



Keeping faith in testing times

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

As I write this, America is being shaken by violent protests. The image of George Floyd with an insouciant police officer kneeling on his neck will not quickly fade. On 21 June we in Christ Church would have marked the arrival of the Windrush generation with a celebratory Eucharist and cookout. While the pandemic has made that impossible, it has never been more important to be aware of continuing discrimination and injustice in this country as well as elsewhere.

George Floyd's death has sparked protest in the USA and in this country. Meanwhile, pro-democracy protesters are being arrested in Hong Kong, and in this country the number of deaths from Covid-19 continues to rise. And yet for the church, June is a month of celebration. On 7 June we celebrate Trinity Sunday, followed four days later by Corpus Christi. In pre-Reformation days Corpus Christi would have meant a day off work to celebrate the Eucharist with processions through the streets. 24 June is the feast of the birthday of John the Baptist, and 29 June the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Those celebrations must still go on, not because the church is indifferent to suffering. On the contrary, while living with suffering, the church must point to something else – to someone else. John the Baptist's life is devoted to preparing for and pointing to Jesus.

John the Baptist, Peter and Paul are a good trio of saints to keep in mind at the moment. All three lived through

strange and testing times in a world controlled by a hostile pagan empire, but they didn't allow that to inhibit their proclamation of faith in Christ.

John the Baptist's faith was prophetic; Peter's, an intimate faith in the man he knew as a friend but who was also the risen Christ he worshipped. Paul really wasn't a team player but he forged his own path bringing the Christian faith to Turkey, Greece and Italy. We, the modern Church, are their legacy, and we can find strength and hope from their example. On Sunday 21 June we will celebrate the Windrush generation and their contribution to the life of this country, then on Monday 29 June Simon Tatton-Brown will preside at a celebration of the Eucharist marking the 40th anniversary of his priesting. As a priest, Simon is a successor to Simon Peter, his namesake. In the midst of the pandemic it is fitting that we should rejoice in eternal things and celebrate Simon's ministry.



John baptises Jesus – in stained glass in our apse.

Simon celebrates 40 years as a priest

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

On 29 June Simon Tatton-Brown will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a priest in Manchester Cathedral. At that time Simon was just starting his second year as a curate at St Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne. It was a happy, busy time working with an inspirational incumbent, and in under two years he would be head-hunted to become Chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester. But perhaps this was not such a far cry from the career in the probation service which he had been pursuing only a few years before.

Simon's involvement in the church began for all the wrong reasons. He told me: "At Winchester College we took three A-levels, one in the first year of sixth form. Realising that my 'third' A-level was heading for shipwreck, I rushed to take Divinity A-level in two terms and got a B grade." That B grade got him to Queens' College Cambridge to read Theology. But Simon knew in his heart that going for ordination immediately afterwards would be wrong.

At university he had volunteered to work with young offenders, so the next step pointed to the Probation Service. He trained in Manchester, where he joined a liberal, Anglo-Catholic congregation. St Chrysostom's was (and is) engaged in social issues and, being near the university, was popular with students. After few years a charismatic and inspirational priest, Ian Corbett, was appointed Rector. He fostered many vocations, Simon's included.



Meanwhile Simon was working as a probation officer. He was also churchwarden (at the time the youngest in the diocese) and singing in a choral society. In 1977 he left to train for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

Simon's long ministry has been rich and varied. He's worked in the wider Anglican Communion, serving for brief periods in the USA, Kenya and Uganda. He's been active in diocesan affairs, not only as a bishop's chaplain but as an area dean and on various boards and committees. In the late 1990s he spearheaded the introduction of Common Worship in the Diocese of Manchester. He's held chaplaincies in further education, in hospitals and with the police in Manchester and Wiltshire. He's chaired a charity working with the homeless and another running almshouses. He's conducted retreats. He's trained three curates. Throughout his ministry he's immersed himself in the pastoral work of a parish priest.

