



# Christ Church Link

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## The call has gone out...

*Too soon to be certain, but early signs are promising*

The process of recruiting a new Priest-in-Charge for Christ Church continues on track. Our advertisement appeared as scheduled in the *Church Times* for the weekends of 17-18 and 24-25 October, and on the Diocesan website.

Interestingly, traffic to our website jumped on the Friday when the advert first appeared, and we've had over 40 visits specifically linking from either the *Church Times* or Diocesan adverts. Unusually, there have also been a significant number of downloads of back issues of *Christ Church Link* from our website. Typically, there will be interest in the current issue when it's first published, plus the current music list and prayer rota, but this unusual pattern looks as if there are several visitors having a browse to find out more about Christ Church.

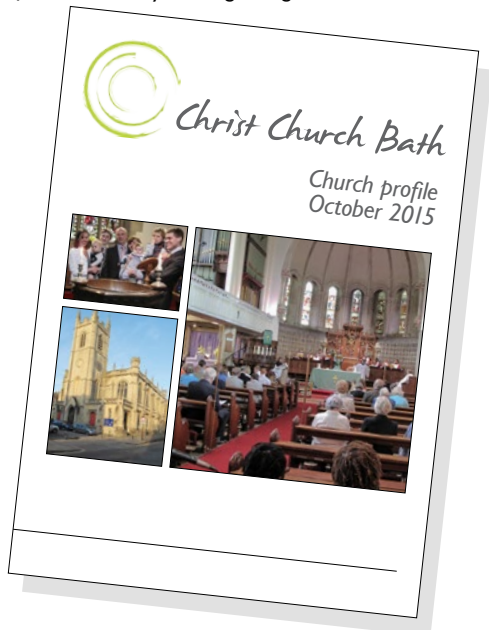
Enquiries are being handled by the Archdeacon of Bath's office and we do not yet have word on whether there have been any expressions of interest, or indeed actual applications for the post. The closing date for applications is Monday 2 November, with interviews scheduled for mid November – always assuming, of course, that there are some suitable applicants to interview!

As the process continues, let's keep all involved in our prayers, including our Trustees, the interview panel and of course any priests considering whether Christ Church would be right for them.

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the ministry of Angela Townshend, and we pray your presence*

*and blessing upon her and Ned. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.*

*Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church as we serve you together in this period without a priest-in-charge. Please guide those who are seeking the right priest for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their future ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.*



*We drafted a 24-page church profile to introduce Christ Church to those who enquired about the post of Priest-in-Charge. There are a few printed proofs at the back of church if you'd like to see it.*

# Welcoming Bishop Ruth

## **Angela Berners-Wilson writes:**

As many of you probably know, wearing my hat as Area Advisor for Women's Ministry for the Archdeaconry of Bath, I had the huge privilege of being invited to robe for and attend the Consecration of the first woman Bishop in England, +Libby Lane, as Bishop of Stockport up in York Minster back in January. The occasion also enabled Andrew and me to visit the Gladstones, with whom we stayed for the previous night.

Be that as it may, I was gutted not to be able to attend the consecration of Bishop Ruth (how good it is to be able to put a female name after the word Bishop at last!) at St Paul's Cathedral at the end of September as it sadly coincided with the first week of the new Academic Year up at the University of Bath, and I really felt I needed to be on hand all that week as it is a crucial time of year, with many lost and bewildered Freshers, and Tuesday is one of the busiest days in the Chaplaincy's weekly calendar.

However I was able to offset that omission by being invited to robe and attend Bishop Ruth's formal Welcome to the Diocese, in my Prebendial capacity. I e-mailed her in advance of this event, apologising that I had not been able to witness her consecration, and she very kindly replied (despite the auto reply to my e-mail stating she would not be starting in the office until the following Monday) thanking me for the part all the 1994 women had played in getting to this stage

where we did now have women Bishops.

