



## Our new Priest-in-Charge

*A few words about – and a few from – our new incumbent*

**Sarah Jones, Chair of the Trustees of Christ Church, writes:**

*It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new Priest-in-Charge will be Revd Lore [pronounced “Laura”] Chumbley. The decision of the interview panel was unanimous. Lore impressed us with her wisdom, prayerfulness, vision and humour. She felt a strong calling to Christ Church, despite the fact that she wasn’t actively seeking a new job when she heard about us. Lore’s licensing and installation will take place at 11am on Saturday 12 March.*

*Thank you for all your prayerful support through the vacancy this far. I look forward to continuing to work together as we prepare for Lore and Colin’s arrival.*

**From Revd Lore Chumbley:  
Dear friends at Christ Church,**

Colin and I are hugely looking forward to joining you this coming Spring.

We are both Southerners – I am from Kent and Colin from London. We have spent the last 20 years in the North because I had a job as a Consultant Hand Surgeon in the Liverpool Plastic Surgery Unit until two years ago, when I gave it up to spend more time on the Church. Colin was a lecturer in Anatomy until his retirement some years ago.

I have been Curate at St Thomas’ Stockton Heath and St Mary Magdalene for three years, and our plan was to stay in Cheshire for ever – but God’s plan seems to have been different, and although we will be sorry to say goodbye to friends here, we are excited about the path ahead. My mother and younger

sister live in Somerset and our hearts always lighten as I turn towards the South and West.

In worship I am drawn to music and liturgy as structure in which I can worship honestly and fully. I love Mozart, flowers and Italy. Colin likes crosswords, Sudoku and Shostakovich and is looking forward to living near a bookshop.

The photo I have sent is from the time of my ordination. But I have been moulded and changed by three years of a busy curacy since then!

I have tried and tried to take a decent photo of my handsome but totally unphotogenic husband – so I’m afraid you will have to wait until you see him!

**Lore and Colin**



# Reconnect with God's Earth in Lent

The Psalms tell us how the fields, trees and mountains also express God's glory, and Jesus reminds us how the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields are equally a part of God's plan. This Lent (10 February to 26 March) we can deepen our love of God and appreciate and protect the planet for the future.

EcoChurch Southwest is combining spirituality with direct action. Daily e-mails with bible readings, reflections and practical ideas will heighten awareness of the web of life and our interconnectedness with all things. In particular there will be encouragement to use our senses more to recognise God in the very breath of life, in the garden, through streams and rivers, stars and flowers. Sign up on the website: [ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk](http://ecochurchsouthwest.org.uk)

If you're not connected, we can arrange to print out the readings from the website. A recommended book is Bishop Graham Usher's *Places of Enchantment: Meeting God in Landscapes*, which asks "how do we encounter God in creation". You can view a lecture on the subject by Bishop Graham at <https://youtu.be/TpoNgOxOFN8>



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Working in partnership for a low carbon future

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## Alcohol licence

Christ Church now has a Premises Licence, which means we are legally permitted to serve alcoholic drinks to people attending ticketed functions such as concerts and book signings. There are some conditions – notably, alcohol can be served only to people attending a pre-arranged event, and Standing Committee must authorise the serving of alcoholic drinks. Alcohol can be served only up to 11pm, and must not be taken off the premises. Anyone who is fortunate enough to look under 25 must be asked for verification of their age.

## Coming events

This month in Wells Cathedral, BA5 2US  
[wells cathedral.org.uk](http://wells cathedral.org.uk)

### Tallis Promenade Concert

*What is it?* Each year, in early January, the chairs are removed from the Nave of Wells Cathedral. This allows visitors to appreciate the medieval Nave in its original state without furniture and walk around during concerts.

This concert features Renaissance music in praise of St Cecilia conducted by Peter Leech. In aid of the Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust.  
*When is it?* Friday 15 January, 7pm–8:30pm  
*Tickets* £10 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) or at the door

### Children's Festival 2016

*What is it?* A fun day for children, church groups and families, packed full of activities including games, worship, fun and even live animals. Our theme for 2016 is "Elements of God's World". Suitable for 4 to 11 year olds.  
*When is it?* Saturday 16 January, 10am–4pm  
*Tickets* £1 per person. Call 01749 674483 or e-mail [education@wells cathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@wells cathedral.org.uk)

### Bach Day at Wells Cathedral

*What is it?* A festive day of Bach performances in some of the cathedral's most inspiring spaces, with musicians from Wells Cathedral School, from the most intimate of keyboard pieces and dances for solo string instruments, to the glorious liturgical music for choir and organ. Includes Epiphany Cantata at 5.15pm (during Choral Evensong) and a free organ recital at 1:05–1:40pm (in the Quire).  
*When is it?* Thursday 21 January, 10:30am  
*Admission* free; retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