One night in November 1990 fire destroyed his parish church of St Bartholomew, Westhoughton (12 miles north west of Manchester), leaving only the tower standing. Simon insists that he was away from parish that night, so he does have an alibi! He says: "For the first year we worshipped in the local school. I was then able to buy and convert a disused telephone exchange next to my rectory. The Sunday School met in my living room. The church silver and registers were kept in a safe in the kitchen. I think 17 people had keys to my front door!"

Over the next five years Simon showed considerable financial acumen, raising £100,000 towards the cost of the new church, and using the interest earned from the insurance settlement to build not only the £1m parish church but also a brand new £1m primary school and a half million pound extension to a second school, all the while being Team Rector in a parish with three congregations and three church schools. His curate at this time was Frankie Ward, later to become Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Frankie will be preaching for us at Simon's celebration Eucharist on 29 June.

Simon has always been a man of absolute integrity. When he met his partner Philip in the 1980s while Bishop's Chaplain, he invited Philip to move into the vicarage. There was

A prayer for Bath

no comment from either his parish or the bishop. And as we at Christ Church know, he is equally forthright in his preaching. But contrary to reports in the national newspapers, it is definitely not true that just before retiring in December 2013 he told a school assembly that Father Christmas does not exist!

■ *Join Simon, his friends, colleagues and all of us at Christ Church at 10:30am on Monday 29 June, when Simon presides at a virtual online Eucharist on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, as we celebrate Simon's 40th anniversary as priest.*

As a sign of community support and ecumenism, 28 churches in Bath have come together online and made a short film titled "A Prayer for Bath" put together by professional filmmaker Jack Fisher. The different members of the clergy pray one line each of the prayer of St Francis, "Make me an instrument of your peace". It's a tangible expression of the unity and strength of the Christian churches in Bath – and mindful of the tensions around the world at present, the call to become peacemakers is very timely. You'll find the film at www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsGNo2CvJ7I.

Penny Edwards RIP

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

The Revd Deacon Penny Edwards died at home at the end of May. Although she never stood on ceremony, as an ordained deacon she was a member of the three-stranded ministry of the church, that of bishops, priests and deacons.

In the early '70s Penny was one of the first women to study at Lincoln Theological College. She enjoyed the work, and one of her tutors there was the well-known liturgist Jim Cotter. While ordination was a joy, Penny was bitterly disappointed in the type of work she was permitted to do. "She felt she was given menial rather than demanding work by the clergy in the Diocese and felt unfulfilled and under-appreciated in what was a male-dominated world. She found the Bishop, Simon Phipps, supported his clergy rather than her, and she was thoroughly discouraged, very understandably in my view," writes Margaret Heath.

Penny came to Christ Church after moving to Bath, where she ran a care home at which she met her husband Tudor. She often described him as the love of her life, and felt devastated by his premature death from cancer. Penny's own health in later life was poor, and she was both courageous and



Photo courtesy of Jane Nicholson.

realistic as she lived with her limited energy, taking on only those church duties which she could actually deliver. We enjoyed her leading our prayers, and only a few months ago she enjoyed a communion service and celebratory afternoon tea when we sang a hymn which was important to her. She was supported at home by friends and neighbours, and enjoyed trips to visit family when she could.

Penny remained someone of firm views, deeply spiritual, a strongly supportive if sometimes critical friend of Christ Church, and a much loved member of our congregation.

We will miss her. Rest in peace, Penny.

Charity of the month: Project 28

Isaac Elliott writes:

The children at Christ Church were invited to choose a charity of the month, and were given the month of June for raising funds for our nominated charity. We were keen to support a charity that works with young people, and also one that was local. We discussed it together and chose Project 28.

Project 28 is a young people's drug and alcohol service in Bath & North East Somerset. It provides advice, guidance and one-to-one sessions for young people who are having problems with drugs and/or alcohol. The service is free and confidential. It aims to provide a flexible and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing. The charity helps young people by offering support and assessment around their drug/alcohol use, employment and training needs and other skills. The charity also supports parents carer of young people using drugs or alcohol problematically.

Find out more about the charity and its

activities at <https://bit.ly/chch-project28>.

