



## Cedar Tree is ten years old

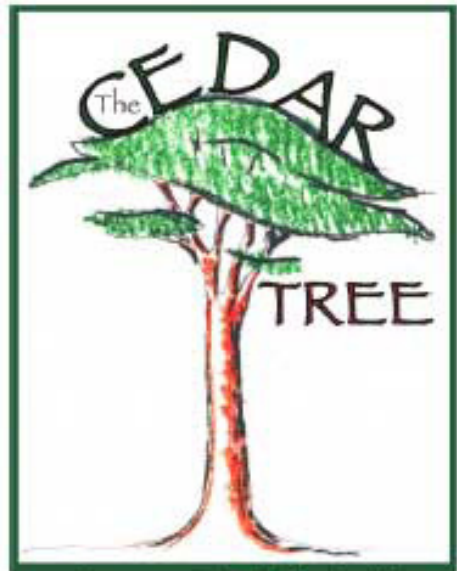
*A decade of outreach through our community café*

The Cedar Tree community café was conceived a little over ten years ago as a practical way to reach out to our neighbours in the Julian Road area, a means of bringing Christ Church closer to the people living around it. It was the inspiration of Nicky Gladstone, who will be here to help celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Cedar Tree at an informal party on Friday 11 November at 11am, to which everyone is warmly invited.

When Nicky set out her vision, she said: "Our aim is to use the area at the back of church as a coffee shop / drop-in centre for the disadvantaged on and around Julian Road. Preliminary research tells us that in this area of Bath, homelessness is not the main problem. Julian Road is an area of social need and poverty, which also houses many people with emotional difficulties. Many of these people have nowhere to go during the day, and so remain at home, feeling increasingly isolated. We intend to reach out to these neighbours by selling sandwiches and coffee at reasonable prices, and by offering them a pleasant place to come for an hour or so. If we charge a small amount for the food we provide, it establishes a partnership between us and those who come in. We are not 'doling out charity'" – although it was established from the beginning that no-one would be refused because of inability to pay.

The Cedar Tree has continued thanks to the generosity and commitment of volunteers from our congregation over the years, and several supporters who

visit when they can. There are a number of regulars, and loyal helpers from the local area, particularly Tracey and Helen, who are greatly valued and appreciated. For ten years of this very important ministry, particular thanks are due to Nicky, who got it all up and running, to Keri Chivers, who took on the organising after her, and to Janet Mahto, who has now taken it over.



*'Under it every kind of bird will live'*

Bath  
Julian Road

# Churches Together in Bath

## **Rebekah Cunningham writes:**

As a beginner in being Christ Church's rep for CTB, I understand that we in North East Bath are the last outpost of CTB, with the aims of keeping in touch with each other, exchanging information about events, and sharing in events such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Prayer for Bath and the Women's World Day of Prayer. Praise in the Park, an open air service in Alice Park as part of the Larkhall Festival, is an annual event also.

The churches involved, apart from ourselves, are St Saviour's in Larkhall, St Stephen's Lansdown Rd, St Mary's Charlecombe, Nexus Methodist, Larkhall United Reform Church, St Mary's Swainswick and All Saints Woolley.

We met on 28th September in the newly refurbished west end of St Saviour's Church, Larkhall. Like Christ Church, St Saviour's has a gallery around three sides of the church, but work has recently finished on converting the west end of the gallery into two additional floors of meeting rooms, making very good use of the space.

News from some of the other churches:

**St Stephen's** has a new Youth Worker, Tim May, aiming at 8 years and over. They also have a new curate, Rev Debbie Pow. They are currently running an Alpha course and have also recently started, at St Mary's Charlecombe, a six-week meditation course on Wednesday evenings (details on the St Stephen's website).

**St Saviour's** has fully funded its building work, which is now complete. They are

holding a Youth weekend in November.

