



Welcome our new priest

Get to know the new Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church...

Revd Lore Chumbley (pronounced “Laura”) writes to introduce herself:

I was born in Sevenoaks, Kent, in 1959, the second of three sisters. My parents met playing string quartets at university, where my father John was reading science and Ann my mother music. They soon agreed that my father’s real interest was in music and he abandoned plans for a scientific career, instead founding a harpsichord workshop. Within 10 years he died unexpectedly, leaving my mother to bring up three daughters and manage the workshop. This she did with courage, energy and integrity.

As a family we had a strong belief in truth and love and music but no



Lore pictured at her ordination. She says she has “tried and tried to take a decent photo of [her] handsome but totally un-photogenic husband”, but in fact that’s Colin half-visible behind her...

religious belief. From as long as I can remember I had been aware of a sense of the presence of God and it was in school that I found a structure and rational basis for faith. At 14 I finally “came out” to my family as a Christian and was baptised and confirmed. At that time it seemed to me that the most worthwhile use of one’s life would be as a priest – but that wasn’t open to a girl.

Instead, science and particularly biology attracted me. I read science at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and qualified as a doctor in 1984. I met Colin, who was a lecturer in Anatomy at St George’s, London, and we married in 1989.

I was fascinated by the challenge of plastic surgery – the surgery of malleable or “plastic” tissue, which was in a state of flux. As we grew in confidence, plastic surgeons became able not just to re-attach amputated parts like fingers or ears but to transfer tissue wherever it was needed. Toes could become thumbs, wrist bone could be used to rebuild jaws... It was an exciting time. I became a Consultant plastic surgeon specialising in hand surgery in the Liverpool Plastic Surgery unit in 1996. It was hard work with long hours but with a real sense of making a difference in people’s lives.

By 2005 Colin had retired and I reduced my hours slightly so we could spend more time together. For the first time in my life I had some spare time. And that’s when I found myself listening to God and remembering that early call to ordination. While still working as a

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▶ surgeon I signed up for an MA in Biblical Studies at the University of Manchester and found the application of intellectual rigour to faith deeply satisfying. It wasn't enough, though, and in 2008 I started training for ordination with the Yorkshire Ministry Course, Mirfield. The College is based in the grounds of an Anglican monastic order. It was a privilege to study and worship within the rhythm of the brothers' worship. Three years' study resulted in an MA in Theology from Sheffield University.

In 2011 was deaconed and went as curate to St Thomas' Stockton Heath and St Mary Magdalene, Appleton, a busy urban parish on the outskirts of Warrington and within reach of our house in Lymm. It was a welcoming, challenging, and hugely rewarding three years, and we leave many friends behind.

Colin and I had intended to spend the rest of our lives in Lymm but when the post of Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church became available we both felt it was right for us. We don't quite know what this next phase of our lives holds, but we look forward with confidence and hope to whatever God has in mind for us.

Revd Lore Chumbley will be licensed and installed as our new Priest-in-Charge at 11am on Saturday 12 March. Everyone is warmly invited!

Interregnum thanks

A big thank-you to everyone who helped out over the interregnum, including all the regular and visiting clergy who conducted services, the Trustees, Church Council and others who stepped up, and particularly Sarah Jones, Chair of the Trustees, who steered us through the recruitment process. Thank you, one and all!



Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers

Fairtrade Fortnight this year runs from Monday 29 February to Sunday 13 March. The aim is to raise awareness of the need for fair pay and better working conditions for the millions of farmers and workers in developing countries who grow the food we eat.

The theme of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight is "Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers", with the focus of supporting farmers who grow breakfast staples such as coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa and bananas. Will you help get as many people as possible to eat a Fairtrade breakfast in your community during Fairtrade Fortnight?

Bath University, in partnership with Bath & North East Somerset Council and Bath Spa University, will be hosting a Fairtrade Producer event on Wednesday 9 March 1pm – 2:30pm. Ana Maria, a Nicaraguan Fairtrade producer, will be sharing her experiences, and there will be a talk by the Chief Executive of the Fairtrade foundation, Michael Gidney. There will also be short film presentations and a panel debate.