The Christ Church children had lots of ideas for extra fundraising activities. Unfortunately some of these can't happen now, but we are still keen to do what we can. We are planning a Zoom concert and a quiz sheet, for which we will invite donations. Watch for more information in the weekly newssheet and on the Christ Church Facebook page!

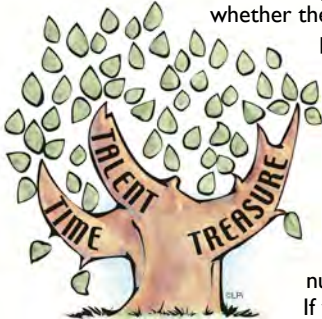
We have created a page for donations: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/>

Or you can donate by giving money directly to me or my Mum (if you can get it to us) and we will pass it on to the charity. Please let us know if you are eligible for Gift Aid.



Time and Talent update

The Time and Talent challenge is now taking off, and we have had several generous and creative offers made. Thank you to all who have made offers and those who have taken them up. Please consider how you might join this list and be part of the project to raise the remaining funds for this phase of the church reordering. When taking up an offer, please check with the people concerned



whether they wish you to pay them directly or deposit the money into the Trustees' account: Trustees of Christ Church Bath, sort code 60 02 05, account number 50935534. If you are unable to

participate (and we understand there are many pressing calls on people's time at present) but wish to contribute to the fund nevertheless, please deposit any funds into the account with your name and "TT" as the reference – for example, Bloggs TT. If you have already taken a Time and Talent envelope, then add the number of your envelope to the reference – for example, Bloggs TT26.

If you have goods or a service to offer or have any queries please contact Jonathan Stead at jonathanstead20@gmail.com.

Current goods and services on offer include transfer of LP recordings to CD, a luxury breakfast box, bird seed, five paintings by Zi Ling (see next page), hand-painted icons by Lore, and more. Because of the number of offers, we have decided to send out a separate Time and Talent Update each Wednesday with all the current offers. Please watch for it as an e-mail message from Mark Elliott.

Ling's generous gift of paintings

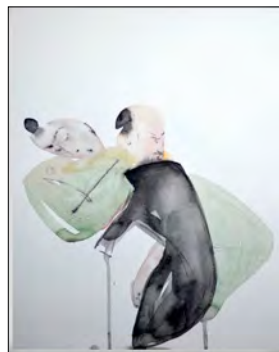
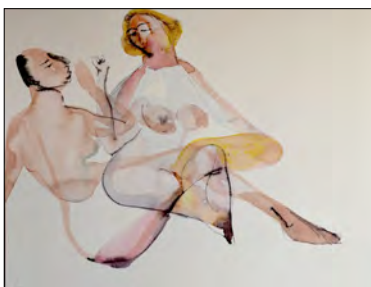
Zi Ling, RI has been a part of Christ Church for a couple of years now. Before that she lived in London, where her church was St Martin-in-the-Fields. While you may have seen Ling act as a server during our Sunday Eucharist, you may not know that she is an accomplished artist and a member of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

Ling is the daughter of Chinese painter Ling Huitao, a pioneer of the '85 New Wave art movement in China. She started drawing with her father at the age of 4. She trained formally at the Central Academy of Fine Arts in China and then, after moving to England, at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and the Chelsea College of Arts.

Ling has been increasingly recognised and has won a string of prizes: the Cass Art Prize (2019), the DAC Beachcroft Space Prize (2018), the Frank Herring Easel Award (2018), First Prize in the Leathersellers Awards (2016), and the Rosemary & Co. Prize (2015).

This year Ling has been selected for membership of the Royal West of England Academy (RWA), and her work will be hung at the candidate exhibition in Bristol in the autumn. Details of that exhibition will follow when available.

We are extremely grateful that Ling has generously given five framed paintings to Christ Church as her contribution to our fundraising effort for our reordering. Our plan is to hold an exhibition of the five paintings in the Lower Mews as soon as it is safe and legal to do so, in order that you can see them for yourself – a reproduction doesn't do them justice.