### Opus Anglicanum Promenade Concert

*What is it?* This is the Candlemas Procession of Chant – including Vespers recited in the Quire and music for the blessing of candles, followed by the procession in which the audience joins, around the entire Cathedral.  
*When is it?* Friday 22 January, 6:45–8:15pm  
*Tickets* £15 from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office (01749 672773) and at the door

# Last month in Christ Church...



December saw a lot of activity at Christ Church as we hosted several services held by St Mary's Roman Catholic church and shared with them a packed Christmas Carol Service, pictured at right (photo courtesy of Malcolm Wall). Above, younger members of our congregation presented our traditional Nativity Play on Sunday 20 December.



On Monday 21 December we said farewell to Christine Whewey in a service of thanksgiving for her life conducted by our former Priest-in-Charge Canon Angela Townshend and the Archdeacon of Brighton, Martin Lloyd-Williams, former Rural Dean of Bath and a former student of Christine's when she was a French teacher.



In December we welcomed the newest member of the Christ Church family, Owen Iain Cade. He was born just before midnight on December 2nd at the RUH, weighing 8lb 7oz. Congratulations to Sarah, Iain and big brother Marcus!

## Deanery Confirmations

This year's Confirmation service for the Bath Deanery will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 9 February at St Bartholomew's Church, 1 King Edward Road, Oldfield Park BA2 3PB. This year there are no Confirmation candidates from Christ Church, but we are all invited to this short service to show our support and welcome those being confirmed from our sister churches in the area.



## Pastoral care

There are times in everyone's life when there is need for help and support from friends and neighbours. At Christ Church, we have a team of people able to help at times like this. This might include social, home and hospital visits, practical help and spiritual care (prayer, home communion and confidential listening).

If you or someone you know would like a visit, a pastoral talk or Holy Communion at home or in hospital, 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.

## 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 January

*What will the New Year mean for you?*



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

Did you know that 2016 is designated the year of the monkey in the Chinese calendar? And the UN calls it the year of pulses – not the one that beats blood around our bodies but rather “nutritious seeds for a sustainable future”. (Last year was the year of soil!)

I wonder what you will make of this New Year. How would you like to recognise it? The year in which you achieve a promotion at work? Gain qualifications at school? Have a year free from pain or ill health? Mend a relationship?

How about seeing this year as one when you can pass on the good news of the love of Jesus to someone you know?

Did you know that on average the decline in numbers in church attendance across the Church of England amounts to about one person per congregation per year? Just imagine what could happen if you introduced one new person to church this year. And if each of your fellow church members did so too then we would see an amazing reverse of the trend!

But frankly it's not about reversing the decline in our church numbers, is it. Much more important is that there are people around us who are missing out on knowing that God loves them. And we can do something about that – through our prayers, our care and our words.

So who might you pray for this year? Is there a neighbour, a family member, a work colleague or a friend who could really do with God's blessing this year? And as you pray, listen out for what God might say to you about being the answer to that prayer. Perhaps you could be the one who shows them they matter to someone.

And how about your church community? What might you do together to send a message of love to your parish, the people you live among and serve? And in so doing think about how you might tell them that your act of kindness and care comes with the love of God attached!

With love and prayers for you all this New Year!

**+Ruth Taunton**

# Bath Christian Action Network

*Discover the umbrella group for local Christian social action*

Bath Christian Action Network (Bath-CAN) provides a focus for communications between Christians in Bath and all the communities that Christians are wanting to serve through this network, linking together all the Christian churches, agencies, projects and individuals in Bath – for the people of Bath.

The idea for BathCAN came from a discussion between local church leaders in September 2011. We've established an approach that seems to be acceptable to most Christians, and a style of activity that has encouraged real partnerships for social action. Projects have included Family Matters (supporting families in partnership with BANES Council) and working with the Bath area Home for Good charity and BANES to support fostering and adoption.

We have managed three conferences. One on 7th October 2015 at the Guildhall was a joint event with BANES Council at which the primary aim was to endorse the partnership with the Council and to present the local report from the Cinnamon Network Faith Action Audit held last February. Eighty

people attended including several elected Councillors.



*Love Bath, the annual Christian celebration in Bath, now falls under the auspices of BathCAN.*

We're often asked what is the difference between Bath Churches Together and Bath Christian Action Network? The easiest description is that CTB is about the institutional aspect of being together – that is, the relationship between Churches and their leaders especially at a local level. BathCAN is specifically interested in gathering Christians together to sustain current social action projects and to identify and arrange to deliver new activity.

