



Rebuilding the Temple

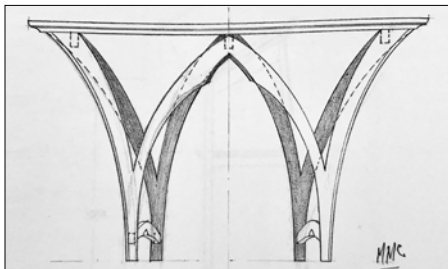
From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

At last we have finished designs for the new east end furniture! Later this month we will be launching a brochure, and individuals, families or groups of friends will have the opportunity to sponsor a piece of furniture. The design is centred on our new communion table (*pictured*), and each piece echoes architectural designs present in the church. There will be a new adjustable lectern with a step to ensure younger readers can be seen. The choir will have “readers” for their music and somewhere to put their water bottles, and attractive frontals which will share motifs with the rest of the sanctuary furniture.

As we were preparing a list of the furniture we will be commissioning, we were wondering: “How can we justify such expense?” And then we read God’s words to Haggai in the 6th century BC, “Rebuild the temple!” (Haggai 1:8). The Jews of Jerusalem responded magnificently. They gave time, money, skill, gold, silver and frankincense. The temple was rebuilt and witnessed to the glory of God for the next 500 years.

As the French Revolution rocked Europe, Christians in Bath gave time, money and skill in an act of faith to build Christ Church. For over 200 years the church has been a visible witness to the glory of God and a place where all Christians can find a home. We have inherited our church building as a gift. Our ancestors built it, now it’s our turn to glorify it and make it fit for the next 200 years of worship. The fundraising team have done sterling work and you have all responded generously, but there’s more to do. We have been given a magnificent hand-crafted rainbow-coloured quilt designed and stitched by one of the Christ Church family (*below*). It will be displayed this month in Christ Church and raffled in aid of our fundraising. It is an appropriate reminder of the time and skill that went into the rebuilding of the temple and a reassurance that in Christ Church we too have the will to make our church beautiful.



A warm welcome and another ringing first



Will Willans writes:

The peal at Christ Church was six months ago. And since then...? Well, we've rung when we ought to have rung. I'm fairly sure we have not rung when we ought not to have rung.

We have welcomed visitors: the young ringers from the Salisbury Diocesan Guild came one Wednesday afternoon, adroitly combining a ringing outing with an Open Top Bus Tour. Earlier in the year, it was the Dockland Ringers, from the East End of London, whom we entertained with coffee and cakes, in return for having stolen one of their ringers. What? Well, yes. Minmin Xi, who started ringing at St Dunstan's, Stepney, has moved to Bath, taking up a post at the University, and has joined the Christ Church Youths.

And on Saturday 31st August, Minmin rang her first quarter-peal, a significant event in a ringer's career. The last time anyone achieved this at Christ Church was... Sunday 23rd July 1893. Could it really have been 126 years ago?

For the record: 1,260 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles, in 47 minutes; Minmin Xi 1, Hazel Spence 2, William Willans (conductor) 3, Tom Longridge 4, Maggie Willans 5, Karen Tyler 6.

Margaret Burrows RIP



As this issue was in preparation we got word that Margaret Burrows died peacefully on Monday 30 September. Margaret and Cliff came to Christ Church in early 1988, when Cliff arrived at Bath University and also began to participate in ministry at Christ Church. Margaret served Christ Church in many capacities over many years – as a member of Church Council, as a chalice assistant, in the Mothers' Union, and more – and remained an involved member of the congregation despite increasing frailty. Condolences to Cliff, John, Rachel and all Margaret's family and friends.

Margaret's funeral takes place in Christ Church on Thursday 10 October at 1:45pm.

Lansdown Friendship Club

This monthly "memory café", under the umbrella of Bath Dementia Action Alliance, takes place at St Stephen's Centre (street entrance, Lansdown Road, BA1 5SX) on the first Friday of every month, 2pm to 3:30pm. It is suitable for anyone experiencing memory difficulties, and offers good company, conversation and an opportunity to take part in shared activities. These will reflect the group's interests and be different each month, from music and singing to board games, craft, bingo or dominoes. All are welcome with any accompanying family member, friend or carer. For more information, call St Stephen's Office on 01225 420946 or e-mail lansdownfc@ststephensbath.org.uk

Because of a booking clash, the December event is on *Thursday* 5 December, 2–3:30pm.

