

Entrance lobby work begins

Disruption ahead for eight weeks, but it will be worth it...

We've been talking for years about the need to renovate the church entrance and lobby. Now, following the refurbishment of our toilets, the next phase is about to begin. The contractors, Ellis & Co of Shepton Mallet, will start work on Monday 13 February and finish before Easter (the target date is 31 March).

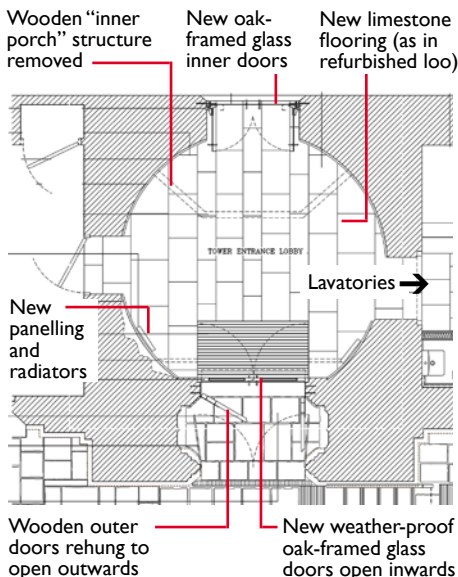
The main west doors will be rehung to open outwards. New oak-framed glass doors will be installed just inside the entrance (where the wooden doors are now), and the present inner doors into the nave will be replaced by matching oak-framed glass doors. The wooden porch structure in the entrance lobby

will be removed, the wall plasterwork and panelling repaired, and new vertical radiators installed on the west wall to heat the lobby, making it a much more usable and welcoming space. (An access ramp outside is planned in due course.)

There will be some disruption during the works. Our just-refurbished main toilets will not be accessible, and the main doors will be closed off for at least the first six weeks. Entry to the church will be through either the choir vestry door or the south-east door (off Julian Road), where a temporary porch will be erected to help keep the heat in. Thanks for your patience and understanding!



An impression of the renovated entrance. The main wooden doors will open outwards within the outer arch, with new oak-framed glass doors just inside to keep the weather out and the heat in.



Where to turn?

Over and above pastoral needs, there are many practical needs in and around our community which people within Christ Church aren't necessarily able to help with or can't always be expected to help with. A list of useful resources for those needing help is being compiled. Provisional headings include security, mobility and transport generally, help in the house, advice on benefits, Living Wills, Power of Attorney, avoiding scams, respite care, and dementia carers' support...

For example, people having difficulty getting around can benefit from knowing about Dial a Ride, wheelchair taxis, the loan of wheelchairs, and shop mobility. Those struggling day-to-day will want to know that they can get help from BANES with cleaning, shopping, and so on.

Penny Edwards and Margaret Heath are working on a list of useful resources and will welcome any input along the lines of "I wish I had known" or "I was thankful someone told me." Penny is on 313743 and Margaret on margaretaliceheath@gmail.com, or leave a note in the pigeonholes at the back of the church. Penny and Margaret are aiming to compile a draft list by 2 March, when they plan to present their provisional list to the Pastoral Care Committee. Can you help people find the help they need? Thank you!

Coming events

Fairtrade fortnight

What is it? We are already a Fairtrade Church, but schools, organisations and individuals are being invited to publicise the principles of Fairtrade and help the developing world. For information and ideas about activities, visit <http://fortnight.fairtrade.org.uk>

When is it? Monday 27 Feb – Sunday 12 March

Bath Half Marathon

What is it? The annual event in the streets of Bath. Watch for road closures and diversions that may make getting to church tricky.

When is it? Sunday 12 March 2017

Thy Kingdom Come 2017

What is it? The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting all Anglican churches and faith groups to join in ten days of prayer for evangelism and witness between Ascension Day and Pentecost 2017.

For information, visit www.thykingdom.com.co.uk

When is it? Thursday

25 May – Sunday

4 June



Christ Church reordering update



We are continuing to try out different configurations at the east end of the church. At the end of January the heavy wooden choir stalls were removed, the altar was pushed back to become a "high altar" against the reredos, and we tried seating the choir in a semi-circle around a smaller second altar, as pictured. What's your opinion? Please share your thoughts with Lore, Mark or one of the Churchwardens – or better still, fill in a form to record your views. And if you have any ideas or suggestions, don't hesitate to voice them. We need everyone's input to discern how the east end can best serve our mission.