+Ruth's welcome to the Diocese was incorporated into the annual Readers Service, where new Readers are made into Readers and the continuing ones normally robe and process in the Cathedral. Because the authorities thought there would be too many people for this to happen, this year only the new ones were allowed to robe. This was rather unfortunate as it caused many to boycott the service. However on Saturday 3rd October the Cathedral was pretty full, and we had a wonderful service – some continuing Readers did robe too.

Bishop Ruth addressed the newly licensed Readers and congregation and delivered her first sermon as a bishop. She said: "Ministry is not about setting ourselves up as people of power, to make judgements of others, or as leaders to whom folk will be drawn, but rather to be messengers of the good news of Jesus. To point towards Christ, whom we follow and who loves each of us. Whatever we have done. Whoever we are.

"We can never hear too often the famous dictum attributed to St Francis: 'Preach the gospel at all times, and use words if you must'. By the way we live, through the things that we do and by the people we are, we are called to make God visible in the world he has created."

Speaking before the event, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt. Revd. Peter Hancock, said: "Whether licensed as a lay minister or



*Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, formerly Archdeacon of Wiltshire, is the new Bishop of Taunton.*



*Having been consecrated in St Paul's Cathedral on 29 September, Bishop Ruth is welcomed to Wells.*

# Mothers' Union news

## **Sylvia Ayers writes:**

Thank you for your continued support for the Mothers' Union, especially while Margaret is unwell. We send her and John all our prayers for a positive result from their hospital treatment, and hope to see them both again in church very soon.

In October, the congregation donated 75 items to help give those currently staying in the Women's Refuge house a chance of a more comfortable life. All your gifts were delivered to them in October, and a list of your donations is on the MU Noticeboard. Our heartfelt thanks go to you all for your generosity. Further donations are always welcome, but because of the secrecy surrounding the location of the Bath Women's Refuge, previous notification is always required before any gifts can be delivered. Please ask Sylvia if you have anything more you wish to give them, but at the same time we will understand if you prefer to give to the Asian Refugee Appeal instead.

Those who have ordered MU items from the Christmas Catalogue should expect to receive their gifts in about a month, and certainly in plenty of time for the Festival. May we wish everyone a Happy Christmas, coupled with the hope that we can all look forward to a trouble-free New Year.

consecrated as a bishop, the 12 people who are the focus of this service have one thing in common: they have each heard God's voice, beckoning them into the adventure of ministry.'

Only five days later I was back in Wells Cathedral to attend the College of Canons Meeting and the annual Dedication Ceremony for the Cathedral. It was a surprising joy to meet a Bishop in the Ladies for the first time ever!

Only last week Bishop Ruth was installing a parish priest into their new living, with the (female) Archdeacon of Wells and the female Rural Dean. Our new Dean of Women's Ministry, who also attended, commented to me "Is this a first?"

Bishop Ruth is a very caring person, with a huge presence – to be honest, I could hear her better than Bishop Peter in the Cathedral that Saturday – and we are lucky to have her. She also seems to be continuing her predecessor's trait of never preaching without mentioning football. She began her sermon by promising to be short or her husband would be full of complaints; it was the Rugby Union World Cup match between England and Australia later that afternoon – perhaps the less said about that the better!

Visit <http://bit.ly/bishopruth> for more pictures of the service.

I look forward to receiving more of +Ruth's ministry in the future.

**Angela Berners-Wilson**



*Bishop Ruth delivers her first sermon as Bishop of Taunton. Photos: Diocese of Bath and Wells.*

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## Pastoral care

If you or someone you know would like a visit, a pastoral talk or Holy Communion at home or in hospital, spiritual care such as prayer or confidential listening, or if you are aware that someone at church hasn't been with us for a bit and might need following up, please contact either of the following:

- Revd Canon Simon Tatton-Brown (01225 835404, [simontb@christchurchbath.org](mailto:simontb@christchurchbath.org)) or
- Keri Chivers (01225 421265, [keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org](mailto:keri.chivers@christchurchbath.org)).

