



Now for the East end

How can our building best serve our mission?

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Please pray for discernment as we reach the next stage of our reordering process. From Ascension to Pentecost, we at Christ Church have been united with the world wide church in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for the coming of God's kingdom. As Pentecost passes it's important we don't forget those prayers. They are at the heart of all our worship, made explicit in the prayer Our Lord

taught us: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done."

After four years of prayer, discussion, experiment and thought we are coming to the end of our deliberations about the reordering of the East end of Christ Church. Underpinning the process has been the question "What is God's will for Christ Church? How do we live that out in our worship, in our relationships and in our use of our building?" Since Christmas we have experimented with four different arrangements of the choir and communion table. Over the next few weeks we will also be thinking about the pulpit and the communion rail. Then we will meet together at the beginning of July to review our responses and to discern our way forward.

In all this we need energy, insight and sensitivity to each other's needs. But most of all we need the power of the Holy Spirit. A year ago, as I joined you in the process, we used a prayer for the discernment of God's will. Please would you pray that prayer with us over the next month in order that we may discern and live out the will of God in our church.



A visualisation of a possible configuration of the worship space at Christ Church, with fewer different levels in the chancel than at present, the altar forward, and the choir ranged in stalls curving around it. Over the next month or so, we'll be aiming to draw together our experience of the experimental configurations we've tried out. Have you filled in a response form in each case? Do you have any views you have yet to make known? Please be sure to speak to Lore, Mark or one of the Churchwardens – it's vital that everyone's voice should be heard!

*Lord of time and eternity,
You inspired people of faith and integrity to
found our church.*

*Fill us with truth and love as we seek to discern
your will for Christ Church
and give us courage and energy to follow
your guidance,
looking always to Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Heard but not seen?



Left to right: John Cope, Richard Doubleday, Sheila Quintin, Will Willans, Maggie Willans, Valerie Duff, Ian Hay Davison, Barry Quintin, Michael Brett, Josh Jones, Nick Field

Will Willans, our Tower Captain and Ringing Master, writes:

These happy people are the ringers on Easter Sunday, members and friends of the “Society of Christ Church Youths”, which has maintained ringing for service every week since the new bells were installed.

Which is fine, but what do we do up there in the tower – “heard but not seen”? Well, the English art of ringing comprises:

- “Handling” – the first skill to be learned, managing the rope so that the bell is under control;
- “Rounds” – the bells ringing in sequence down the scale. Taking a bell in rounds is the next step for a learner, and anyone who can ring in good rounds is a useful ringer;
- “Call-changes” – changing the sequence from rounds by words of command;
- “Change-ringing” – the sequence continually changing to the rules of a “method”.

And the way to find out more is to visit when we ring. Access is up to the gallery and through a door in the wall; our Sunday ringing is 9:15 to 10:00; and we practise on Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00, generally followed by coffee – and cake – in the church.

Coming events

Palestine: Perfidious Albion?

What is it? “Has Britain Betrayed the People of Palestine?” Ilan Pappé, professor of history and director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies at Exeter University, speaks on the role of Britain in the creation and expansion of the state of Israel and continuing dispossession of the Palestinians

When is it? Friday 9 June, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution, 16-18 Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HN
Tickets £4 (students £2.50) from Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/IlaninBath> or on the door

Thinking biblically about Islam

What is it? Ida Glaser, Director of the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies in Oxford, will be the speaker at a Gold Project study day which will include interactive teaching and workshops on how the Bible speaks into our engagement with Islam

When is it? Saturday 12 June, 10am–3:45pm

Where? Easton Family Centre, Bristol
Tickets £15 (including lunch). To book, or to find out more, call David Ball 01252 614323 or e-mail davidball@goldproject.org

Bach Magnificat & Mozart Mass in C

What is it? Bath Bach Choir 70th anniversary celebration concert: JS Bach’s Magnificat in D and Mozart’s Great Mass in C Minor, with the Southern Sinfonia (Nigel Perrin, conductor)

When is it? Saturday 1 July, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Tickets £12 to £30 (discounts for students and children under 18). Call Bath Box Office 01225 463362 or visit bathboxoffice.org.uk

Donald Morris, RIP

One of the longest-standing members of the Christ Church family, Donald passed away on Thursday 25 May. His funeral will be held in Christ Church on Thursday 8 June at midday. Our commiserations and prayers go to Yvonne and all the family around the world. May he rest in peace.

Last month (not all in Christ Church...)



Some glimpses of our outing to the Old Barn on Kelston Roundhill on Sunday 21 May. We enjoyed lunch in the barn, walks with breathtaking views, and lovely weather, and ended the day with Sung Evensong. The children enjoyed crafting on the theme of fire and water (above). Photos by Mark Elliott and Alex Soboslay.