Celebrating 25 years of women's ordination



It is a quarter-century since women were first ordained as priests in the Church of England. More than 120 women came to the Bishop's Palace to celebrate this in Bath and Wells. Among them were some of the first group of 30 women ordained in the diocese 25 years ago, including Revd Prebendary Angela Berners-Wilson, the very first woman ordained in the Church of England, who subsequently had a long association with Christ Church while serving as Chaplain at the University of Bath.

Since that day 25 years ago, the number of women clergy has continued to rise. Figures for 2017 show that 28% of Anglican clergy are women. Nationally 23% of senior leadership positions are held by women. Some of those newly ordained in Bath and Wells were among those who attended the celebrations.

In 2014 General Synod voted to remove the legal obstacles preventing women from becoming bishops. Bishop Ruth, who was ordained in 1996, two years after the very first ordinations, was the fifth woman in the Church of England to become a Bishop.

Last month in Christ Church



Apple Picking thanks

On Sunday 8 September Janet Mahto opened her garden again for her annual Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis, which this year raised a total of £250. Janet sends thanks to all the Christ Church family and friends who turned out in force and donated so generously.

Warm thanks to all who decorated the church so splendidly for Harvest on Sunday 8 September (top) and all who brought produce and goods, which were passed on to the Food Bank. That evening, David Briggs played an amazing improvised organ accompaniment to the 1920 film of Jekyll and Hyde (centre). On Friday 27th the church was packed for the funeral of Selvin Johnson (bottom). Condolences to his family and friends.

Remembrance concert

On Remembrance weekend, Saturday 9 November, at 7pm, the Bath Abbey Girls and Lay-clerks Choirs, conducted by Huw Williams, Director of Music at Bath Abbey, will perform Brahms' heartfelt and moving German Requiem. The expressive words and music, together with the beautiful setting of the Abbey's restored east end, will combine to create a loving and memorable event.

The music will be accompanied by Sean Bowers and Gary Desmond on piano duet, lending this grand work a tenderness and intimacy as we recall those who have given their lives in service to their countries.

There will be powerful and thoughtful readings between each of the seven movements by the Rector of Bath Abbey, Guy Bridgewater, and Jeremy Key-Pugh.

More details at www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/events/remembrance-concert. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions) from Bath Box Office.



Eco-Church Conference

What is it? A one-day conference on “Helping your church look after God’s world”. Speakers include: Revd Kevin Durrant, author of *The Earth Will Teach You*, on the theology of caring for creation, and Rob Varley, Senior Consultant at the World Meteorological Organisation, on climate change.

When is it? Saturday 9 Nov., 9:30am – 3:30pm

Where? Christ Church, Weston super Mare

More details: <http://bit.ly/eco-church-nov-2019>.

Coming events

Gala Organ Concert – Dr Peter King

What is it? A gala concert with Dr Peter King, Organist Emeritus of Bath Abbey, in aid of the St Mary’s Bathwick organ restoration fund, with video so that the audience can see close views of the organist on the big screen. The programme includes music by Karg-Elert, Saint-Saens, Guilman and Mendelssohn.

When is it? Saturday 5 October, 7pm

Where? St Mary’s Bathwick, BA2 4EB

Tickets £10 on the door or from the parish office – see www.bathwickparishes.org.uk

Modern Church: Liberal Evangelism

What is it? “Liberal Evangelism: never more necessary” – Modern Church South West Group Day Conference with Bishop John Saxbee, former Bishop of Lincoln and a former President of Modern Church. Modern Church encourages open, respectful debate on Christian faith – see modernchurch.org.uk

When is it? Saturday 12 October, 11am–4pm

Where? Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath BA1 1JW

Entry: minimum contribution £10 suggested, which will include coffee (available 10:30 onwards) and a sandwich lunch – orders taken on the day.

Please e-mail rd.james@live.co.uk to register interest and help with catering.

Sale in aid of Somerset Churches Trust

What is it? The Central United Reformed Church and the Bath Quakers are working together and holding a sale and coffee morning in aid of Somerset Churches Trust. Lovely recycled Christmas and general purpose cards and home-made preserves and other goodies on sale. Entry 80p.

When is it? Friday 18 October, 10:30am–12.