For more details about the campaign, visit fairtrade.org.uk/breakfast

A voice in the desert

This Lent, Revd Sue Rose, Bath and Wells Diocesan Director of Ordinands, asks us on behalf of our bishops to pray for calling:

“As we commence Lent, wandering in our own spiritual wildernesses, let’s listen carefully for what we might hear. Each one of us who call ourselves Christians has a God-given purpose. God wants us to have a fullness of life, and this comes about in part by recognising what we’re given and in some way giving it back. We can’t seriously think of ourselves as followers of Christ if we’re not interested in where we might be being called or led.

“Take time each day to seek an affirmation of the service you offer or think about whether you might be being called to a whole new adventure of some kind. Maybe you’ve never thought of serving on your PCC, or taking a role in services, or leading, teaching and preaching as a Reader or as an ordained minister. (Or maybe you have and it’s ended there?)

“Please focus your prayers this Lent on calling. Look at your own gifts. Are you good at befriending, doing practical tasks, encouraging people, organising, inspiring others, teaching, walking with people in their spiritual journey? Of course, no-one can do everything, which is why it’s so important for each of us to prayerfully consider what in fact we can do. You could also look around your congregation too and pray to hear the plans God has. In fact, so many who have felt some kind of calling from God heard it first through other people – it wasn’t their own idea!

“God calls all types of people from all backgrounds, ages and traditions. If you begin to feel you are called to offer in service something of who you are, it might be useful to get a bit of help working out how that can work. There are vocations chaplains experienced in guiding people through a process of discernment – helping think and pray through what might seem a daunting or unrealistic idea.

“Please also pray for those who are exploring their sense of calling and pray for faith to be deepened and God’s Kingdom made better known.”

Last month in Christ Church



On Friday 12 February Christ Church was packed to farewell Winston (“Chappie”) Swaby, who died on 15 January. Our prayers and sympathies go to his many friends and large extended family, who celebrated his life with evident affection.



Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning British monarch ever on 9 September 2015, and the anniversary of Her Majesty’s accession on Saturday 6 February was marked around the country. At Christ Church, our bell-ringers rang a quarter-peal. Left to right, with the bells they rang: Maggie Willans (5), John Cope (Tenor), Richard Curry (4). And a question from John (sometime Minister of State for the Northern Ireland Office, Paymaster General, etc): “Is this the only quarter peal with a Privy Counsellor rung for the 64th anniversary of Her Majesty’s accession?”

Interested in finding out more about ringing, or just curious to see how it’s done? Pop upstairs to the ringing chamber, off the gallery, before the 10am service on any Sunday. Ask one of the Churchwardens or a sidesperson for directions.

Real Easter Egg now being made in the UK



Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, acting Bishop of Oxford, at Barry Callebaut, producers of Oxfordshire Fairtrade chocolate, with the 2016 Real Easter Egg.

Chocolate production for The Real Easter Egg has moved from Europe to the UK, thanks to increased demand. More than a million of the eggs have been sold in the past five years and in a recent public poll it was voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade Easter egg. So much chocolate is now needed that production has been moved to Banbury in Oxfordshire.

Launched in 2010 following a trial involving churches in the Diocese of Oxford, The Real Easter Egg became the UK's first and only Fairtrade egg to include a copy of the Easter story. It is still the UK's only charity egg. By Easter 2016 The Meaningful Chocolate Company, maker of the egg, expects to have given more than £200,000 to charitable causes.

Increased sales have also meant a bigger Fairtrade Premium is paid to farmers who grow the sugar and Cacao. This is used to invest in their communities, buying everything from school books to solar panels.