Alternatively, there is a box at the back of the church (usually on top of the bookcase) in which you can tell us – anonymously if you wish – about anyone who may need support.

# A letter from Canon Angela

## **Dear Friends at Christ Church,**

It was so lovely to be with you a few weeks ago. It felt like I had never left!

I hope the process of finding a new priest is going well. I have settled in to life in Surrey and I have some good friends here who are very supportive.

I have decided to worship at the village church. It seems logical to be able to walk to church and to get to know some of the village that way. Unfortunately the music is sadly lacking. I had been spoilt for good music at the Cathedral and then with you. There are few churches that have the quality of music and worship that you enjoy. Make sure you appreciate the musicians and singers you have. You are very lucky.

The vicar here has been ill, so I have offered to take one 8 o'clock service a month as well as filling in for him as and when he wants it. I have also been to one or two other churches and to the Church of England nursing home that Ned might have gone to.

Ned has deteriorated. Some days he is able to communicate and make connections but those days are getting to be less frequent. He was disappointed that Ireland was knocked out of the World Cup. He had been very lively in the previous match when they had won!

I have just been to Edinburgh for a Trustees' meeting and I spent an extra day there visiting the Queen's Gallery and the new Assembly Building. I am not sure what I think of the building but the exhibition of Scottish artists from the Royal Collection was very interesting. I also met up with Anthony Ridge-Newman, who worshipped at Christ Church for a while. He is lecturing in politics at Glasgow and we had a very good meal together.

I miss you all and the wonderful community at Christ Church. Pray for Ned and me as we struggle to keep going. You are welcome in Surrey any time.

**With much love,  
Angela**

## Local Ministry Group weekend away 2016

We are invited to a church weekend away with our Local Ministry Group partners from St Stephen's, Lansdown, and St Mary's, Charlcombe. It's on Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September 2016 at Lee Abbey in Devon.

Lee Abbey is a Christian conference, retreat and holiday centre on the dramatic North Devon coast. The 280-acre estate is located in the beautiful Exmoor National Park.

The weekend will include a programme of activities and workshops; opportunities for

worship, quiet times and pastoral care; lively youth and children's ministry; entertainment and leisure time. It is an occasion for renewal, and for strengthening our relationships with one another and with God.

The cost – including accommodation, all meals and use of facilities – is around £150 per adult, with reduced rates for children, but please talk to one of the churchwardens if you wish to come but the cost is an obstacle.

There's more information on the noticeboards at the back of church. We are asked to sign up in order to confirm numbers and secure our booking. For information about Lee Abbey, see <http://leeabbey.org.uk/devon>



# Bishop's Message for November

*The meaning of ministry*



**From The Rt Revd  
Ruth Worsley,  
Bishop of Taunton**

Greetings to you! I am thrilled to be here in Somerset having been officially installed as the Bishop of Taunton. The warmth of the welcome I have received has been humbling.

Nineteen years to the day after I was ordained a deacon, I was standing in St Paul's Cathedral opposite the Archbishop of Canterbury as he consecrated me a bishop in the Church of England. A few days later I joined 11 others as part of a special service of welcome at Wells Cathedral where we were all admitted into our respective office of ministry. We had gathered there together, each with our own stories of how God had called us.

Ministry is not about setting ourselves up as people of power, to make judgements of others, or as leaders to whom folk will be drawn, but rather to be messengers of the good news of Jesus. To point towards Christ whom we follow and who loves each of us. Whatever we have done. Whoever we are.

Ministry in the Church of God is not something that can be undertaken in isolation, but rather it is about joining together with the whole people of God, Bishop and Reader, Churchwarden, men and women, lay and ordained, young and older, whatever our ethnicity or educational qualifications, to tell our part of the story.

So I look forward with anticipation to meeting with you as we seek to grow God's Kingdom in Somerset. Over the coming weeks, months and years I hope to meet with many of you in your communities to hear your part of the story and to work alongside you through the joys and pains of ministry, in whatever shape that may be, as we seek to bring the Gospel afresh to the people of Somerset.