Where? Central United Reformed Church, Argyle Street BA2 4BA

Pray for Bath

What is it? An opportunity to gather together with other Christians to pray for our city.

When is it? Tuesday 12 November, 7:30pm

Where? Bath Abbey

Bishop's Message for October

Journeying together



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

I was on the train today and a South Western Railway poster caught my eye. The headline was “Our Promise to You”. It then said: “We are passionate about delivering a great service for you and are here to make travelling easier.” It went on to spell out what that meant in these words:

- Be visible and available to you when you need us
- Offer information and answer questions you may have
- Make announcements about the destination and its calling point
- Keep you informed should things be delayed during your journey.

Obviously this was talking about trains, but it got me thinking as some of those things could also be applied to my role as Bishop. My role, and that of Bishop Ruth, the archdeacons, our other colleagues and the central

support staff in the Old Deanery is to support the work of mission and ministry which takes place across the parishes, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese. And we are all passionate about doing the best we can to support you and to “make your travelling easier”.

And by “travelling” we mean the walk that we have with Jesus as his followers and his disciples.

One way we seek to support you is by being visible and available. Bishop Ruth and I like nothing better than getting out and about across the length and breadth of the diocese, meeting people and hearing all that you are doing to live and tell the story of Jesus. Every month we meet hundreds of new people and we try, as and when we can, to answer questions and let people know what is going on.

These parish magazine articles are another way in which we try to keep in touch and share what we are up to. The diocesan website, our e-newsletter Connect, Manna magazine and our social media feeds on Facebook and Twitter are other places you can catch up with what we are doing, but more importantly hear and read about what God is doing among us and within the communities we serve.

The train poster ended with the words “Let us know how we are doing”. And that is another important reason why we love to get round the diocese – so that we can hear what else we can do to support you and to share with you in living and telling others about the love of God.

With my prayers and very best wishes,

+Peter Bath and Wells

This month's charity

The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 13 and 27 October, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of the month, will go to the Libra Project Women's Refuge. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)

The Libra Project was set up to provide accommodation, support and advice to families experiencing domestic violence and abuse in Bath and North East Somerset.

Libra services include: refuge accommodation, resettlement, housing, access to legal and financial advice, therapeutic support groups for women and young people to understand controlling and abusive relationships, and training and workshops about domestic abuse.

The refuge, at a confidential address in Bath, provides comfortable, safe and secure accommodation. Women can self refer or come via an agency such as the Police, Housing, Social Services, or health professionals. For more about the charity, information and links, visit <http://bit.ly/julian-house-dva>



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 (1st and 3rd Sundays) or informal communion (2nd and 4th Sundays), St Stephen's Lansdown

Morning Prayer

- Monday 8:45am St Stephen's
- Tuesday 9am Charlcombe St Mary's
- Saturday 9:30am St Stephen's

Christian Meditation

- Wednesday 6:45–7:30pm, Charlcombe St Mary's

Caught "lead-handed"

Two thieves were caught "lead-handed" trying to steal the lead from a Devizes church roof in the small hours of the night – because there happened to be an all-night prayer vigil taking place in the church at the time.

Rev'd Dr Keith Brindle (*pictured*), the vicar of St James' church, called the police at about 2:30am. He told BBC News the two suspects, who were arrested on the roof, "could not have chosen a worse time" – it was the first overnight vigil held in the church since he joined three-and-a-half years ago.

"A series of coincidences led to us being in the church at that time," he said. "We could have chosen any other day, so we were there at the right place at the right time. To quote William Temple: 'When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't'."



Zambia Link's future

In October, the diocese is holding a series of events across Bath and Wells to reflect on how we have benefited from the diocesan Zambia Link, and its potential in the future. Participants will be invited to convene again in December for a follow-up to "reflect prayerfully, pool our collective wisdom and experiences, and arrive at the very best way forward for the Zambia Link."