**Nexus Methodist Church** has a new woman priest, Elizabeth Kirova, and soon a new community worker also. Nexus Walcot celebrate their bicentenary this year and as part of the celebrations there will be a concert on November 18th, where the Walcot State choir and the Wiltshire Wailers (two community choirs) will perform. An Arts and Crafts club is being started at Nexus Clarendon Methodist Centre.

Other forthcoming events:

**Archbishop Justin Welby** is visiting the Diocese of Bath and Wells in early November and on Wednesday 9th November will be attending the Bath Churches Action Network annual conference in the Guildhall.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** next year will be on Friday 3rd March at St Saviour's and the service has been developed by congregations in the Philippines.

Closer to home, Greg and I, along with Alex and Angela Soboslay, were delighted to attend St Mary's Julian Rd for their celebration of the completion of refurbishments following the arson attack last year. The Bishop of Clifton Diocese, Declan Lang, preached and celebrated the Eucharist. The church looked bright and welcoming with a lovely new entrance porch. Father Jeremy expressed thanks for the support Christ Church had given, in particular the use of our church for Christmas Masses. It would be good to develop stronger links with them as we are such close neighbours.

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## Christ Church reordering: now for your ideas

On Saturday 29 October, about two dozen members of the congregation got together to talk about the future configuration of the east end of the church, with the assistance of two "facilitators" from the Diocese. After various activities to help us think about accepting and respecting diversity within a community, we had an opportunity to record feelings and ideas about how our east end might work.

Everyone's ideas are welcome, particularly if you weren't able to be there on the day – please talk to Lore or one of the Churchwardens. Next, over a period of a few months (possibly once the major events of the season are out of the way), we can now experiment and try out some of these ideas, as far as is possible. Can you help with planning, moving things around, etc? Please let us know!

# Moving into Kingdom Time

**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

*No sun – no moon!*

*No morn – no noon –*

*No dawn – no dusk – no proper time of day...*

Thomas Hood's poem "November" reminds us of how disorientating and downright depressing this time of year can be. As the days get shorter and darker, it can be hard either to remember the days of summer or to look forward to the celebrations of Christmas. Remembrance Sunday falls on 13 November this year and we will remember in particular those who fell 100 years ago in the battle of Jutland.

Liturgically we have moved into "Kingdom time" – the time between All Saints at the end of October and the start of Advent on Advent Sunday (27 November). As we prepare to think about the incarnation, we focus on the Kingdom of God. We use red as our liturgical colour and in the long darkening days of late Autumn, the reality of the kingdom of God which Jesus proclaimed can come into focus – allowing us to see the atrocities of the "Great War" and those of our current wars in the context of God's reality. God's reality is unbounded by constraints of time and matter and however we feel in the damp and darkness, we know that the kingdom is alongside us – as RS Thomas wrote in his poem "The Kingdom."

"Kingdom time" is a time to take stock, to listen to the echo of worship in the kingdom of God – echoes we hear in our own worship in Christ Church – and reflect on what we can do to bring our little bit of the world into line with God's kingdom. It might be helping with Genesis lunches or our Traidcraft stall. It might be consciously altering our attitudes and behaviours or it might even be a resolution to make one positive change every time we walk into a room. It may be cold, wet and dark outside, but the kingdom is always waiting. To get there, as RS Thomas knew, you need only faith.

## Last month in Christ Church



*On Sunday 9 October Christ Church hosted a well-attended service to mark the 50th anniversary of the independence of Barbados and Guyana in the presence of the Mayor of Bath and the Deputy High Commissioner of Barbados. In addition to Keith on the organ, music was provided by the Rainbow Steel Band (above).*

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## Mothers' Union

**Sylvia Ayers writes:**

At the Harvest Festival in October, the Christ Church congregation donated 107 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, advance 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.

# Faith and the Environment

## **Margaret Heath writes:**

On 24 September Daphne and I were, once again, the two from Christ Church enjoying an excellent talk, this time organised by Bath Inter-Faith group as part of the celebrations for its quarter century. On arrival I found Melvyn and June Matthews, happily filling in time outside the Friends' meeting house eating ice cream. I continued to meet old friends; Martin Palmer (no relation) attracted a group of over fifty, I think, from a wide range of faiths, to hear him speak on Faith and the Environment.