We have now brought two regular and popular events within the scope of BathCAN. Each has its own organising committee but to have a link through a network is helpful. Love Bath and Prayers For The City (including the Lent Prayer Booklet) are now items on the BathCAN Steering Group Agenda.

We can respond to urgent need. We are working closely with Council officers to identify the best contribution that the Churches and Christians can make to the Syrian Refugee crisis. More about this in due time.

Putting all this together needs money – not a lot, but certainly enough to cover the cost of communications, conferences and some administration. We shall still need to invite contributions for Love Bath. However, to have some money to “kick-start” some of these events would be useful... We estimate that we need to find about £3,000 per annum to cover the basic costs. We're praying that you will respond either with a personal gift of say £100 per annum or a church gift of say £200 per annum... We're not a registered charity (a bit small for that) and so we don't have the means of claiming Gift Aid.

*If you'd like to find out about donating, please speak to one of the Churchwardens. For more about BathCAN, speak to Margaret Heath or visit [www.facebook.com/BathCAN](http://www.facebook.com/BathCAN)*

## Archbishop invites more young Christians to spend ‘a year in God’s time’

The Archbishop of Canterbury has invited more young Christians to join the Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace.

Applications are open for the second year of the programme, which offers people aged 20-35 the opportunity to spend ‘a year in God’s time’ as they live together as a community inspired by the monastic traditions.

The participants commit to a year of prayer, studying theology and ethics, and serving the poorest in local communities, adopting a pattern of life devoted to Jesus Christ that monastics down the centuries would recognise.

The first year of the programme has seen 36 young men and women forming a community based at Lambeth Palace. Sixteen residential members from around the world – including the USA, Kenya and Australia – have been joined by 20 non-residential members who live and work in London.

Archbishop Justin Welby has made the renewal of prayer and Religious life a priority for his ministry.

The Prior of St Anselm, Anders Litzell said: “I’m looking for people who above everything

else want to follow Jesus, grow in likeness of Jesus by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father. It is as simple as that. You can come from any Christian denomination and any part of the world.

“Our first intake have been here for three and a half months and it’s been an extraordinary journey. It’s been beautiful, it’s been challenging, it has been of God and I am deeply humbled, very excited for what the rest of this year will hold for the current members.”

Shannon Preston, a residential member from Minnesota, USA, said: “Having two hours a day to pray is unreal and I’m not sure where I would get that outside of this year. I show up and trust that God is there as well. It’s such a gift.”

**You can find out more about The Community of St Anselm by visiting [www.stanselm.org.uk](http://www.stanselm.org.uk)**

**To listen to interviews with Prior Anders Litzell and Community of St Anselm members visit [bit.ly/StAnselmAudio](http://bit.ly/StAnselmAudio)**

## CofE & Archbishop Justin welcome COP21 agreement

Welcoming the climate deal reached in Paris, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said the global church must be a key partner in tackling climate change.

“I warmly welcome the agreement that almost 200 states came to in Paris on Saturday, setting a clear and ambitious path towards tackling global climate change.

“As faith leaders, we urged those participating in the negotiations to apply the best of our world’s intellectual, economic and political resources to reach a legally-binding global agreement to limit the global rise in average temperatures to 2°C. The commitment made by world leaders to hold the increase in global temperatures to ‘well below’ this level is welcome and courageous progress.

“Those most affected by climate change are the poor. In our prayers and actions we must demonstrate our love for them through sus-

tainable and generous innovation.

“The success of the negotiations to bring together so many different countries and groups to an agreement is a remarkable achievement.

“One of the Anglican Communion’s marks of mission says that we are “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth”. The global church – extraordinarily led on the issue of climate change by Pope Francis and the Ecumenical Patriarch – must be a key partner in tackling climate change. As the Body of Christ, his church is called to be incarnational. Each of us has a role to play, if we are to help achieve what has been agreed in Paris.”

**Find out more about the COP21 talks and the Pilgrimage2Paris by visiting [www.pilgrimage2paris.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimage2paris.org.uk)**

## Bringing churches to life - an update from Bishop John Inge from November General Synod

“The recent report of the Church Buildings Review Group which I chaired and which was welcomed unanimously by General Synod in November is currently out for consultation. Please read it and respond. The deadline is 29 January 2016. The report provoked a lively debate in Synod and it would be good for very many more people to become involved.

“There are those who maintain that our church buildings are a millstone around our neck and an impediment to mission. We disagree. Though some churches will need to be closed we believe that the mood music should be much more positive, recognising the potential for the gospel and for the good of society that our churches represent. However, in order for that potential to be realised we believe change is needed.