The Real Easter Egg is available via Traidcraft, Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose, hundreds of independent retailers, and direct from www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Services for Holy Week and Easter 2016

Mar 20	Sun	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 10am Sung Eucharist with procession and dramatised Gospel
21	Mon	8pm Compline, St Mary's, Charlcombe
22	Tue	8pm Compline, St Stephen's, Lansdown
23	Wed	8pm Compline, Christ Church
24	Thu	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 5pm Eucharist at Christ Church 7pm Agape Supper, followed by vigil, at St Stephen's
25	Fri	<i>Good Friday</i> 10am The Cross Walk pauses at Christ Church on its way to the Abbey courtyard 12 noon – 1pm All Age Good Friday Journey 1pm – 3pm Music and Meditations for Good Friday
26	Sat	<i>Easter Eve</i> 8pm traditional Service of Vigil at Christ Church
27	Sun	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 6am Sunrise Service in the garden at St Mary's, Charlcombe 10am Sung Eucharist at Christ Church

Bishop's Message for March

How about a different take on Mothering Sunday this year?



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

Bishop Peter reminded us last month of the hope we have in the God of promises as we look to uncertain futures. We can trust God to remain faithful and immovable whatever our circumstances. Easter has always been a movable feast, although the Archbishop is now taking soundings from other church leaders to see whether we can “fix a date” for Easter. I wonder how easy that will be!

We are now part way through Lent and the first Sunday of *this* March is Mothering Sunday, which is celebrated

on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was traditionally the day when people would gather to worship, to “rejoice” (*laetare*), at their “mother” church, a large local church or often the Cathedral. As this practice developed, so those in service would have the opportunity for a short holiday, to return to their homes, to their mothers, often bringing small presents or gifts. It was a welcome moment of festivity in the season of abstinence and austerity. A sign of things to come...

However, for some of us, Mothering Sunday can be the most painful day of the year as we remember the loss of a loving parent, whether known or not; or the bereavement of never having been able to be a parent oneself; or the death of a child we have loved and longed for. It can mean that some find it too difficult to be in church that week. Perhaps as we approach Good Friday it gives us a small insight into what it might mean to have been Mary watching her Son die on that cross.

So how about a different take on Mothering Sunday this year? We might focus on remembering those who have “given birth” to us by inspiring our faith or where we ourselves have played a part in someone else’s discovery of Jesus as a friend and Saviour. Who might you remember, give thanks for and pray for?

+Ruth Taunton

Our charity for March-April: Send a Cow

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 13 March, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of March and April, will go to Send a Cow.

In Africa 70% rely on their land to make a living and feed their families. Yet sub-Saharan Africa is the only developing region in the world where the number of people living in extreme poverty has risen, from 290 million in 1990 to 414 million in 2010. Rains fail. Land is less productive. Disease and conflict further undermine the very fabric of African communities and a family's ability to grow enough food to survive.

Send a Cow is a charity based in Newton St Loe, Bath, that works to change this and help poor families in Africa. "From the arid hillsides of Lesotho to the green and lush forests of Rwanda, the drought-stricken plains of Ethiopia or the grasslands of Uganda, our extension workers deliver training that is suited to local conditions. In some areas we may focus on land management to prevent soil erosion and deforestation; in other places, social development is the main priority for

those unable to heal the scars of war. No two programmes are identical, but they are linked by our passion for helping rural people in need, whose poverty can be transformed through agricultural development.

"Send a Cow has not evolved like other development organisations. We've remained true to our roots: farmers working with farmers, speaking the same language, learning together how to make a living from the land. We work with communities across Africa to overcome challenges such as a lack of education, low self-confidence, isolation and prejudice. Little by little, they gain the courage and skills needed to achieve their goals. This change in mindset is a foundation that sustains farmers for generations.

"Before getting livestock and training in natural farming practices, people need hope, confidence and a vision. It's not enough for farming families to simply get by. They want a different future for the next generation. With increased income comes the opportunity to invest in children's education, farm improvements, new livestock and processing equipment. Helping farmers make the leap from subsistence farming to running small family businesses built to last."

For more about Send a Cow and its work, visit www.sendacow.org



Road closures for Bath Half Marathon



Watch out when travelling to church on Sunday 13 March – the Bath Half Marathon is taking place on that day. Roads along the route (shown in red on the map at left) will be closed from 9:45am to 3:30pm (and parking on those roads will be suspended from 6am to 3:30pm). Traffic is likely to be heavier than usual on the diversion routes (shown in purple), which include Julian Road, so you might wish to allow extra time to get to and from Christ Church.