HRH Prince Phillip had clearly been a great support in promoting inter-faith cooperation on the environment. Martin heads the Alliance of Religion and Conservation, ARC, based at 6 Gay Street, bringing together different faith groups to work in harmony on environmental issues. His work often takes Martin abroad. He floored us by asking which part of creation in the Genesis story God did not approve (not man, the waters) and stressed, as others do, that the created world was not perfect. Man had contributed further to wrecking it, for example the Romans had destroyed their north African grain basket; it was the Benedictines who restored fertility to the land in many places.

In a densely-packed talk, drawing on his considerable breadth of knowledge, Martin made many further points, telling us how much land and wealth was owned by various faith groups, enabling them to do much to preserve the earth, giving facts and figures

galore. He referred to migration and to the strong tradition in all faiths of an exile experience and learning from the stranger.

We should be part of, not apart from, creation. In the middle ages nativity scenes showed a variety of creatures in the background but later only the conventional ox, ass and perhaps a sheep or two were portrayed. Man had lost touch with other created beings.

Sarah Jackson, BANES project manager for Bathscape, was then invited to speak. She said today's children suffered from not having the experience of woodlands and fields and should be helped to discover their surrounding countryside. She referred to my son William's efforts to involve children with their environment (google "Kelston Round-hill"). Those with influence in local schools, please note.

Martin went on to say that in support of the city's Bathscape he was inviting the various faith groups to contribute their maps of places they found sacred and/or healing. There might be a Sacred Festival celebration at some future date.

A lively discussion was followed by a first-rate Indian vegetarian meal. Our group, including the recently appointed Professor of Environmental Humanities at Bath Spa University, was still deep in conversation and relishing ice creams (York Street is a fine place for gelati) when we had to break up as the room was being prepared for Sunday's meeting. We had enjoyed a fascinating occasion.

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## Seven Bath charities at this year's Charities Fair

The annual Bath Charities Fair takes place on Saturday 12 November, 11am-3pm at the Guildhall, High Street, Bath BA1 5AW.

It will be opened by the Mayor of Bath and is sponsored again by Bath's renowned Cross Manufacturing Company (1938) Ltd. The local charities involved are: Cleveland Pools Trust, Bath-Kaposvár Twinning Association, Bath City Farm, Life Pregnancy Centre, Research

Institute for The Care of Older People, Action on Hearing Loss Bath Workshop and St. Mungo's Broadway.

The Fair, established for over 45 years, is an opportunity to enjoy a snack, browse and buy, and is a rich hunting ground for charity cards and calendars. A Grand Prize Draw supported by all the charities is at 2:45pm. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/Bath-Charities-Fair>

# Bishop's Message for November

*A month for remembering... and the memorable*



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

“Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot...”

This is a month of memories, not only the violent ones such as Guy Fawkes and those that remind us of the horror of war but also more personal ones, no doubt. I remember my dad, whose birthday falls in November but who died 11 years ago at almost 98. I remember him as someone who taught me what it meant to say “sorry”, to be hospitable, and to faithfully give his all to God. He wasn't a man of many words, preferring a back seat yet providing the stability and solidity of one who is passionate about his faith.

Who have been the influences on your life? Who do you remember as someone who has stirred your faith into being? Who has encouraged you to grow in your gifts and discipleship? Who has prayed for you?

As we develop our diocesan strategy

we are seeking to grow confident disciples who can live and tell the stories of their faith, who will be influencers and encouragers of the next generation. That's all of us folks! You may feel that your part is small or insignificant but you have no idea how something you may say or do will impact on another.

This month make it one where you look to encourage someone into a deeper understanding of who they are in God's great scheme. Perhaps there's someone you know who needs to know God really loves them. Or that they are particularly good at something and should think about doing more of it. Perhaps they have a ministry they are not even aware of but you could affirm it. Be part of their story of discovery and growth!