Pilgrim spirituality

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Having spent nearly a year on Bible study, the Thursday evening Pilgrim Group is changing direction. For Spring and early Summer we will be reflecting on spirituality – our own and other people's. At each meeting an invited speaker will introduce us to the central theme. After a 30 or 40 minute talk there will be questions and open discussion. We have a strong team of challenging speakers to get us thinking and questioning, and this should be a challenging and rewarding course.

Pilgrim Spirituality Programme

- Thursday 9 March: Revd Lore, "Spirituality of the Desert Fathers".
- Thursday 23 March: Revd Canon Melvyn Matthews, "Spirituality and Mysticism". Canon Matthews was Chancellor of Wells Cathedral and has written widely on mysticism. Many at Christ Church will remember him and his wife June as members of our congregation.
- Thursday 6 April: Revd Canon Robert Reiss, "Spirituality and the sceptical Christian". Canon Reiss is Canon Emeritus of Westminster Abbey and author of *The Sceptical Christian*.
- Thursday 20 April: Revd David Gatcliffe, "The Spirituality of Icons".
- Thursday 5 May: Revd Canon Mark Oakley, "Spirituality and Poetry – the Splash of Words". Canon Oakley is Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and visiting lecturer in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Kings College, London.
- Thursday 18 May: Revd Isobel Rathbone, "Going back to our roots – Saxon spirituality". Revd Isobel is Priest in Charge of Batheaston with St Catherine and has a research interest in Saxon spirituality.

All meetings will take place in the Lower Mews and will start at 7:30pm.

We hope also to be able to offer evenings on "Spirituality and Contemplative Prayer", "Spirituality and Pilgrimage", and "Celtic Spirituality" in May and June.

Last month in Christ Church



Keith (our organist) became a proud grandfather when his son and daughter-in-law celebrated the birth of their daughter Amelia Grace Pigot on Friday 13 January at 4:45pm, weighing in at 7lbs. Congratulations to all concerned!



The Trustees have elected Charles Rice Chair of Trustees, succeeding Sarah Jones, who remains a Trustee. The two are pictured above. Charles and his wife Carol have been active members of our congregation since moving into the house next door to Christ Church in August 2013, and he has been a Trustee since April 2015. Congratulations to Charles, and huge thanks to Sarah for all she has done and continues to do for Christ Church.

St Mary's RC church restored

Rebekah Cunningham writes:

After the fire at our neighbouring Roman Catholic church of St Mary's in July 2015, a great deal of work has been done to bring the church back to its former glory. Below you can see a picture of the fire damage and also see how the church looks today. The church was completely unusable and Christ Church was delighted to welcome St Mary's very large Christmas congregations to use our church over Christmas 2015. As St Mary's usual Sunday Mass times coincided with our services they weren't able to use Christ Church regularly but did a major and rapid paint job to spruce up their parish centre next door as a temporary base.

For more "before and after" pictures visit <http://bit.ly/St-Marys-rises>. We wish them well in their lovely refurbished church.



Left: St Mary's interior immediately after the fire. Top: St Mary's now, with the parish priest Fr Jeremy Rigden and Charlotte Boyall, Parish Administrator. Above: the church features some modern frescoes, including portraits of church members; thankfully, it was possible for these to be restored by the original artist.

Save the date!

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

We have booked the Old Barn at Kelston Roundhill (two or three miles north west of Bath) for a Christ Church outing on Sunday 21 May. It has space for play, creativity and worship. Outside there are spectacular views, and the Cotswold Way passes close by. We plan to leave after the 10am service, have lunch together, enjoy the afternoon and finish after supper.

Put it in your diary and begin to think what activities you would like to suggest!

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

Bishop's Message for February

Don't assume nothing happens at this time of year...



**From the Rt Revd Peter Hancock,
Bishop of Bath and Wells**

At one time January and February were not part of the calendar as the winter was regarded as being a “monthless period”. Indeed it was not until about 700BC that Numa Pompilius added January and February to the Calendar. February was named after Februa, a festival of ritual purification. In Old English February was called Solmonath (mud month) or Kale-monath (named after cabbages). In Somerset we certainly know something about both mud and cabbages!