Top left: *Violent Delights-Orange* (Watercolour & Ink, 51x67cm)

Top right: *Expresso* (Watercolour & Acrylic, 51x71cm)

Centre: *Naked Lunch* (Watercolour, 61x41cm)

Bottom left: *The Flight* (Watercolour & Ink, 51x67cm)

Bottom right: *Little Japan* (Watercolour, 36x51cm)

Family Matters – by Fred Trenchard

It was late afternoon. The sun was still shining, but the heat had gone out of it. Summer was giving way to Autumn, but Hannah still felt she had to water the garden. Hannah's garden consisted of a line of big pots where she grew a variety of shrubs, roses, lavender and one or two whose names wouldn't stick in her mind. She heard the back door open and a friendly voice said:

"Can I help you in the garden, Auntie?"

"You surely can, my child," she said. "I'd be glad of your company. There's another watering can over there under the bench near the tap. Fill it up – not too full, mind, or you won't be able to lift it. About half way, then you can water these leeks and things here. I'd be glad of a chat."

Sam filled his can at the tap. Hannah was thinking, "He's a good lad, our Sam, but I wouldn't have expected to be watering the garden so late in the year." And a line from a song she knew came to her: "For the times they are a-changing." She didn't know any more words, so she sang it again and left the thought hanging in her mind like washing on a line, and called out to her nephew, "Don't tread on those leeks, Sam. If there's some you can't reach, leave 'em and I'll do 'em later."

It wasn't a big garden and the watering didn't take long.

"That'll be enough now. Leave your can by the tap where you found it. I'm going to have my tea. Do you like tea, Sam?"

"I'd rather have milk."

"OK, milk it is then. What kind of biscuits do you like?"

"Chocolate biscuits is what I like. But I like bourbon biscuits too."

Hannah liked a child who knew his own mind. "Let's go in." She cast her eye over the garden. "That's a nice bit of gardening you've done there, Sam. Now let's go and see what biscuits I've got in my tin."

Soon they were sitting in the shade of a tall lime tree that grew in the next door garden but cast its shade over Hannah's lawn. Sam was nibbling at his chocolate biscuit, and occasionally sipping his milk.

"Sam," said Hannah. "Your mother was my sister's daughter, so what does that make me?" Sam pondered the question.

"That makes you my auntie... Auntie."

"Well, Great Aunt, actually, but let's not worry about that."

"No, Auntie."

"And it's time we had a chat together."

Sam did not know what this line of talk portended, so he just said, "Yes, Auntie. What shall we talk about?"

"You," she said. "We are going to talk about you – who you are."

"Yes, Auntie."

"So who do you think you are?"

"Well, Auntie, my name's Samuel, so I think Samuel is who I am."

"So far, so good," said Hannah. "But who do you think your father is?"

"I haven't got a father like everybody else. I only have a Father which art in heaven."

"You know how babies are made, Samuel?"

Samuel did know the facts of life, but it wasn't something he liked to talk about. It was something grown-ups did and grown-ups could talk about it if they wanted to, but as far as he was concerned, he'd just as soon not, so he just said, "Yes, I know about that."

"Well, your father did that with my sister's daughter and you are the result." Hannah waited for Sam to take this new fact in.

"You mean my Mum's your sister's daughter? So where's my Dad then? What happened to him?"

There was something in Sammy's voice that made Hannah wonder whether she'd let herself in for more than she'd bargained for, when she decided to talk about all this family history; but it was better he knew something about it, than thought his past was something that left a nasty taste in the mouth.

"When a man wants to get a girl pregnant, he should marry her first, then everything is clear and above board."

"What does 'above board' mean, Auntie?"

"It means that when you're sitting at table, you're not trying to read a book, or feed a pet rat."

East end progress

"I wouldn't want to feed a pet rat. Not above board, not below board. I don't really like rats, Auntie."