## **+Ruth Taunton**

*Bishop Ruth is presiding and preaching at our 10am Eucharist on Sunday 20 November, the feast of Christ the King, to celebrate our patronal festival.*

## **Other LMG services**

These are the regular services at our Local Ministry Group sister churches:

### **Sundays**

9am Eucharist, Charlcombe St Mary's  
10:45am Choral Communion,  
St Stephen's Lansdown  
6:30pm Evensong (BCP), Charlcombe  
St Mary's – 3rd Sunday of the month

### **Morning Prayer**

Monday 8:45am St Stephen's  
Friday 9:15am Charlcombe St Mary's  
Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

# Ambushed by a poem

*The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry* by Mark Oakley. Canterbury Press, 2016, £12.99. (There's a copy in our library.)

## **Rowena Hall writes:**

If you don't read poetry this is the perfect start to a beautiful new relationship with words. If you do read poetry, the author Mark Oakley will introduce you to poets and poems you may never have encountered before.

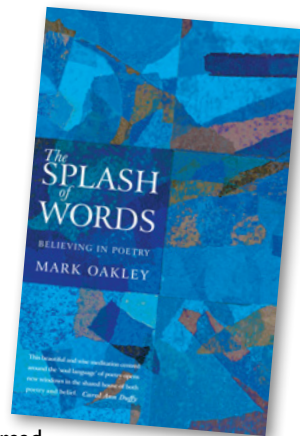
Oakley's introductory chapter is worth the price of the book alone, and each following chapter is a meditation on a particular poet and poem that speaks to him of his relationship with God. For him "poetry is the language that most truly reflects the life of the soul."

His choices are fascinating as many are not obviously "Christian," but Oakley believes that poems are like stones thrown into a still

pond, sending out "ripples towards us. Some may reach us, some may not." It is for us, the receiver, to make of it what we will. There is no right way to read a poem.

Of course we read and listen to poetry every time we open our Bibles – the psalms and prophets come to mind. Oakley states: "poetry is the person of faith's native language."

I didn't tell you which poem I was ambushed by, did I? That is between God and myself. Read this book and be prepared to be ambushed too.



# Charity of the month: Children by Choice

*The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 13 November, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of November, will go to Children by Choice. Its founder Lisa Clarke is talking to us after our 10am service on Sunday 6 November.*

Children By Choice was an idea born of helping with a local street child project in Kenya



*Mary can only just feed her children. She'd like to attend a Family Planning Clinic but can't afford it.*

during my two years teaching there. On a daily basis I was seeing barefoot hungry children and pregnant women who can't feed the children they already have. In the UK we are privileged to have Family Planning on demand at little or no cost. Poor rural women in Kenya frequently have large families as they cannot afford to visit the clinics, which in turn means more children, more poverty and all of the family suffers with less food, less health-care and less education.

It is clearly better to give these women the option of family planning than to try to find sponsors for street children, and when I discovered that a contraceptive injection is only £1.50 I decided to try to find 1,000 people in the UK who would promise me £6 a year to fund birth control for 1,000 women in Kenya. Empowering women will reduce poverty.

Children by Choice is registered as an HMRC charity and is on the Just Giving website. For more background information, visit [www.childrenbychoice.co.uk](http://www.childrenbychoice.co.uk)

# InFocus

Welcome to the latest edition of *InFocus*. Our aim is to help you keep in touch with the activities of the National Church Institutions. Do have a look at *InReview*, our sister publication, designed as an A3 version for notice boards.

## Christmas joy at a church near you

**This Christmas**, the Church of England launches a new website and mobile app inviting people across the country to attend local parish services in Christmas week. Parish churches are being invited to upload all their Christmas week services to a central database that will be incorporated into the new website and app enabling people to put in their postcode and find the local church services.