Prayers and blessings,

**+Ruth Taunton**

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## Charities for 2016

As a registered charity, Christ Church is not legally permitted to donate money from its general funds for any purposes other than those set out in its own governing document, and our Trust Deed specifies very narrow aims. Nominating Charities of the Month makes it possible for us to give practical support to a variety of worthy causes.

Each month, the loose collection in the plate on the second Sunday of the month goes to a nominated Charity of the Month. It's time to draft a list of charities for 2016. If you want to nominate any charities you think we should support, please give the details to one of the Christ Church Council charities committee: Rowena Hall, Sharon Rawlings, Andrew Sillett and Angela Soboslay.

The Christ Church congregation continue to respond with great generosity to charity requests. Our impromptu extra appeal for the European refugee crisis in September raised an amazing £310, which means that with Gift Aid tax reclaimed we were able to send a total of £385 to Christian Aid. Janet Mahto's apple-picking party on Sunday 13 September raised a magnificent £455 for Genesis. Thanks for your astonishing generosity!

## Bell finds a new home



*Our former 6th bell has been installed at St. Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill, Sydney, thanks to the work of the Keltek Trust. It is fitted for full-circle ringing and perhaps one day will be the tenor of a ring of bells. Photos courtesy of Fr. Kim Ha (church) and Ron Shepherd (bell installation).*

## A talk on Invisible Refugees

*What is it?* Naomi Pendle, recently returned from six years researching and working on the humanitarian response in South Sudan, will be giving insights on “Invisible refugees: testimonies of fleeing conflict and living as refugees from beyond Europe”. Refugees flowing into Europe are hitting the headlines, but there are other, less visible refugee crises around the world, particularly in South Sudan. The event is organised by Churches Together in Bath (CTB). Tea and cakes will be available. *When is it?* Saturday 14 November, 4pm–6pm *Where?* St Stephen’s church, Lansdown Road BA1 5SX *Admission free.* For details e-mail the CTB NE area secretary, [pamelacavallini@sky.com](mailto:pamelacavallini@sky.com)

## This month’s charity: Us Advent Appeal

*The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 8 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of this month, will go to help Us support refugees in Europe.*

Us (the United Society, formerly USPG) is issuing an appeal for donations to fund the Diocese in Europe as it reaches out to refugees arriving throughout Europe. Donations to the Us Rapid Response Fund will help the Diocese to provide emergency medical support, food, shelter and pastoral care for refugees, particularly in Greece.

Over 500,000 migrants are estimated to have arrived in Europe this year. Many are



*The Diocese in Europe has asked Us to be the official agency for Anglican churches in Britain and Ireland to channel donations for its work with refugees arriving in Europe.*

Syrians fleeing fighting in their country. Large numbers were living in over-populated UN refugee camps in

Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon. But with conditions in the camps deteriorating – and hopes for peace in Syria fading – desperate families have been travelling overland to the Turkey coast, then taking boats to Greece, hoping eventually to find refuge in Europe.

The Diocese in Europe is working ecumenically with local churches and agencies to reach out to the refugees. It has committed to the following initiatives in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Church:

- On the Island of Leros, a church centre is housing refugees and providing food, clothing, toiletries and medicine.
- On the Island of Samos, a church hostel is caring for 600 refugees, mostly Iraqi and Afghan, many of whom have medical needs.
- In Athens, the church is working with the Salvation Army to provide food, water and medicine to refugees who congregate in local parks.

For more about Us and its Advent Appeal, visit [www.weareus.org.uk/news/europe](http://www.weareus.org.uk/news/europe)



## ChurchLive broadcasts CofE services across the world

The Church of England is partnering with Twitter UK to broadcast services across the world using mobile technology.

