gift Aid.

Charity Website:

<https://www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/young-peoples-drug-alcohol-services/bath-north-east-somerset-project-28>

We are keen to promote the charity with some 'Lockdown events' and the first of these is a **Fun Quiz Sheet!**



The attached quiz sheet is a series of fifty clues to different sweets & chocolates (past & present)! You are all, **young and old**, invited to take part by solving the clues and returning your completed quiz sheet to Isaac Elliott, via Emma (emma@house-of-elliott.com)

Whoever solves the most clues will win a selection of sweets!

The closing date for entries is Sunday 28th June.



Thank you very much to those who have already made very generous donations to Project 28, our Charity of the Month. Don't forget that you can take part in our Lockdown Quiz Sheet! The sheet has been emailed to everyone on the Christ Church mailing list and has a sweet theme!

Social action in Bath and Sustainable Food Partnership

The Compassionate Community Hub is now operational across the whole of B&NES, with large numbers of volunteers who are being asked to provide support to people in need in their local areas.

If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, and there is no local group that they can turn to, then they should send an email with the subject "Support" to compassion@3sg.org.uk and the team will pick up your query within 24 hours.

Alternatively, telephone the **Banes Covid/Compassionate Community helpline 0300 247 0050**.

People wanting to register as a volunteer with Compassionate Community Hub should complete the form via this link: <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>.

3SG & the Sustainable Food Partnership have produced a list of local providers offering food to people across Bath and north east Somerset. You can find a comprehensive list [here](#).



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Please tell your older friends about **DAILY HOPE**. Daily Hope is a response to the nearly 3 million older people living in the UK who cannot access the internet and who now find themselves even more isolated and cut off from those around them. Many are struggling with anxiety and fear. Please tell older people who you know about Daily Hope. It's for people with no access to the internet. It's a FREE phone line so that they can listen to hymns, prayers, daily reflections, and a choice of church services. When you phone, the call is answered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Try it now! Thank you.

Time and Talent

Thank you to all who have offered goods or services for this project and those who have taken them up. We are steadily raising funds as a result and as you will remember last Sunday Lore said we've made over £1000 already. We will update you on this on a regular basis. Because of the number of offers we have decided to send out a separate **Time and Talent Update** each Wednesday with all offers. We've added a number of new offers this week so please watch out for it as an email message from Mark Elliott. If you would like further information please contact Jonathan Stead, email jonathanstead20@gmail.com.



Finally, a Prayer

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us
Melt us – into people who truly love our neighbours as ourselves
Mould us – into the one Body of Christ: the church on earth
Fill us – with the fire of the Holy Spirit to sing Your praises
Use us – as Your hands and feet to take the Gospel into the world
Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us.

Christ Church Lockdown quiz from Junior Church

The following are all clues to sweets! **Donations to Project 28 are welcome** (but not compulsory for entry)
 To donate, you can visit <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/> or contact Isaac Elliott for more details emma@house-of-elliott.com. The winner (the entry with the most correct answers) will win a selection of sweets! The closing date is **Sunday 28th June**. In the case of a tie-break, entries will be placed in a hat and the winner will be drawn.

1	Wobbly Infants	
2	Where refined people live	
3	100% precious	
4	9s	
5	Fallen Fruit	
6	Carrier for dairy produce	
7	Mother's local	
8	Royal herbs	
9	Sport of princes	
10	dire hulk tights (anag)	
11	Pick-me-up	
12	Stir up constellations	
13	Enjoyed by Ebenezer Scrooge?	
14	Eritrean showgirls (anag)	
15	Flautist's peril (anag)	
16	Doubly good in French	
17	Corks for mouths	
18	A Galaxy	
19	Punishment for nuts	
20	London has big red ones	
21	Little Richard's favourite	
22	Twenty six and a quarter miles	
23	There's one in a plug	
24	Pirate Loot	
25	Tartan granite	
26	Only they have the answer	
27	US Coin	
28	A vehicle and a coat	
29	It sleeps tonight	
30	Dating Agencies	
31	A Black Miscellany	
32	The Occult perhaps	
33	Paris in turmoil	
34	lovable cartoon dog and cat (1970-80s)	(picture clue! →)
35	The teddy bears had one	
36	Shun mice (anag)	
37	Middle Ages Musicians	
38	Pig's tail perhaps?	
39	A dozen red	
40	10 pins	
41	rubs tarts (anag)	
42	Pirouette	
43	Birmingham model village	
44	Home for alcoholic teeth	
45	Speak quietly	
46	Edible fasteners	
47	Aromatic spheres	
48	Inhabitants of a Mediterranean Island	
49	The Matterhorn hides a bear (logo clue)	
50	Feline gear	