Parishes are invited to visit **achristmasnearyou.org/upload** from November 1 and complete a simple form no later than December 1 to register their Christmas church services.

The new site and app will be publicised during advent in a series of short films

featuring the Rev Rose Hudson Wilkin, Rev Matt Woodcock, Paul Karenza and the Rev Kate Bottley.

Commenting on the new plans, the Rev Arun Arora, Director of Comms for the Archbishops' Council, said: "Christmas day is our showcase as a Church, when we sing hymns that people know, are warm and welcoming and attendances hit an annual high. Using digital apps to publicise these services sits alongside the usual parish work of placing leaflets through people's doors."

This campaign will launch on December 1 using the hashtag #joytotheworld.

## Code for the Kingdom

**Code is the language** that allows websites, applications, programmes and other computer things to run. It allows you to not just build things but customise how they look and function. Code is powerful.

When you think of code and coding you don't necessarily think of the church but, from October 21-23, a collection of Christian coders, designers and thinkers join in a 'hackathon' - a 48 hour event where teams try to solve big issues through code.

Last year, Kingdom Code's first hackathon saw people from all over the country solving challenges through the creation of apps. The results included a Tearfund disaster relief app, an app to help find homes for refugees and another to encourage prayer.

This year, the Church of England is sponsoring a challenge to think about how evangelism and discipleship can be encouraged in a smartphone society.

# Renewal & Reform - My chains fell off

**In Renewal & Reform** we are constantly challenged by this question. How do all God's people discover their vocation; how do all God's people confidently live out God's call on their lives? This is often presented as a question of empowerment – how do we empower 'the laity' or 'parishes'; or even how do we empower bishops?

I have a bit of an issue with the word 'empowerment'. I find it a bit (well, more than a bit) patronising. I may well be in a minority of one on this; I just don't like the word. I don't like it for two main reasons. Firstly, it implies that I can't do something unless someone else shows me or lets me. I kind of resent that. I don't think this is a pride thing; I hope it isn't. I'm well up for learning from other people. I just think relationships should be based on mutual-ity rather than one person generously allowing (empowering) another to do something which they are clearly capable of doing.

Also, conversely, it potentially lets me off the hook. If it's up to someone else to empower me then until they have done that then I'm OK. It's not my responsibility. I am unempowered.

In the church we talk a lot about empowerment. I don't have an issue with the hopes expressed through this vision of empowerment, that as an 'empowered' person I am better able to use the gifts I have in Christ's service. And I certainly don't want to get all un-biblically Invictus about me being the 'master of my own fate'. But I do want to challenge the notion that in some way as a layperson in the Church of England it's up to other people to empower me, that in some way it's my vicar's fault that I

am being held back, that I'd be able to change the world if only 'they' would let me.

I much prefer to talk in terms of release, about what we can do to take away barriers or constraints so that people are free to use the gifts and talents God has given them in God's service. Often the primary barrier is the one in the person's head – whether this is a lack of confidence, or an assumption that they won't be able to do it or that they won't be able to do it well enough. And I absolutely accept that sometimes the constraint may be the person who is not prepared to recognise, to value, to enjoy the gifts in others.

If each of us can see God at work in our lives in the 5,000 waking hours we have a year Monday to Saturday as much as we can in the 150 hours a year in church on a Sunday; if each of us could see that the transformation of our communities is inextricably linked with the choices that we make – we could each make a real difference. And if we can release all God's people to be fulfilled and active in his service then who knows what we will be able to do.

So within Renewal & Reform we want to address this central question – how do we release all God's people into their vocation, into his call on their lives?

For some this is about a ministry of presence, for others it's about whole life discipleship; for all of us it's about how we understand what makes for joyful service, for fruitful and faithful ministry.



Some churches regularly have This Time Tomorrow slots within their services where members of the congregation speak briefly about where they will be and what they will be doing 24 hours later. It's about seeking to understand, celebrate and pray for the many and diverse things that members of the congregation have to offer beyond the walls of the church. It's about trying to release the saints into ministry and service.