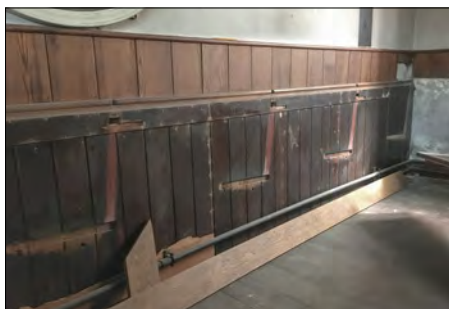
Hannah smiled. "Nobody does, poor things! But we're not talking about rats, we're talking about... Well, Sam, what do you think we're talking about?"

"We're talking about my Father who got my Mother pregnant, and didn't stand by her."

"Stand by her, Sam! Yes. That's what he should have done! He should have stood by her."

"Then I'd have a father which art at home with my Mum and me, as well as a Father which art in Heaven."

"That's it, Sammy. That's just about it."



Listening Chaplaincy

This faith-based phoneline offering one-to-one chaplaincy is especially for anyone facing end-of life-issues, bereaved or anxious about someone in hospital, in residential care or isolated at home – whether family member, friend, colleague or neighbour, or someone they have been caring for through their work.

The service will also offer a listening ear to:

- Those anxious about gravely ill relatives, especially if there is no option of visiting them;
- People unable to see the body of a loved one after death or unable to attend a funeral;
- Key workers affected by work-related issues or overwhelmed by what they are facing;
- Anyone anxious about the effects of Covid-19 on their lives.

This service is open to everyone, of all faiths and none. All calls will be confidential.



0330 229 1700
8am-11pm
7 days a week

Construction of our chancel extension is all but finished (top). The electricians have pretty much completed renewing the circuits and replacing obsolescent fuse boxes as well as installing the new lighting for the east end. The new south chapel is also taking shape: removing the 1970s wooden panel on the east wall of the former sacristy (centre) revealed old wooden panelling with remnants of the north-facing seating originally in this area. The panelling has now been removed (bottom), and the walls are being rendered.

Join a virtual service

Take part in our services at home: the 10am Sunday Eucharist, 11am Thursday Eucharist, and other services as advertised, will be live streamed. Do join us at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath. If you have problems or queries, Mark Elliott is happy to help – e-mail mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org. Join the Facebook group to receive the readings and weekly notice sheet by e-mail in advance, and follow the links on the page to take part in “virtual coffee” after the service.

Do send prayer requests – by e-mail to lore.chumbley@me.com, by text, or by post to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH – and we’ll try to include them week by week. Note that services will be online, so be mindful of the privacy of friends and loved ones.

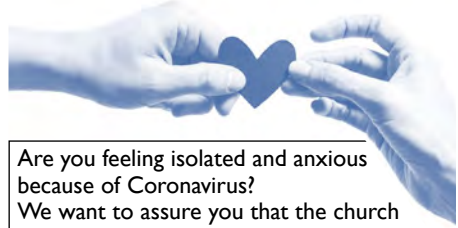


Daily Hope

A free national phonenumber offers a simple way to bring worship and prayer into people’s homes while church buildings are closed. It will be particularly welcome to those who do not have internet access to watch streamed services. Daily Hope offers hymns, prayers, daily reflections and a choice of church services over the phone, 24 hours a day.



Need pastoral care?



Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of Coronavirus?

We want to assure you that the church community remembers and prays for those who are in any kind of need.

If you would like prayer, conversation or support, please call

Rebekah Cunningham on 07821 251956 or e-mail rebekah.spanner@gmail.com.

If you have any concerns about anyone you feel would like some support, either members of our church or people in the area of Christ Church, please get in touch. The pastoral care group are regularly phoning the elderly and housebound, and along with some other volunteers will try to help with practical needs such as shopping.

Community Hub

The Compassionate Community Hub works closely with food banks and volunteers to ensure people can access direct support when they need it. Visit www.3sg.org.uk/pages/compassionate-community-covid-19

- If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, send an email with the subject “Support” to compassion@3sg.org.uk and they will pick up the query within 24 hours.
- Alternatively, telephone the Compassionate Community hotline **0300 247 0050**. It is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.
- To volunteer with the Compassionate Community Hub, complete the form via <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>.
- For people in need of food and looking for an alternative to going into the shops during the pandemic, there is a list of local businesses offering food delivery: www.3sg.org.uk/pages/sustainable-food-partnership.