ChurchLive, has been in conjunction with Twitter as a way of showcasing a broad range of live church services to global audiences simply and accessibly through use of a smartphone. ChurchLive could be the first taste of Church for those unfamiliar with church services and an introduction to the best of worship, preaching and prayer. ChurchLive will also enable other people to rediscover church in a new way or for those in other countries to learn more about Church of England services.

Rev Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council said: "This is a project designed to bring Church of England services from Malton to Miami, Middlesbrough to Milan and Manchester to Mumbai. Those who may not make it to church on a Sunday for all sorts of reasons will have the opportunity to be part of a service. The ability to join in worship shouldn't be restricted to geographical constraint. We know that Periscope users are a global audience and we expect that there will be as many watching services broadcast via Periscope as are physically present at the services themselves."

Earlier this year parishioners at one village church, St Radegund's Church in Grayingham, in the Diocese of Lincoln, were joined by another 350 people around the world for their regular

traditional Sunday service after becoming the first to experiment with Periscope.

Julia White from Twitter UK, said: "Periscope gives people and communities the opportunity to live broadcast everything from on-the-spot breaking news through to individual reflections. It's great to see the Church of England taking the best of what they have to offer and using Periscope to show it live across the world."

Tallie Proud, Digital Officer for The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England said: "It could be someone too ill to attend, a family who want to 'attend' even when on holiday or someone who just wants to know what the church is like before they make the sometimes scary step of walking into the building for the first time."

ChurchLive will see a different church in the Church of England broadcast a live weekly service to global audiences via the Periscope app over the course of a year. The first service took place on Sunday 11th October and featured a service with Canon Andrew white, the 'Vicar of Baghdad' who spoke at The Point, a Fresh Expressions church in West Sussex. Future services planned include St Martin in the Fields in London and Beverley Minster.

**Follow @ChurchLive on Twitter and get involved with the initiative by visiting [bit.ly/cofchurchlive](http://bit.ly/cofchurchlive)**

## Archbishop Sentamu leads Harvest Celebrations

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, was joined by children from St Lawrence's Primary CofE School to lead Harvest celebrations at St Lawrence's church, York.

The Revd Jane Natrass, Vicar of St Lawrence's church said, "It was wonderful to be joined by Archbishop Sentamu and children from St Lawrence's school for our Harvest Festival service. The children each brought one item of food, whether it was an apple, a potato or a carrot.

"To show that a little can go a long way, we'll be taking each of those gifts and turning them into soup and apple pies for our Harvest Supper. We invite people who are elderly or live alone to our supper, and we hope that some of the children will be able to come along as well, to see how their little gift has made a big difference to people."

Archbishop Sentamu said, "It was wonderful to see so many of the children from St Lawrence's Primary School in church on Sunday."

As part of his sermon, Archbishop Sentamu threw sweets to the school children and the other people in the congregation. The people at the front got lots of sweets, and the people at the back got none.

He explained afterwards, "I hope my sermon helped them to understand that there is injustice in the world. Whether you have enough to eat depends on where you are sitting, and that isn't right!

"There is enough food to go round us all, but it depends on us sharing with others. May those of us who have plenty to eat be aware of those who don't, and in a world that isn't fair, may we be committed to the fair distribution of food."

## Launch of Character Education report

Resourcing Ministerial Education: Future Funding Model for training ordinands

The original 12 proposals presented at Synod in February 2015 have been revised significantly in the light of the consultation earlier this year with dioceses and Theological Education Institutions (TEIs). Further consultation with dioceses and TEIs on the revised proposals is now taking place, with a view to recommendations reaching the House of Bishops and Archbishops' Council in December. A report is expected to be presented at Synod in February 2016, with a view to implementation from September 2017.

### Growing Vocations

Following a review of Diocesan vocations resources, a new working group chaired by the Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, has concluded that greater support would increase candidate numbers. A plan is now being developed across dioceses to encourage vocations opportunities with a particular focus on the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme (CEMES).