General Synod opens with Archbishop Justin reflecting on Primates' Meeting

Addressing Synod, Archbishop Justin spoke about the Primates' Gathering and Meeting held in Canterbury in January which he said had 'occasioned much comment and even more misrepresentation'.

"We were conscious as we met in that week that literally millions, possibly tens of millions, of people were praying for us, and I have never known a week in which I have been so aware of prayer, or of pressure."

He also explained how the Primates decided on the consequence of the American Episcopal Church (TEC) altering its definition of marriage to be gender neutral. The Presiding Bishop of TEC, Michael Curry, described the Primates' decision as a fair outcome, Archbishop Justin added.

Summing up he said: "If we bring to our Church, and to the world around, the certainty that Jesus came to set us free, and to open the way for true human flourishing in service to each other and to Him; if our expectation in that only in foot washing, even of our enemies, is the Truth demonstrated adequately, then in beauty of relationship the grace of God will prevail, as that grace did during the Primates' Meeting

"Life will not be perfect, or even anything remotely approaching it. That kind of over-realised eschatology is a nonsense. There are no quick fixes, magic wands or perfect spells. There is no church order that ensures perfec-

tion, nor one in which human sin does not add to the problems of the whole.

"Yet there is a way forward that reveals the unity that we are given, and that celebrates the strength that we can bring each other; that enables us to love those who oppose us, and that focuses on human flourishing and on the setting free those who are bound by rules which Jesus could never have imagined, nor Paul... and which have emerged out of a desire for power rather than the expectation of the kingdom of God. There is, in short, a way forward in which we look like the people of Christ."

Read Archbishop Justin's full speech and watch online at bit.ly/ABCSynod2016

Former homeless & ex drug addicts become faces of latest campaign for CofE's justpray.uk

Men and women who found faith at a homeless centre are to star in a series of short dramatic films for Lent and Easter launched by the Church of England. The five film stars have all recently come to faith through the Saturday Gathering, a fresh expression of church in Halifax - and most have experienced crime, alcohol, drug addiction, homelessness or violence in their lives.

The "Psalm 22 project" follows on from the Church of England's "Lord's Prayer" campaign which was banned by cinemas before Christmas and promotes the justpray.uk website.

The new justpray.uk campaign will feature short teaser films over the next five weeks concluding with the launch of a two minute film on Easter Sunday which casts the five main characters in their own interpretation of a scene from the Passion of Christ. The film is based on Psalm 22 which includes the words "my God, my God why have you forsaken me?" said by Jesus Christ on the cross.

The first teaser, features Emma, 24, who came to faith a year ago and still struggles with questions and doubt. In a podcast interview accompanying the film Emma says:

"Having faith is really hard. It's not easy to pray when you think no one is listening, it's not easy to wake up knowing you're going to go through the same stuff every single day.

"Without God, I'd still be drinking, taking drugs. I don't even know if I'd be here, because I was a self harmer, I would have probably taken my own life at some point."

Teaser films to be released over the coming weeks also include Howard, 40, who after eight months clean of drugs, alcohol and crime, got baptized and immediately used drugs again. His story is a battle between walking in faith and having doubts but he says that his faith

has kept him alive: "Where would I be without faith? I'd be dead a long time ago I believe. Yeah, I'd be dead. Not just spiritually but probably physically dead in a box somewhere. Faith's everything to me. It keeps me going, it gives me hope."

And Rob, 46, who spent years living rough, but now feels resurrected away from a life of drugs, crime and trouble: "When my brother died I got naughty, I got into drugs, I got into fighting, violence, prison. And when I was in prison I wanted to like, just die. I thought God was forsaking me then. Because I was asking for his help and it didn't happen. About 10 years later, I've turned into a Christian and I've changed my life around, and God hasn't forsaken me."