But how strange to regard winter as

being “monthless”. It assumes nothing is happening. And that’s certainly not true. In our gardens we see snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils appearing. New life and new growth is evident everywhere. For farmers this is also a very busy period with early lambing often underway and with winter sown crops already well established.

February is a time when we appreciate that the days are lengthening, and for many of us “spring cleaning”, whatever that may mean, is often underway. In February Epiphany is well behind us and Lent almost upon us. Across the Diocese there is also much that is happening. Bishop Ruth and I are looking forward to six Community Conversations, the first two of which are in February. There will be two in each archdeaconry and these are occasions for us to meet people from right across the diocese. Some will be people we know well, but we hope many will be people who we have not had the chance to meet before. The aim of each Conversation is to provide an opportunity for us to hear and to share some of the things that God is doing among us. We are called to be followers of Jesus, living and telling the story of his love. All PCC secretaries and clergy have been given these dates, so do speak to one of them if you would like to come along. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories.

With warm greetings,

+Peter Bath and Wells

It's a small world...



On Sunday 8 January a new ring of ten bells was dedicated at the church of St Thomas, Stockton Heath, Cheshire. The project was aided by the Keltek Trust, a charity which helps conserve bells and provide new homes for redundant bells. The Keltek Trust was instrumental in the restoration of our bells, but there's another connection too: before coming to Christ Church, Lore was curate at St Thomas'. Photo courtesy of David Kelly.

Diocesan prayers

The monthly Prayer Calendar from the Diocese of Bath and Wells this month focuses on the Bath Deanery. It's eye-opening to find out what's happening around our Deanery, and prayer is one way to lend support to the many projects and activities of our sister churches and faith groups in our own area. There are some copies available at the back of the church, or you can find it online at <http://bit.ly/Bath-and-Wells-prayer-calendar>

Alastair is retiring

In March Revd Alastair Davies is retiring as senior chaplain at the Royal United Hospital. Alastair has long been a friend of Christ Church and has taken services here several times, most recently during our last interregnum. Our prayers and best wishes go to him and his family on his retirement.

This month's charity: Bath Mind

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 12 February, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of February, will go to the Bath branch of Mind. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

Mind works to improve the lives of people suffering from mental health problems. Recognising that one in four people will experience a mental health problem, it aims to make sure anyone with such a problem has somewhere to turn for advice and support.

The Bath branch of the organisation offers information and advice on welfare benefits, provides training (including training for anyone who may

have to support family members, friends, neighbours, colleagues or clients experiencing mental distress), and runs various projects including the Greenlinks allotment project, Open Health community group, and Food for Thought cooking group. It also manages a support home in Oldfield Park and "supported living" at a property in Marlborough Lane in Bath (giving priority placement to applicants from black and ethnic communities) and another in Chippenham.

Nationally the organisation campaigns to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. It works to influence public attitudes towards people suffering from mental health problems, helps people to take control over their lives, and works in partnership to promote a better awareness and understanding of mental health issues and deliver services which put people at the forefront of their own recovery.

For more, visit www.bathmind.org.uk



Church renewal gains momentum with £9million for new projects

Underlining its commitment to renewing the Church across England, over £9.1million has been awarded by the Archbishops' Council to seven dioceses for projects from East London to Worcestershire and Sussex to Liverpool.

The grants are part of the strategic development funding stream that began in 2014 and from which 20 dioceses have now benefitted. The funding is a core element of Renewal and Reform, the Church of England's initiative to promote growth in the church in every community in England.

The largest award of £2.5 million goes to the Diocese of Birmingham, working with younger people in proclaiming the Christian faith in Birmingham's diverse multi-cultural contexts.

Other awards go to Worcester to recruit up to ten children and young people's mission enablers to support and train parishes; Chelmsford to support the planting of churches in vast new housing areas; Bristol to develop three existing parish churches

to become the 'resource churches' for specific Mission Areas; Chichester to continue the diocese's on-going programme of church planting; Leicester to develop leadership and vocations amongst Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic Christians in order to grow new and existing congregations amongst people from those backgrounds; Liverpool to develop a low-cost model to multiply congregations to complement conventional church planting.