### Facilitating Lay Leadership

In September the Archbishops' Council established a working group on lay leadership reflecting

the desire nationally to increase participation by lay members of the Church. The group is chaired by Matthew Frost, a lay member of Archbishops' Council and will report back in September 2016.

### Nurturing and Discerning Future Leaders

The main themes of this work are developing confident leaders and evangelists and collaborative teams, both lay and ordained; refining management skills to oversee resources, structures and people; and developing a diverse pool of those who may be called to posts of wider responsibility in the future.

### Training for senior leaders

A number of programmes have taken place in 2015 including a business programme for Deans at the Judge Business School and a Leadership Programme for suffragan bishops. A follow up programme on team-working for deans and an extended induction programme for bishops will be run in December. The Strategic Leadership Development Programme was launched in July 2015. The schedule for 2016 will build on this year's programme, offering a wide variety of opportunities for development. Feedback on recent courses has been encouraging.



## Pilgrim Course celebrates second anniversary in Birmingham

Pilgrim, the Church of England's national discipleship programme, celebrated its two year anniversary on 1st October at St Martin in the Bull Ring, Birmingham.

Around 100 people attended the event, which heard the Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft and Dr Paula Gooder speaking about the course including a demonstration of one of the sessions.

The Course has already sold more than 90,000 copies since its launch in 2013 and is earning a reputation for being accessible to many different people in a variety of circumstances, based on the feedback received at the event in Birmingham.

A total of 31 authors have contributed to Pilgrim. They include 10 diocesan bishops, the Director of Christian Aid, Loretta Minghella and internationally renowned speaker J. John. Their range of perspectives and experience means that the course has a wide appeal. The two stages of the course, Follow and Grow, allow anyone to engage with Pilgrim. Follow focuses on introducing new Christians, or those with no faith, to Christianity. Grow delves deeper into the central topics of Christianity and aims to develop discipleship.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has spoken about Pilgrim, identifying it as a new tool for the Church of England in "the joyful task of leading people to know Jesus Christ".

Both the Archbishop of Canterbury and York describe the course as being "offered to the parishes and communities of the Church of England that we might take more seriously the Great Commission to make new disciples, and build in each of our parishes a place where people can come to know Christ and follow in the way of faith".

The format of Pilgrim is designed to be as accessible as possible. Every stage contains four short six-session courses, each looking at a major theme of Christian life. You can order the books to follow the course from Church House Publishing, and the audio and videos that support each session are available for free on the Pilgrim website.

Pilgrim was commissioned by the House of Bishops in 2013 to support spiritual and numerical growth in church.

**For more information visit [www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org)**

## Archbishop's XI cricket team blessed ahead of Vatican match

The Archbishop of Canterbury has given his blessing to the Archbishop's XI cricket team before they head out to Rome to play a Vatican side.

Team members shared the Eucharist with Archbishop Justin Welby, who afterwards wished them success in their second Twenty20 match against the St Peter's Club. The Archbishop's XI will travel to Rome, where it is expected they will meet Pope Francis.

Last autumn, in a historic first match between Vatican and Anglican sides, the Archbishop's XI

narrowly triumphed with five balls to spare in a memorable showdown at Kent County Cricket Club ground in Canterbury.

The match, played in front of a 1000-strong crowd, including Archbishop Justin Welby and the Papal Nuncio, raised money for the Global Freedom Network, a joint anti-trafficking initiative.

# National consultation launched to improve support for church buildings

As part of its Reform and Renewal programme, which was debated in the General Synod in February, the Church of England has published a report and launched a consultation on proposals to improve the support for its 16,000 church buildings.

The report comes from the Church Buildings review group, which was chaired by the Bishop of Worcester, the Dr John Inge. It constitutes the first attempt in many years to undertake a comprehensive review of the Church of England's stewardship of its church buildings and includes a wide range of statistics, a substantial theological reflection and a survey of various initiatives being taken in individual dioceses. The report goes on to identify a number of principles that should shape the Church's approach and makes some specific recommendations.