The Revd Arun Arora, Communications Director for the Church of England said: "Each of the inspirational stories of those who star in the film is a reminder of how Jesus Christ can turn life around. They are also a reminder that for many of us faith and doubt co-exist as neighbours and not opposites. The Psalms accompany us through life with their raw honesty, joy and despair at life, love and God. Lent is a time of self-examination and struggle. It's part of the Christian journey that comes as a time of testing and honesty about who we are before God. And it ends with the triumph of Easter day, the sure and certain promise of God triumphant even after the darkest night."

Visit the Just Pray website www.justpray.uk to see the latest trailers, listen to peoples; stories and log your prayers

Synod backs call to encourage blood and organ donation

The General Synod has backed a call for all 16,000 CofE churches to encourage their congregations to consider becoming blood donors or registering as organ donors.

Members voted to approve a motion from Leeds Diocesan Synod put by Father Paul Cartwright, a former police officer and now a priest in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, aimed at increasing the number of blood and organ donors in the UK.

Father Paul told the General Synod of how he had seen lives transformed by organ donation while working as a police family liaison officer supporting families of those seriously injured or killed in road traffic collisions.

He added that after receiving a certificate and gift from the National Blood Service for the number of blood, platelets and plasma donations he made, his life was saved by donated blood products when he was diagnosed with an acute leukaemia in 2008.

“For my wife and two children, as well as my extended family, the kindness of people donating blood and blood products has meant that I have so far been able to spend seven extra

years with them, after I was diagnosed with an acute fast acting leukaemia in 2008,” he told the General Synod.

“The blood products that I received saved my life, and to be honest I’m unable to find the words to thank those who kindly donated the blood and platelets that saved me, and so I thank God every day for them.”

The motion comes after the Church of England has contributed to four major policy debates in recent years and taken part in six national initiatives including being a founder associate of the Flesh and Blood churches campaign to increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK.

The Rt Rev James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, and lead bishop for the Church of England on health care and medical ethics, warmly welcomed the Diocesan Synod motion. He told the General Synod that the need for more blood and organ donations was ‘enormous.’

For more information about the Flesh and Blood campaign see www.fleshandblood.org

Save the date - Godparents' Sunday May 1st 2016

The first ever Sunday to celebrate the unique role of Godparents will take place on May 1st 2016. An initiative of the Archbishops' Council Projects and Development Team, the dedicated day is a response to research looking at parent's real experiences and expectations around the baptism of their child. Churches throughout the Church of England are invited to use this date to celebrate all that godparents contribute to the amazing journey of faith. This is a great opportunity to invite recent baptism families to come along with godparents to a special service, but is also a chance to get all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren to pray for one another.

Dr Sandra Millar Head of the Projects and Development Team said: “Setting apart a Sunday to celebrate and pray for this special relationship is a great opportunity to share with families and ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere. Churches can invite recent baptism families to come along with godparents to a special service, but is also a chance to get all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren to pray for one another. We are offering dedicated resources for all parishes to use from Monday March 7.

Evangelism is ‘our duty, privilege and joy’, Archbishop tells Synod

Introducing a presentation on a report by the Archbishops’ Evangelism Task Group, the Archbishop said: “Evangelism is the proclamation, the setting forth, the holding out of the Good news of Jesus Christ, in ways that do justice to the beauty, integrity, joy and power of the one who was dead but is now alive. . . It is from God, about God, with God and because of God. Above all, He calls and enables us to be his heralds.

“All Christians are witnesses of the love of Jesus Christ. The Spirit comes to us for precisely this task. And as witnesses of Jesus we then become witnesses to Jesus, relaying what we have experienced to others.”

Read the full speech online at bit.ly/ABCEvangelism

North Cave residents welcome the Archbishop of York

An East Riding housing development known for its strong commitment to the health and well-being of older people has become the latest destination to be visited by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

The visit was part of the Archbishop’s Pilgrimage of Prayer Witness and Blessing around the Diocese of York. The six-month walking pilgrimage sees him meeting and praying with people along the route which is to finish at York Minster on 22 May 2016.