Programme Director, Mike Eastwood said, 'Renewal and Reform is having a real impact around the country. The Church has a hopeful future and the sense of energy that these dioceses are putting into making this happen is really exciting.'

Share your news of Church growth in your area with us by contacting Anna McCrum, Senior Media Officer, The Archbishops' Council – email - [anna.mccrum@churchofengland.org](mailto:annamccrum@churchofengland.org) or by phone on 020 7898 1463

Archbishop of Canterbury reflects on recent visit to Auschwitz

Following a recent visit to Auschwitz, the Archbishop of Canterbury posted reflections on Facebook, of which an extract follows:

“This was my third visit to Auschwitz/Birkenau, and each time has been even more appalling...

“Our retreat at Auschwitz gathered the first cohort of the Learning Community (a group of Anglican clergy on a programme of in-service training) for three days of prayer and theological and scriptural reflection. We considered the issues of human evil: how we recognise it and how we respond.

“Naturally it provoked so many questions:

“Having seen this terrible place could we still speak of God? Could we still pray, and if so in what way?

“Could we hear the tunes of evil in such a way that we recognise their modern variations?

“Even if we recognised evil, how could we know we would have the courage to protest, to lament – and not be silent when horror threatened?

“Here are three things that will stay with me:

“First is the way that the perpetrators at Auschwitz tried to dehumanise their victims – in a way that actually cost the humanity of both.

It worked to some extent. Prisoners killed others in order to live – and were then killed themselves. Others gave their lives, like St Maximilian Kolbe and St Edith Stein.

“Second, these atrocities were committed by ordinary people. When one of the priests leading our retreat was asked who was to blame, he said: “People did it to people.”

“Third, it was idolatrous and demonic. It was evil in the strict sense of human-created alternatives to the grace and providence of God. It reversed everything good with everything bad.

“I’ve come away with too much to write, and no words to write it. We must protest to the limit against evil: before it occurs, as it happens, and in its aftermath. But there is also a need for silent reflection – in which we honour the victims, mourn our capacity for evil, and learn to beware.”

For the full reflection visit: www.facebook.com/archbishopofcanterbury. Further reflections from members of the group will be published on Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January, on the Church of England website.

Setting God's people free - how to live an abundant life

A key element of the Archbishops' initiative for the Renewal & Reform of the Church will come to General Synod in February.

Director of Renewal & Reform Mike Eastwood said: "The question at its heart is how will we empower the 98% of the Church of England who are not ordained and set them free for fruitful, faithful mission and ministry and a vibrant relationship with Jesus in all of life?"

The report, *Setting God's People Free*, calls for a shift in culture and looks beyond Church structures to the whole people of God at work in communities and wider society. It seeks to affirm and enable the

complementary roles and vocations of clergy and of lay people, grounded in our common baptism and proposes steps to nourish, illuminate and connect what is working already in and through frontline parishes.

The aim is to see confident involvement, engagement and leadership of lay people wherever they are called to serve.

More details of what will be discussed and debated at General Synod can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3791672/february-2017-synod-timetable-with-timings-amended.pdf>

Bringing the Vision Alive - National Education Conference

The inaugural National Education Conference, 'Bringing the Vision Alive', takes place at Church House on Saturday 4 February, hosted by the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership. Drawing together educational leaders from across the UK, the conference will focus on unpacking the CofE's recently published Vision for Education document, *Deeply*

Christian, Serving the Common Good. Keynote addresses from the Archbishop of York, Dame Alison Peacock, Professor David Ford, Ndidi Okezie, Professor Bill Lucas and Bishop Libby Lane will be supported by a range of exciting case study workshops and opportunities for leaders to share together to bring the Vision alive. Visit www.churchofengland.org/education

Taking Funerals Seriously: Fresh Perspectives 7-9 June 2017

Funeral ministry remains at the heart of parish life for our communities, and over the next decade the absolute number of deaths in England is set to increase. *Taking Funerals Seriously: Fresh Perspectives* will explore what makes a good funeral, the current cultural shifts around funerals, and how

the church can best minister to those in grief. There will also be opportunities to share good practice, hear stimulating debate and engage with the wider funeral industry.

For more information on speakers and to book online visit www.takingfuneralsseriously.org

Resources for Lent 2017

Reflections for Lent is designed to enhance your spiritual journey through the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday

Covering Monday to Saturday each week, it offers reflections on readings from the Common Worship Lectionary, written by some of today's leading spiritual and theological writers.