Left: Many old friends returned to say farewell to Cyril Selmes on Tuesday 30 May. Our prayers are with Eileen and all their family and friends.

Manchester bombing

A short reflection from Bishop Peter in the light of the Manchester attack

Not just in Britain or Europe but around the world vigils have been held to remember all those whose lives have been touched by the tragic event at Manchester Arena on Monday night, 22 May.

People have gathered in public places, in homes and at work, in churches and cathedrals to remember all those whose lives have been turned upside down by violence.

People of all nationalities, ages and creeds have come together in a shared longing for peace and justice in our world.

But underneath the shock and anger and grief there has been a determination by the people of Manchester to stand together, to support those most affected and to unite across their diversity. They have resolved to rebuild and repair the damage to their city and to face down the fear that terrorists seek to instil in our lives.

Incidents like this raise many questions, including the question "Where is God in the midst of all this?" At moments like this I am reminded of something which I read many years ago and has remained with me: "In Jesus, God did not come to explain suffering, or to remove it, but to fill it with his presence." In this life we may not get all the answers we seek to the pain and problem of suffering. We live in a world which continues to be torn apart by suffering in many ways. But I believe we live in a world which is held and shaped by the love and light of God. Jesus came to fill the world with his presence.

Let us make that the focus of our prayers.

+Peter Bath and Wells

An ancient prayer for peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom:

Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;

that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Archdeacon of Wells



On Saturday 20 May the Revd Canon Anne Gell was installed as Archdeacon of Wells and Residuary Canon of Wells Cathedral by the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Archdeacon Anne was previously Vicar of St Peter's Wrecclesham in the Diocese of Guildford, Area Dean of Farnham, and Honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral. Before ordination, she read Pure Mathematics at Oxford before training to be a GP. She has spoken fondly of the "beauty" found in mathematical models, which she says "point profoundly towards God in the universe." As a former doctor, she has a strong interest in medicine and healing in its broadest sense.

■ A service to farewell retiring Archdeacon of Bath Andy Piggott is being held in Bath Abbey at 7pm on Monday 26 June. This is not a ticketed event and everyone is welcome.

There is no news...

There is no inFocus supplement from the Church of England this month. "The Communications Team is currently undergoing a review of the content it produces," they say: "inReview and inFocus are amongst the pieces that we are looking at whether or not we continue to produce in the future. Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to produce these publications based on capacity of the team.

"We are looking at other ways of distributing news from the National Church and will be working out the best way to communicate this soon."

Bishop's Message for June

Faith, trust and prayer



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

As you read this one of the issues dominating the news will be the General Election. Some wit once said: "If you don't vote, you get the government you deserve, and if you do, you never get the results you expected." Witty that may be, but it is also somewhat cynical and it is one of the things our Archbishops have warned us against. In a Pastoral Letter released to all parishes and chaplaincies they have said that the

first obligation we have as Christians is to pray for the election and to recognise the very real burdens and responsibilities carried by those in political life and their families. The second obligation they suggest is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to renew our commitment to the virtues of love, trust and hope in God and in each other. These virtues they suggest should guide and judge our own actions and shape and determine the life of our nation.

Faithful, humble, trusting prayer is one mark of true discipleship and I hope that many of us will be engaging in the opportunities to pray with others between Ascension and Pentecost. If we do we will be praying with millions of other Christians across the world, praying that many more people, among them our own friends and families, will discover and open their lives to the love of Jesus Christ. Services are being held in Bath Abbey on Thursday 25 May and in the Cathedral on Sunday 4 June. At Bath Abbey there will be interactive prayer stations, mixing traditional and contemporary worship, and at the Cathedral there will be a Prayer Fayre. We are all invited to take part and to pray together expectantly for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Come and join your bishops in praying: "Thy Kingdom Come".

+Peter Bath and Wells

Our Spirituality Course continues

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

The Christ Church series of interactive talks on spirituality has proved popular. Up to about 30 people have been attending each talk, and the standard of interaction has been high. On Thursday June 1st we welcomed Revd David Gatcliffe to talk to us about Icons and Spirituality.

On Thursday 15 June Revd Philip Turner, a Methodist minister new to Bath, will talk about his experiences walking the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route. His talk is on "Spirituality and Pilgrimage".

On Thursday 29 June Revd Gerry Reilly will

talk about Benedictine Spirituality. Next month we look forward to a talk from Revd Paula Hollingsworth on Jane Austen and Spirituality on July 15th. Paula will bring copies of her newly published book of the same name. I highly recommend it. On June 29th Mother Rita Elizabeth from the sisters of Bethany (an Augustinian order) will finish our series with her talk on the Spirituality of Anglican religious life.

All talks are at 7:30pm in the Lower Mews. Question and comments are encouraged, and we end with refreshments and discussion. Everybody is welcome.