“The Report includes suggestions that dioceses should be more strategic in their missional approach to church buildings. It also makes specific proposals to streamline the manner in which the national church institutions assist with the stewardship of church buildings.

“More fundamentally, we suggest that a number of churches have become more like museums because of a lack of awareness that both parts of our Lord’s summary of the Law have repercussions for churches, as they do for disciples. The first purpose of churches, as with human beings, is to worship God and churches generally do reasonably well on the first Great Commandment.”

**Read more from Bishop John Inge at [bit.ly/ChurchesToLife](http://bit.ly/ChurchesToLife)**



## Online resource for parishes launched for HM The Queen's 90th official birthday

A central news sharing resource for churches has been launched to encourage and equip communities as they organise celebrations to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 90th official birthday in June 2016.

The Church of England's ChurchCare website will provide a virtual map of events and offers tips on themed celebrations, a helpful checklist on how to involve community partners as well as publicity opportunities.

Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester and lead Bishop for Church Buildings said, 'Churches up and down the land will be organising myriad events in thanksgiving for the wonderful Christian service that the Queen has given, celebrating her commitment to God and the common good over ninety years.

ChurchCare will be doing everything possible to help by offering practical advice and creating a virtual space where communities can exchange imaginative ideas on how to mark this great milestone in the life of our Queen and nation.'

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th and 12th June including a thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards

Parade and a street party in The Mall. It is envisaged that church events will be integrated into local community celebrations that take place that weekend.

The birthday celebration weekend offers churches the opportunity to share local stories from the last 90 years through exhibitions and oral histories, securing these memories for future generations. Liturgical resources are also in preparation and will be made available on the CofE website in the New Year.

The project encourages people to celebrate their community and provides a number of resources designed to assist in seeking sponsorship, generating publicity, and gathering information about local history.

**News of planned events can be sent to ChurchCare by email: [queensbirthday@churchofengland.org](mailto:queensbirthday@churchofengland.org)**

**You can visit the resource online by using the following link: [bit.ly/HMQ90](http://bit.ly/HMQ90)**

**To find out more about events and news on Twitter follow @CofE\_ChurchCare using #HMQ90**

# Bishop Peter Hancock's Christmas sermon

The Christmas story is familiar to most of us. We know that the story is about Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, the shepherds, a star, and the three wise men. We know that there was no room at the inn. We know that Jesus was laid in a manger. We also know that a manger is no place for a baby. God had entered his world as flesh and blood. Heaven and earth, God and humanity, the pure and the profane had come together in Jesus. The mystery, the wonder of the Incarnation is that God had become human.

So, as we remember that God was laid in a manger, we also remember how this came about. We remember that when Mary and Joseph got to the inn, they were told there was no room for them there.

I sometimes wonder if the inn was really full. Maybe the innkeeper had a couple of rooms left. But when he saw this unmarried couple with this woman who was obviously pregnant, perhaps he decided he didn't want to rent them a room? But maybe, even if there weren't any rooms left, surely he could have found somewhere safe and quiet and private for a woman who was nine months pregnant and about to give birth?

But he didn't. And so Jesus wasn't born in the inn. He was born in the stable and laid in a manger. I often wonder if the innkeeper ever realised who he had turned away. I wonder if a few years later he regretted that when Mary had come to the door, he hadn't given her a room.

But this isn't really a story about an innkeeper who missed a chance to open the doors to Christ over 2,000 years ago. This is about what God did, and what God still does. And it's about what we do today.

Christ still comes into this world. Christmas still happens. It didn't just happen once, it happens all the time.

Sometimes God knocks at our doors and we are asked if there is room in our lives for him. We are asked if there is room in our heart, in our home, in our lives for Jesus. And sometimes we look out and we don't like what we see. We don't like what we think it would mean to let Christ in, and we close the

door and say "there's no place for you here".

Christmas isn't just about Mary and Joseph and the baby and the manger and no room at the inn. Christmas is about us. It is about opening ourselves up to what God is trying to do in us today. And it's about telling God that, even if we don't fully know what it means, there is room for God in our lives, and we want to be part of what God is doing. Christmas invites us to be part of the story.

God is still speaking to us today. And not only is he still speaking, but he is active in his world today. God is still writing the Christmas story, that story tells of Jesus coming into this world as Saviour and Prince of Peace. And we can be a part of that story.

The innkeeper will also be remembered as the person who closed his doors when God came knocking. So we need to learn from that. When God knocks on the door of our life we need to answer, joyfully, willingly and readily, and invite him to come in and stay.

When the shepherds out in the fields heard that the baby had been born, they got up and hurried to Bethlehem to see what had happened. So they came to the manger and looked down and saw that God had come into his world.