The Bath session is on Tuesday 15 October 7pm–9pm at St Luke's Church, Hatfield Road BA2 2BD. Alternatively, there are sessions in Taunton on Tuesday 8th, Wells on Saturday 12th, Yeovil on Thursday 17th and Exmoor on Wednesday 23rd. Find out more and register at <http://bit.ly/zambia-link-future>

Christ Church calendar Oct. 2019

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| | 3 | Thu | 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 4 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 6 | Sun | <i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> |
| | 10 | Thu | 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee 1:45pm Margaret Burrows' funeral |
| | 11 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 13 | Sun | <i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 17 | Thu | 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 18 | Fri | <i>Luke the Evangelist</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 20 | Sun | <i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 4:30pm Choral Evensong |
| | 24 | Thu | 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Christ Church Trustees meeting, 7:30pm |
| | 25 | Fri | Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 27 | Sun | <i>Bible Sunday / The Last Sunday after Trinity</i> |
| | 28 | Mon | <i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> |
| | 31 | Thu | 11am Eucharist, followed by coffee Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm |
| Nov | 1 | Fri | <i>All Saints</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am–1:30pm |
| | 2 | Sat | <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i> |
| | 3 | Sun | <i>All Saints / The Fourth Sunday before Advent</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 October 2019

Tuesday 1 For those who live or work in care homes

Wednesday 2 For our personal ministry

Thursday 3 For our Pilgrim Group, meeting tonight

Friday 4 For the homeless

Saturday 5 For our government and politicians

Sunday 6 For our bell-ringing team

Monday 7 For those who work in social services

Tuesday 8 We give thanks for the fruits of the earth

Wednesday 9 For countries in conflict

Thursday 10 For the Trustees of Christ Church

Friday 11 For those who are persecuted for their faith

Saturday 12 For the work of the Mothers' Union

Sunday 13 For our Junior Church

Monday 14 For our armed forces and police

Tuesday 15 For victims of natural disasters

Wednesday 16 For Christian unity

Thursday 17 That we may have the gift of faith

Friday 18 For those finding it hard to earn a living

Saturday 19 For volunteer organisations

Sunday 20 For Mark our Lay Reader

Monday 21 For scientists and engineers

Tuesday 22 For our charity of the month

Wednesday 23 We give thanks for those who inspire us

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| Thursday | 24 | For those recently baptised or preparing for baptism |
| Friday | 25 | For those who have been forced to flee their homes |
| Saturday | 26 | For new members to be added to Christ Church |
| Sunday | 27 | For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy |
| Monday | 28 | For architects and designers |
| Tuesday | 29 | For the work of hospices |
| Wednesday | 30 | We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy |
| Thursday | 31 | For those who mourn |

Long-term Prayer List

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

David Slater
 Keith Warren and Jean
 Katharine
 Joyce Fairburn
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King
 Zayad
 Joe Street
 Mrs Wright
 Gill

Andrew Clatworthy
 Tom King
 Joyce Gabe
 Zareb
 Fred Matthews
 Judith Rogers
 Nancy Kiddie
 Revd John Brown
 Harold Holmes
 Alan White
 Ian Muir
 Liza Burdon-Bailey

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.

Rotas for October 2019

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
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| 6 Oct 16th after Trinity | Morny Davison Lamentations 1:1-6 | Richard Gabe 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Nick Wells Luke 17:5-10 |
| 13 Oct 17th after Trinity | Janet Mahto Jeremiah 29:1,4-7 | Robin Kerr 2 Timothy 2:8-15 | Judith Anderson Luke 17:11-19 |
| 20 Oct 18th after Trinity | Jude Bishop Jeremiah 31:27-34 | Thomas Wolker- Darley 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 | Penny Edwards Luke 18:1-8 |
| 27 Oct Bible Sunday | Sylvia Ayers Isaiah 45:22-end | Jane Fletcher Romans 15:1-6 | Georgina Bowman Luke 4:16-24 |
| 3 Nov All Saints | Rebekah Cunningham Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 | Clive Tilling Ephesians 1:11-end | David Bishop Luke 6:20-31 |

Laity rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Chalice assistants | Sidespeople | Intercessions |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 Oct | Clive Tilling, Angela Soboslay | Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers | Nick Wells |
| 13 Oct | David Rawlings, Clive Tilling | Jane Nicholson, Morny Davison | Penny Edwards |
| 20 Oct | Angela Soboslay, Keri Chivers | Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers | Rebekah Cunningham |
| 27 Oct | Clive Tilling, Angela Soboslay | Jane Nicholson, Morny Davison | Mark Elliott |
| 3 Nov | Keri Chivers, David Rawlings | Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers | Ian Hay Davison |

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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 have our own weekly community café every Friday. 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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