## Reform & Renewal Round Up

The Church of England's Church Buildings Council is working with Historic England and other partners to understand what special challenges may face people in managing and caring for this particular type of place of worship in our changing 21st century society.

There are more than 200 historic parish churches in England with a floor space of more than 1000m<sup>2</sup>. However no research has ever been done to try to understand whether there are particular challenges or opportunities that make them harder or easier for their congregations to maintain and sustain than the 14,500 smaller listed places of worship.

Historic England, Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Greater Churches Network, the Church Buildings Council and Doncaster Min-

ster have launched a partnership project to fill this gap in understanding. The project partners will publish the findings from this research in Autumn 2016.

This research will explore the current physical condition and the resources available to maintain, repair, manage and sustain larger historic churches.

It will focus on highly significant buildings used by the community and nation that are expected to provide functions and services beyond those of a typical parish church (civic, cultural, ecclesiastical, tourism, etc.) but only have the resources of a parish church.

Welcoming the opening of the consultation, Bishop John said:

"Our 16,000 church buildings are a visible sign of ongoing Christian faith in communities throughout England as well as being an unparalleled part of our country's heritage. This report looks at how we can best support the thousands of local volunteers who care deeply for and about churches and offer wonderful service to their communities using their churches."

[bit.ly/MajorParishChurches](http://bit.ly/MajorParishChurches)

# Christ Church calendar Nov. 2015

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| <b>Nov</b> | <b>1</b>  | Sun | <i>All Saints</i><br>4:30pm Choral Evensong  |
|            | <b>2</b>  | Mon | <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</i>                                     |
|            | <b>6</b>  | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm   |
|            | <b>7</b>  | Sat | <i>217th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church</i><br>Concert by Spiritus Mundi, 7:30pm |
|            | <b>8</b>  | Sun | <i>Remembrance Sunday</i><br>8am Holy Communion (BCP)  |
|            | <b>12</b> | Thu | Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm  |
|            | <b>13</b> | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm   |
|            | <b>15</b> | Sun | <i>Second Sunday before Advent</i>   |
|            | <b>20</b> | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm   |
|            | <b>22</b> | Sun | <i>Christ the King / Patronal Festival</i>   |
|            | <b>24</b> | Tue | Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm  |
|            | <b>26</b> | Thu | Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm  |
|            | <b>27</b> | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm   |
|            | <b>29</b> | Sun | <i>Advent Sunday</i>   |
|            | <b>30</b> | Mon | <i>Andrew the Apostle</i>  |
| <b>Dec</b> | <b>4</b>  | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm   |
|            | <b>6</b>  | Sun | <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i><br>6:30pm Advent Carol Service                                      |

**Got something you want to let everyone know about? Pop a note in the "Magazine Editor" pigeonhole at the back of church or send an e-mail with all the details to [magazine@christchurchbath.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org). For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for November 2015

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>1</b>  | For all clergy taking services at Christ Church                 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>2</b>  | For those who work in the hospitality industry                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>3</b>  | For the work of Julian House                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>4</b>  | For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>5</b>  | We give thanks for those who inspire us                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>6</b>  | For the homeless  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>7</b>  | For Us and other Christian charities                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8</b>  | For our search for a new priest-in-charge                       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>9</b>  | For those who work in local government                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10</b> | That we may be peacemakers                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>11</b> | For victims of violence   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>12</b> | For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>13</b> | For those who live or work in care homes                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>14</b> | For those who travel  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>15</b> | For Alex and Malcolm our churchwardens                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>16</b> | For those who work in financial services                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>17</b> | We give thanks for the beauty of creation                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>18</b> | For those who work in dangerous conditions                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>19</b> | For our link dioceses in Zambia                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>20</b> | For all refugees  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>21</b> | For those who are preparing for marriage or recently married    |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>22</b> | For our servers and others who assist at the altar              |