Sam Wells, in his brilliant piece on A future that's bigger than the past, points out that the word 'saint' appears 64 times in the New Testament, always in the plural. He says: 'The word 'hero' doesn't appear. Leaders don't need to be heroes, who make decisive interventions and are the subject of the story; leaders need to be saints – peripheral figures who ensure the story is always about God.'

Sam Wells goes on to talk about realising and releasing gifts. 'Here is the central, prophetic conviction: God gives the church everything it needs, and if the church experiences its existence as scarcity, that's largely because it

has neglected the gifts God has sent it. (John 6:9) Some of that neglect has been culpable perpetration of or participation in oppression ... But much more has been idle or wilful inattention to where the kingdom is growing. (Lk 9: 49-50)'

In many ways this is the single most radical idea within Renewal & Reform. If every member of the body of Christ is confident in the gifts that God has given each of us, is confident of the richness of God's grace, if confident that in our weakness God's strength is made perfect, then we can collectively be a transforming presence in our homes, our communities, our workplaces, our social spaces and way, way beyond.

To quote once again from Sam Wells: 'For Christians, even ones prone to lament, in God, the future is always bigger than the past'. Amen to that.

**Mike Eastwood,**  
**Director of Renewal & Reform**

## Out now: Morning and Evening Prayer

**Common Worship:** Morning and Evening Prayer contains everything an individual or group needs for their personal prayer at each end of the day. Derived from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*, short readings, psalms and orders that change through the week and with the Christian year are all included.

"A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives through creating new habits of heart and mind," says Robert Atwell,

Bishop of Exeter and Chair of the Liturgical Commission. "It opens us more deeply to the transforming grace of God. *Common Worship: Morning and Evening Prayer* provides a framework for this enterprise of grace."

*Common Worship: Morning and Evening Prayer* (ISBN 978 0 7151 2315 7) is priced £12.99 and is available from [www.chpublishing.co.uk](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk) and from local Christian booksellers.

# Announcements

**The Bishop** of Manchester, Dr David Walker, is to be the new Deputy Chair of the Church Commissioners' Board of Governors. The appointment was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury who by arrangement appoints a deputy to attend the meetings in his place. The appointment is effective from 1 January 2017.

Bishop David replaces the Bishop of London, Dr Richard Chartres, who is retiring from his bishopric in February and who has served as a Commissioner since 1999.

**Sir Andreas** Whittam Smith, First Church Estates Commissioner has announced his intention to step down from his current role following 15 years' service. The decision will take effect at the next AGM of the Church Commissioners scheduled for June 2017.

The First Commissioner is the Chairman of the Church Commissioners' Assets Committee, a statutory committee responsible

for the strategic management of the Church Commissioners' £7 billion investment portfolio. A Crown nomination, the First Commissioner is also a member of the Church Commissioners' Board of Governors, the General Synod and the Archbishops' Council.

**The Rt Revd** Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, is to be the next chair of the Central Readers' Council in succession to the Rt Revd Robert Paterson, Bishop of Sodor and Man. Bishop Martyn will take up the role on 11 November 2016. He will also become a member of the Ministry Council of the Archbishops' Council, with a particular brief for lay ministries.

The Central Readers' Council (CRC) works to enhance the contribution of Readers to the overall ministry of the Church, particularly to encourage the most effective collaboration with other forms of ministry, ordained and lay.

## Pilgrim anniversary celebration

**The *Pilgrim*** discipleship course has become the most significant series for Church House Publishing since *Common Worship*, selling 130,000 copies since its launch in 2013.

There have been more than 25,000 views and 6,000 downloads of the free video materials in the past year alone. *Pilgrim* is also being used across the world: in Denmark, Canada, Australia, with young people in the United Arab Emirates and, with the Church Publishing Inc version, in the USA.