Bishop's Message for June

Recognise the one who stands beside you



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

Stay alert is the message as we “ease out of lockdown”. We know that for some there is little ease as we begin to re-engage with a world that is still fearful of Covid-19 and uncertain about its future. The requirement to “stay alert” is to encourage us to watch out for signs of the virus and protect ourselves and others as necessary.

We’ve just celebrated Pentecost, often recognised as the birthday of the Church. Jesus’ message to his followers as he left them to return to his Father was that they were to “stay alert”, not to guard against something fearful to come but rather to be watchful for the Spirit that would free them from fear. It didn’t mean that there weren’t still physical dangers to face but rather that their spiritual lives should grow in boldness.

We have seen much courage exhibited throughout this crisis to date. Key workers who have continued to serve us day by day even whilst most of us have remained at home. The NHS has quite rightly been applauded and appreciated at this time and there are so many more.

I’ve been especially impressed by our schools and their teams, who have largely been open throughout this period to provide care for key workers’ families and vulnerable children. Even at weekends and during this past half term holiday they have been tirelessly supporting their local communities. Staying alert to the needs of our young, they have shown their commitment and care. I want to express my huge gratitude to them!

As we move into June we may be seeing more children returning to schools, having been home-schooled for a time. This will not be without fear for some, and a need to be especially alert to physical dangers. Whatever the situation we find ourselves to be in at this point, we are reminded that we have a Comforter, an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and encourages our faith even at times of doubt and anxiety.

Whether still at home and isolated or beginning a return to wider community life, may you find yourself being alert for and recognising the one who stands alongside you, the Spirit, who is friend, guardian and comforter.

With every good wish,

+Ruth Taunton

Track and Trace scam warning

A local church member recently received a phone call from someone claiming to be from the NHS Track and Trace service. According to their system, the caller said, the member had come into close contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid-19, and therefore needed to self-isolate for seven days and take a Covid-19 test. (First mistake: the isolation period is 14 days.)

The member asked the caller's name and was told that this was confidential, and that they must take the test within 72 hours. The caller asked for the member's address, which the member gave, but the caller then asked for a one-off payment of £500, payable by debit card, saying there were penalties for not complying.

Fortunately the member spotted this was a scam and hung up the phone.

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre, warns that "criminals will exploit every opportunity they can to defraud innocent people of their money or steal their personal details. This could include impersonating public sector officials and taking advantage of the NHS Test and Trace system." To date, a total of more than £5m has been reported lost by more than 2,200 victims of Coronavirus-related scams. Action Fraud has received almost 12,000 reports of Coronavirus-related phishing e-mails.

Contact Tracers will call you only from the number 0300 013 5000. If you do not wish to talk over the phone, you can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting you to log into the web-based service.

All texts or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. Action Fraud advise people to type the web address **<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>** directly into their browser, followed by

the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

It is important to bear in mind that legitimate Contact Tracers:

- *will never* ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to the NHS (for example, those starting 09 or 087);
- *will never* ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product of any kind;
- *will never* ask for any details about your bank account;
- *will never* ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts;
- *will never* ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone;
- *will never* disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts;
- *will never* provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential Coronavirus symptoms;
- *will never* ask you to download any software to your computer or ask you to hand over control of your computer, smartphone or tablet to anyone else;
- *will never* ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

For guidance about NHS Test and Trace, visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/testandtrace. For regularly-updated advice about Coronavirus-related scams and frauds, visit the page at www.actionfraud.police.uk/covid19. For local Avon and Somerset Police advice about this fraud: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2020/05/same-fraudster-different-fraud/. The official government Coronavirus advice website is simply www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Christ Church calendar June 2020