This month's charity: Fairy Bricks

The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 11 June, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to Fairy Bricks. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)



Fairy Bricks has a special connection with Christ Church: one of its keenest fundraisers is Dianne Davis's granddaughter Tatiana, who loves Lego and relished playing with sets provided by Fairy Bricks while in hospital for cancer treatment.

Fairy Bricks has one very simple objective:

to give Lego to children in hospital. Play

is a vital part of the

recovery process when children are in

hospital. It provides

comfort and distraction

and is even used as an educational tool by Play Specialists to assist children with procedures they have to endure.

Lego itself as a product is perfect for this.

It is something many children are already familiar with and can provide an instant escape at a very difficult time. Then by its very nature when tomorrow comes it can be rebuilt to help the same child with something else or move to another child to start the process all over again.

From humble beginnings and a single hospital donation in 2012, the charity now aim to deliver Lego with a retail value of approximately £5,000 per month throughout the UK and sometimes beyond. In the later half of 2017 they are hoping to increase that to £7,500 of sets each and every month.

Fairy Bricks: brightening the lives of sick children through Lego. To find out more, visit www.fairybricks.org



Christ Church calendar June 2017

June	1	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group "The Spirituality of Icons", 7:30pm
	2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	4	Sun	<i>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i> 6pm Service of Prayer for Pentecost
	6	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
	8	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee
	9	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	11	Sun	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	12	Mon	<i>Barnabas the Apostle</i>
	15	Thu	<i>Corpus Christi</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group "Pilgrimages and Spirituality", 7:30pm
	16	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	18	Sun	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	22	Thu	Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm
	23	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	24	Sat	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i>
	25	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>
	26	Mon	Farewell to Archdeacon Andy Piggott, Bath Abbey, 7pm
	29	Thu	<i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> Eucharist, 11am, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group "Benedictine Spirituality", 7:30pm
	30	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
July	2	Sun	<i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>
	3	Mon	<i>Thomas the Apostle</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 June 2017

Thursday	1	For those who work in education
Friday	2	For those who have suffered from terrorism
Saturday	3	That we may be stewards of creation
Sunday	4	Thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit
Monday	5	For good use to be made of this prayer cycle
Tuesday	6	For those who organise, steward and attend Christ Church events
Wednesday	7	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
Thursday	8	For Julian House
Friday	9	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	10	For those preparing for marriage or recently married
Sunday	11	For Lore and Colin
Monday	12	For scientists and engineers
Tuesday	13	For Mark, Keith, David and the choir
Wednesday	14	For those who care for the sick
Thursday	15	For our Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight
Friday	16	For countries affected by the economic downturn
Saturday	17	For those who are persecuted for their faith
Sunday	18	For vocations to the ministry
Monday	19	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	20	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Wednesday	21	That we may be open to encounters with God
Thursday	22	For Fairy Bricks, our charity of the month

Friday	23	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	24	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
Sunday	25	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
Monday	26	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	27	For the elderly
Wednesday	28	For the ministry of Genesis
Thursday	29	That we may have the gift of patience
Friday	30	For those in slavery or bonded labour

Long-term Prayer List

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

John, Cliff and Margaret Burrows
 Ned and Angela Townshend
 Joyce Fairburn
 Martin Palmer
 Katharine
 David Slater
 David Lavis
 Jason Batup
 Don Sparks
 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.

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

Christ Church Link

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Rotas for June 2017

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
4 June Pentecost	Morny Davison Acts 2:1-21	–	Isaac Elliott John 7:37-39
11 June Trinity	Jane Fletcher Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end	Judith Anderson 2 Corinthians 13:11-end	Margaret Heath Matthew 28:16-end
18 June Trinity 1	Judith Bishop Genesis 18:1-15	Sylvia Ayers Romans 5:1-8	Penny Edwards Matthew 9:35-10:8
25 June Trinity 2	Malcolm Wall Jeremiah 20:7-13	Georgina Bowman Romans 6:1b-11	Clive Tilling Matthew 10:24-39
2 July Trinity 3	Alex Soboslay Genesis 22:1-14	Jonathan Stead Romans 6:12-end	Mark Elliott Matthew 10:40-end

Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Chalice assistants	Sidespeople	Intercessions
4 June	Jane Fletcher, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Junior Church
11 June	Janet Mahto, Clive Tilling	Jane Nicholson, Jonathan Stead	Penny Edwards
18 June	Brenda Wall, Jane Fletcher	Janet Mahto, Margaret Heath	Sarah Jones
25 June	Keri Chivers, Brenda Wall	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
2 July	David Rawlings, Clive Tilling	Morny Davison, Margaret Silver	Mark Elliott

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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 Sunday and Thursday mornings, 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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