To celebrate the third anniversary of *Pilgrim*, Church House Publishing is surveying users <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Pilgrimsurvey2016> to help build a comprehensive picture of how *Pilgrim* is being used and to develop further resources to meet the discipleship needs of the Church.

"We love *Pilgrim*! The content is open, accessible and gets people really talking faith!" Anna Norman-Walker, Canon Chancellor of Exeter Cathedral says.

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
**InFocus**

# Christ Church calendar Nov. 2016

<b>Nov</b>	1	Tue	Italian Evening, 6:30pm
	2	Wed	<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>
	3	Thu	Eucharist, 11am
	4	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>6</b>	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i> Christ Church rostered to assist at Genesis Sunday Centre
	7	Mon	<i>218th anniversary of the consecration of Christ Church</i>
	10	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	11	Fri	Cedar Tree café Tenth Anniversary Party, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>13</b>	Sun	<i>Remembrance Sunday / The Second Sunday before Advent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	17	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	18	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>20</b>	Sun	<i>Christ the King (patronal festival)</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	22	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
	24	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	25	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>27</b>	Sun	<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>
	29	Tue	Advent Lunch with St Mary's R.C. church, 12 noon
	30	Wed	<i>Andrew the Apostle</i>
<b>Dec</b>	1	Thu	Eucharist, 11am
	2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	<b>4</b>	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i> 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 2016

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1</b>	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2</b>	For Christ Church's publicity team
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3</b>	For victims of violence
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4</b>	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b>	For those who work in financial services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8</b>	For our link Dioceses in Zambia
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9</b>	For our Local Ministry Group partners
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	For the Queen and all heads of state
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11</b>	For countries experiencing civil unrest
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12</b>	That we may be pure in heart
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	For journalists and those who work in the media
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	For good relationships between different faiths
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	For our charity of the month
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>	For the Trustees, meeting tonight
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b>	For those finding it hard to earn a living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19</b>	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20</b>	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	For scientists and engineers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	For the lonely and depressed
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	For the work of Genesis

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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24</b>	For all at school
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b>	For those who are unable to keep warm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26</b>	That we may be open to encounters with God
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	For Alex and Malcolm our Churchwardens
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29</b>	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for the beauty of creation

## Long-term Prayer List

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

John Burrows  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Ned and Angela Townshend  
 Joyce Fairburn  
 Martin Palmer  
 Katharine  
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 Tabitha and Fonella Coles  
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**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.**

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# Rotas for November 2016

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>6 Nov</b> 3rd before Advent	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Job 19:23-27a	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17	<b>Lewis Boyd</b> Luke 20:27-38
<b>13 Nov</b> Remembrance	<b>Peter Woodward</b> Malachi 4:1-2a	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	<b>Margaret Heath</b> Luke 21:5-19
<b>20 Nov</b> Christ the King	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6	<b>Judith Anderson</b> Colossians 1:11-20	<b>Penny Edwards</b> Luke 23:33-43
<b>27 Nov</b> First of Advent	<b>Daphne Radenhurst</b> Isaiah 2:1-5	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Romans 13:11-end	<b>Virginia Knight</b> Matthew 24:36-44
<b>4 Dec</b> 2nd of Advent	<b>Judith Bishop</b> Isaiah 11:1-10	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Romans 15:4-13	<b>Charles Rice</b> Matthew 3:1-12

*Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Chalice assistants</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>
<b>6 Nov</b>	Malcolm Wall, Clive Tilling	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Georgina Bowman
<b>13 Nov</b>	Brenda Wall, Jane Fletcher	Morny Davison, Margaret Silver	Penny Edwards
<b>20 Nov</b>	Keri Chivers, David Rawlings	Margaret Heath, Jane Nicholson	Mark Elliott
<b>27 Nov</b>	Janet Mahto, Malcolm Wall	Sylvia Ayers, Ken Ayers	Sarah Jones
<b>4 Dec</b>	Clive Tilling, Brenda Wall	Janet Mahto, Morny Davison	Revd Cliff Burrows

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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 very 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  
*On the third 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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