1 Mon *The Visitation (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth)*

4 Thu 11am Eucharist

7 Sun *Trinity Sunday*
10am Eucharist

11 Thu *Corpus Christi*
11am Eucharist

12 Fri *Barnabas the Apostle*

14 Sun *The First Sunday after Trinity / RSCM Music Sunday*
10am Eucharist

18 Thu 11am Eucharist

21 Sun *The Second Sunday after Trinity / Windrush Sunday*
10am Eucharist

24 Wed *The Birth of John the Baptist*

25 Thu 11am Eucharist

28 Sun *The Third Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

29 Mon *Peter and Paul, Apostles*
10:30am Eucharist

July 2 Thu 11am Eucharist

3 Fri *Thomas the Apostle*

5 Sun *The Fourth Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

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Got something you want to let everyone know about? 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 2020

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| Monday | 1 | For scientists and engineers |
| Tuesday | 2 | For those who have been forced to flee their homes |
| Wednesday | 3 | We give thanks for family and friends |
| Thursday | 4 | For the work currently in progress on our church building |
| Friday | 5 | For those finding it hard to earn a living |
| Saturday | 6 | For countries experiencing civil unrest |
| Sunday | 7 | For those preparing for baptism |
| Monday | 8 | For journalists and those who work in the media |
| Tuesday | 9 | For those who live or work in care homes |
| Wednesday | 10 | For schoolchildren and their teachers |
| Thursday | 11 | That we may work for the kingdom of heaven |
| Friday | 12 | For the lonely and depressed |
| Saturday | 13 | We give thanks for our blessings |
| Sunday | 14 | For Mark our Lay Reader |
| Monday | 15 | For architects and designers |
| Tuesday | 16 | For victims of natural disasters |
| Wednesday | 17 | For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church |
| Thursday | 18 | For the ministry of hospices |
| Friday | 19 | For those who use and run food banks |
| Saturday | 20 | For good relationships between the nations |
| Sunday | 21 | For vocations to the ministry |
| Monday | 22 | For farmers |

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| Tuesday | 23 | For the mentally ill |
| Wednesday | 24 | For our charity of the month, Project 28 |
| Thursday | 25 | That we may have the gift of faith |
| Friday | 26 | For those who care for the sick |
| Saturday | 27 | For adoptive and foster families |
| Sunday | 28 | For those who produce publicity for Christ Church |
| Monday | 29 | For those who work in local government |
| Tuesday | 30 | We give thanks for beauty in creation |

Long-term Prayer List

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

Joyce Fairburn
 Nick Johnson
 Hilary and Mary Faulkner
 Amber
 Sister Catherine
 Demelza King
 Zayad
 Joe Street
 Mrs Wright
 Zareb

Judith Rogers
 Nancy Kiddie
 Revd John Brown
 Alan White
 Ian Muir
 Liza Burdon Bailey
 Maureen Barker
 David Slater
 Ned Milne

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 June 2020

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
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| 7 June Trinity Sunday | Alex Soboslay Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end | Ian Hay Davison 2 Corinthians 13:11-end | Brenda Wall Matthew 28:16-20 |
| 14 June 1st after Trinity | Judith Anderson Exodus 19:2-8a | Clive Tilling Romans 5:1-8 | Charles Rice Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 |
| 21 June 2nd after Trinity | Robin Kerr Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Jude Bishop Romans 6:1b-11 | Nick Wells Matthew 10:24-39 |
| 28 June 3rd after Trinity | Angela Soboslay Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Rebekah Cunningham Romans 6:12-end | Richard Gabe Matthew 10:40-end |
| 5 July 4th after Trinity | David Bishop Zechariah 9:9-12 | Jonathan Stead Romans 7:15-25a | Janet Mahto Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end |

Intercessions, Sunday 10am Eucharist

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| 7 June (Trinity Sunday): Beryl Bowes |
| 14 June (Trinity 1): Jonathan Stead |
| 21 June (Trinity 2): Peter Bowes |
| 28 June (Trinity 3): Nick Wells |
| 5 July (Trinity 4): Rebekah Cunningham |

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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 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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