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>23</b> | For our armed forces and police                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>24</b> | For Christian unity                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>25</b> | That we may have the gift of joy                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>26</b> | For those in hospital                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>27</b> | For those who are unable to keep warm              |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>28</b> | For our plans for the church building              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>29</b> | For our Diocese of Bath and Wells                  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>30</b> | We give thanks for the blessings of the past month |

## Long-term Prayer List

*Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...*

Rachel Sillett  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Marjorie Nicholson  
 Ned Townshend  
 Joyce Fairburn  
 Val Curtis  
 Katharine

Nadja Druke  
 Denise Erlandsen  
 Martin Palmer  
 Jo Ann Briton  
 David Slater  
 Rosemary Bethel  
 Derek Wrigley

***Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.***

### **Christ Church Link**

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# Rotas for November 2015

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

|                                    | Old Testament                               | New Testament                                  | Gospel                                   |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>1 Nov</b><br>All Saints         | <b>Andrew Sillett</b><br>Wisdom 3:1-9       | <b>David Bishop</b><br>Revelation 21:1-6       | <b>Daphne Radenurst</b><br>John 11:32-44 |
| <b>8 Nov</b><br>Remembrance        | <b>Judith Anderson</b><br>Jonah 3:1-5,10    | <b>Jane Fletcher</b><br>Hebrews 9:24-28        | <b>Morny Davison</b><br>Mark 1:14-20     |
| <b>15 Nov</b><br>2nd before Advent | <b>Sylvia Ayers</b><br>Daniel 12:1-3        | <b>Mark Elliott</b><br>Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 | <b>Penny Edwards</b><br>Mark 13:1-8      |
| <b>22 Nov</b><br>Christ the King   | <b>Brenda Wall</b><br>Daniel 7:9-10,13-14   | <b>Alex Soboslay</b><br>Revelation 1:4b-8      | <b>Judith Bishop</b><br>John 18:33-37    |
| <b>29 Nov</b><br>Advent            | <b>Virginia Knight</b><br>Jeremiah 33:14-16 | <b>Malcolm Wall</b><br>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  | <b>Margaret Heath</b><br>Luke 21:25-36   |
| <b>6 Dec</b><br>Advent 2           | <b>Rebekah Cunningham</b><br>Malachi 3:1-4  | <b>Lewis Boyd</b><br>Philippians 1:3-11        | <b>Rowena Hall</b><br>Luke 3:1-6         |

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

|               | Chalice assistants               | Sidespeople                        | Intercessions         |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1 Nov</b>  | Keri Chivers,<br>Andrew Sillett  | Margaret Silver,<br>Jane Nicholson | Penny Edwards         |
| <b>8 Nov</b>  | Janet Mahto,<br>Clive Tilling    | Andrew Sillett,<br>Rowena Hall     | Margaret Heath        |
| <b>15 Nov</b> | Jane Fletcher,<br>Keri Chivers   | Janet Mahto,<br>Morny Davison      | Rebekah<br>Cunningham |
| <b>22 Nov</b> | Clive Tilling,<br>David Rawlings | Ken Ayers,<br>Sylvia Ayers         | Debbie Pow            |
| <b>29 Nov</b> | Brenda Wall,<br>Andrew Sillett   | Morny Davison,<br>Margaret Silver  | Sarah Jones           |
| <b>6 Dec</b>  | Janet Mahto,<br>Clive Tilling    | Margaret Heath,<br>Jane Nicholson  | Mark Elliott          |

# Who's who at Christ Church

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|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Priest-in-charge</b>                        | (Position vacant)   | <b>Concert bookings,<br/>weekly notice sheet</b>    | Judith Bishop<br>01225 869409<br>concerts@christchurchbath.org<br>notices@christchurchbath.org   |
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| <b>Ringing Master<br/>Steeple Keeper</b>       | Will Willans<br>David Kelly   |   |  |



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# About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,  
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty  
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on a Sunday morning, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir. New singers of all ages are always welcome. Our ecumenical Home Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

## Regular Sunday services

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

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



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