Archbishop Sentamu said, “My prayers have led me to this pilgrimage. St Paulinus, St Aidan, St Cuthbert and St Hilda of Whitby in their time shared the good news of Jesus Christ with the people of the North. Praying for those who come to know Christ is a great privilege and a joy.”

Oldest resident 93 year–old Dora Taylor said: “Meeting Archbishop Sentamu is one of the proudest moments of my life. For many years I have enjoyed reading about his many exploits. I was particularly impressed by the way he has spoken out against oppression when he has faced great personal risk.”

Hanover Court benefits from a wide range of facilities including a comfortable lounge, guest room, hair salon and a laundry, plus a private car park. An estate manager is on hand to oversee any buildings or garden maintenance and property repairs as required. The estate is pet friendly and residents can join in with organised social activities if they wish. Conveniently located just a short walk from the village centre amenities, there’s a bus stop nearby for services to Beverley, Goole and Hull.

Christ Church calendar March 2016

Mar	1	Tue	<i>David, Patron of Wales</i>
	2	Wed	Lent Lunch, St Mary's RC Church Parish Centre, noon
	4	Fri	Women's World Day of Prayer Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	6	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	11	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	12	Sat	11am Licensing and Installation of Revd Lore Chumbley as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church
	13	Sun	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Bath Half-Marathon – watch for road closures and diversions
	17	Thu	<i>Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i>
	18	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	19	Sat	<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>
	20	Sun	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
			See page 4 for Holy Week and Easter services
	25	Fri	<i>Good Friday</i> (No Cedar Tree café)
	27	Sun	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	31	Thu	Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
April	1	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	3	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i> (No Choral Evensong – TBC) Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	4	Mon	<i>The Annunciation</i>
	5	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm

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. For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail notices@christchurchbath.org

Prayer Cycle for March 2016

Tuesday	1	For the Fair Trade movement
Wednesday	2	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Thursday	3	For our Pilgrim Group
Friday	4	For those who work in dangerous conditions
Saturday	5	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
Sunday	6	For Angela our Verger
Monday	7	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	8	For Julian House
Wednesday	9	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Thursday	10	For those who work in local government
Friday	11	For all in hospital
Saturday	12	For Lore and Colin
Sunday	13	For our Church Council
Monday	14	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	15	For our own personal ministry
Wednesday	16	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
Thursday	17	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Friday	18	For countries experiencing civil unrest
Saturday	19	For our bell-ringing team
Sunday	20	For Mark, Keith and the choir
Monday	21	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	22	For those who live or work in care homes
Wednesday	23	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church

Thursday	24	For our Local Ministry Group partners
Friday	25	For victims of violence
Saturday	26	For Churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church
Sunday	27	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
Monday	28	For those on holiday
Tuesday	29	For Christian unity
Wednesday	30	That we may have the gift of joy
Thursday	31	We give thanks for the beauty of creation

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
 Margaret Muir
 Jason Batup
 Don Sparks

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 March 2016

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
6 March Mothering Sunday	Andrew Sillett Joshua 5:9-12	Brenda Wall 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Virginia Knight Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
13 March Lent 5	Judith Anderson Isaiah 43:16-21	Jane Fletcher Philippians 3:4b-14	Morny Davison John 12:1-8
20 March Palm Sunday	(No reading)	Richard Gabe Philippians 2:5-11	(Dramatised Gospel)
27 March Easter Sunday	Sylvia Ayers Acts 10:34-43	Rebekah Cunningham 1 Cor. 15:19-26	Mark Elliott Luke 24:1-12
3 April Easter 2	Judith Bishop Acts 5:27-32	Malcolm Wall Revelation 1:4-8	Penny Edwards John 20:19-31

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
6 March	Janet Mahto, Jane Fletcher	Morny Davison, Margaret Heath	Sarah Jones
13 March	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Margaret Silver	Penny Edwards
20 March	Andrew Sillett, Jane Fletcher	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Mark Elliott
27 March	Malcolm Wall, Janet Mahto	Morny Davison, Andrew Sillett	Margaret Heath
3 April	David Rawlings, Keri Chivers	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Preb. Angela Berners-Wilson

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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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