It is ideal for individuals and groups seeking Lectionary-based reflections for use during Lent and Holy Week, or for anyone wishing to try Reflections for Daily Prayer before committing to a year's worth of material.

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<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk>

of discipleship, bringing Scripture to life in today's world and offering small practical actions to build God's Kingdom where you are. Each day offers: a short Bible quotation, a reflection to help you walk closer with Jesus through the disciplines of prayer, simplicity and generosity, a simple action for transforming yourself, your community and the world. Illustrated throughout with colour photography featuring Christian Aid's work around the world, this is the perfect pocket resources for anyone seeking to deepen their discipleship this Lent. This is a single copy with new actions for 2017. It is undated and may be used in any year.

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<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk>

For each day of Lent, *Live Lent with Christian Aid* invites you on a journey

Christ Church calendar Feb. 2017

Feb	2	Thu	<i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</i> Eucharist, 11am Eucharist, 7pm, followed by Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	3	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	5	Sun	<i>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>
	6	Mon	<i>Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952</i>
	9	Thu	Eucharist, 11am
	10	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	12	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday before Lent</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	16	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	17	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	19	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	23	Thu	(No Eucharist today)
	24	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	26	Sun	<i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>
	28	Tue	Churches Together Prayers for the City, Bath Abbey, 7:30pm
Mar	1	Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7pm Holy Communion with Ashing
	2	Thu	Eucharist, 11am Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	3	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm
	5	Sun	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>

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 February 2017

Wednesday	1	For the work of Genesis
Thursday	2	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
Friday	3	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Saturday	4	For those who teach
Sunday	5	For Alex and Malcolm our Churchwardens
Monday	6	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	7	For countries affected by the economic downturn
Wednesday	8	For the work of the Mothers' Union
Thursday	9	For vocations to the ministry
Friday	10	For those who are unable to keep warm
Saturday	11	We give thanks for family and friends
Sunday	12	For Angela our Verger
Monday	13	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	14	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Wednesday	15	For adoptive and foster families
Thursday	16	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Friday	17	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Saturday	18	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Sunday	19	For Lore and Colin
Monday	20	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	21	For those who care for the sick
Wednesday	22	For our charity of the month
Thursday	23	That we may have the gift of hope

Friday	24	For refugees
Saturday	25	For our link dioceses in Zambia
Sunday	26	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Monday	27	For journalists and those who work in the media
Tuesday	28	We give thanks for beauty in 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
 David Slater
 David Lavis

Jason Batup
 Don Sparks
 Marge and Mervyn Gull
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Tabitha and Fonella Coles
 Hilary Hunter
 Steve Faulkner
 Pamela and John Gosling

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

This magazine is published on the first Sunday of each month. Please send any contributions of news and articles by the 15th of the preceding month to the editor, Alex Soboslay, or by e-mail to **magazine@christchurchbath.org**

Rotas for February 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
5 Feb 4th before Lent	Isaac Elliott Isaiah 58:1-9a	Jonathan Stead 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Charles Rice Matthew 5:13-end
12 Feb 3rd before Lent	Emma Elliott Deuteronomy 30:15-end	Malcolm Wall 1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Rebekah Cunningham Matthew 5:21-37
19 Feb 2nd before Lent	Janet Mahto Genesis 1:1 – 2:3	Virginia Knight Romans 8:18-25	Rowena Hall Matthew 6:25-end
26 Feb Next be- fore Lent	Morny Davison Exodus 24:12-end	Clive Tilling 2 Peter 1:16-end	Lewis Boyd Matthew 17:1-9
5 March First of Lent	Mark Elliott Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Alex Soboslay Romans 5:12-19	Margaret Heath Matthew 4:1-11

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
5 Feb	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Morny Davison, Janet Mahto	Rebekah Cunningham
12 Feb	Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto	Margaret Heath, Rowena Hall	Mark Elliott
19 Feb	Jane Fletcher, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Margaret Silver	Penny Edwards
26 Feb	Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Sarah Jones
5 March	Brenda Wall, Jane Fletcher	Janet Mahto, Rowena Hall	Georgina Bowman

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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 very welcome. Our ecumenical Pilgrim 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 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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