That's what I want to do on Christmas Eve, and every day. I don't want to be someone who closes my heart to the message and call of God. I want to be someone who hears what God is doing and comes running. When God works in this world, I want to be a part of that story. And the good news of Christmas is that I can be. And so can you. We all can be part of the story.

When the tree is taken down, when the mince pies have been eaten, when the decorations and the nativity sets go back into their boxes, the love and peace of Jesus is still here. The real test of how well we have celebrated Christmas will not be in the presents we have given or received, in the things that we can see or hold in our hands. The real test of Christmas is whether we have opened our hearts to Jesus, and let his love fill us, forgive us and change us. May that be something we do this Christmas, and always. Amen.

# Christ Church calendar January 2016

**Jan** 1 Fri *New Year's Day / Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*

**3** Sun *Epiphany*

7 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

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8 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**10** Sun *The Baptism of Christ / First Sunday of Epiphany*  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

15 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**17** Sun *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

18 Mon Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

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19 Tue Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm

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21 Thu Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm

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22 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**24** Sun *Third Sunday of Epiphany*

25 Mon *The Conversion of Paul*

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29 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**31** Sun *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / Candlemas*

**Feb** 5 Fri Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm

**7** Sun *Sunday next before Lent*  
4:30pm Choral Evensong

10 Wed *Ash Wednesday*

**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 January 2016

<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b>	For those who are persecuted for their faith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	For Lore and Colin as they prepare to come to join us
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	For scientists and engineers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>	For carers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6</b>	For areas which have recently experienced storms and flooding
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	For the Mothers' Union in Bath
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8</b>	For those who use and run food banks
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9</b>	That we may have the gift of hope
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	For vocations to the ministry
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	For the emergency services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	For Canon Angela and Ned
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	For Christ Church's publicity team
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who teach
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	For the Trustees of Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>19</b>	For adoptive and foster families
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	For the sick and suffering
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	For our own personal witness

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	For Mark our Lay Reader
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	For those who work in the transport industry
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	That we may be open to encounters with God
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	For good relations between different faiths
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	For prisoners and prison workers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	For all who face tragedy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for our blessings
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	For the ministry of our Junior Church

## 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  
 Martin Palmer

Rosemary Bethel  
 Derek Wrigley  
 Katharine  
 David Slater  
 David Lavis

**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 January 2016

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>3 Jan</b> Epiphany	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Isaiah 60:1-6	<b>Rowena Hall</b> Ephesians 3:1-12	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Matthew 2:1-12
<b>10 Jan</b> 1st of Epiphany	<b>Virginia Knight</b> Isaiah 43:1-7	<b>Morny Davison</b> Acts 8:14-17	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Luke 3:15-17,21-22
<b>17 Jan</b> 2nd of Epiphany	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> Isaiah 62:1-5	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	<b>Judith Anderson</b> John 2:1-11
<b>24 Jan</b> 3rd of Epiphany	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> 1 Cor 12:12-31a	<b>Lewis Boyd</b> Luke 4:14-21
<b>31 Jan</b> Candle- mas	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Malachi 3:1-5	<b>Andrew Sillett</b> Hebrews 2:14-18	<b>Penny Edwards</b> Luke 2:22-40
<b>7 Feb</b> 1st before Lent	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Exodus 34:29-35	<b>David Bishop</b> 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2	<b>Margaret Heath</b> Luke 9:28-36

*Laitly rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Chalice assistants</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>3 Jan</b>	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Rebekah Cunningham
<b>10 Jan</b>	Jane Fletcher, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
<b>17 Jan</b>	Keri Chivers, Clive Tilling	Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver	Penny Edwards
<b>24 Jan</b>	Andrew Sillett, Jane Fletcher	Rowena Hall, Jane Nicholson	Preb. Angela Berners-Wilson
<b>31 Jan</b>	Janet Mahto, David Rawlings	Morny Davison, Margaret Heath	Sarah Jones
<b>7 Feb</b>	Keri Chivers, Andrew Sillett	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Canon Simon Tatton-Brown

# Who's who at Christ Church

<b>Priest-in-charge</b>	(Pending)	<b>Concert bookings, weekly notice sheet</b>	Judith Bishop 01225 869409 concerts@christchurchbath.org notices@christchurchbath.org
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<b>Verger</b>	Angela Soboslay 01225 333297 angela.soboslay@christchurchbath.org	<b>Cedar Tree café, Publicity co-ordinator</b>	Janet Mahto
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<b>Ringing Master Steeple Keeper</b>	Will Willans David Kelly		



THE CHURCH  
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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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