



## Being Resurrection people

*From the priest-in-charge...*

**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

We are past midsummer now and should be starting the decline into Autumn, and yet as we begin to emerge from lockdown instead it feels like an awakening, a new beginning. I am not alone in feeling this. Christopher Cocks-worth, Bishop of Coventry, likened the lifting of lockdown to the Resurrection. “It was as if we had been plunged into a sort of Holy Saturday existence... and now we are called to renewal, to resurrection, to keep moving with the purposes of God fulfilled in Jesus.”

How might this new life be different? Christ Church has been asked to host a workshop on “Theology after the Pandemic” (on Saturday 20 October, if you are interested in coming). A recent issue of the *Church Times* asked “What are the lessons of the pandemic?” and invited ten prominent thinkers to respond. In Christ Church the pandemic has encouraged some of us to meet regularly (though virtually) for morning prayer, and the Pilgrim Group has become a weekly rather than a fortnightly event.

Out of our Pilgrim Group emerged the thoughtful question “How do we live as Resurrection people?” After all, however unexpected, that is the joyful reality of who we are. For the last 2,000 years Christians have met every Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection. Today we call it “going to church”. Would it make a difference if we spoke of “celebrating the Resurrection” instead? Because the blessings of the Resurrection are literally infinite – eternal life to be lived now

in continuity with our future resurrection life; the forgiveness of sins, both ours and those of other people; the incalculable value of every part of the world in a redeemed creation.

The contributors to the *Church Times* hoped the pandemic would strengthen lay leadership, shock the country into a more equitable division of wealth and power, embed the use of digital media in our churches as an adjunct for communication and worship, encourage nations to work together for the health and wellbeing of the people of the world, and strengthen local communities. As we are enabled to return to our buildings, we in Christ Church are particularly blessed because the building work we have been planning for so long has taken place and we will be returning to a space that has been physically transformed. The Resurrection is both bodily and spiritual. Let’s make our return to the church building the beginning of a genuine, prayerful consideration of what it means for us and for our community to be Resurrection people.



# Andrew Sillett RIP

Andrew Sillett died peacefully on Tuesday 16 June in Musgrove Park Hospital. Andrew was a joyful, generous man with a big heart, and he will be greatly missed.

Andrew married Angela Berners-Wilson on 19 May 1984, which means they have just celebrated 36 years of marriage. When Angela was appointed chaplain to the University of Bath in May 2004, they made Christ Church their home church, and Andrew played an active part in church life, including serving as one of our Deanery Synod representatives. Many will remember him cheerfully marshalling traffic in our car park in all weathers, wearing a high-vis jacket and an always-welcoming smile.

After 12 years with us, when Angela took up her new appointment as Rector of the Quantock Towers benefice in July 2016, she and Andrew moved away to rural Somerset. For Andrew the move meant even greater involvement in his passion for steam railways

as a volunteer with the West Somerset Railway, a heritage railway with two stations within the benefice. They had planned to retire eventually to their house in Bristol, but it was not to be.

There have been numerous tributes to Andrew from his many friends on the WSR. One called him “one of life’s great gentlemen”. Another wrote that he was “a great character guaranteed to bring a smile to your face, always cheerful and always somebody who would brighten your day.” A private family funeral took place in the last week of June but Andrew’s fellow railway volunteers report that “Angela will be planning at a later date a party in accordance with his wishes for all of his friends to celebrate his life. Anybody who knew Andrew will understand he would want people to be happy and enjoy themselves rather than mourn his passing.”

We send our condolences and prayers to Angela and all their friends.



Top: Andrew when we last saw him at Christ Church in 2016, and on the West Somerset Railway. Above: colleagues in Minehead turned out in numbers on 25 June to say farewell.

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## Listening Chaplaincy phonline suspended

With the opening-up of several parts of society, including increasingly greater access to places of worship, the organisers of the Listening Chaplaincy Phonline have decided to suspend the service.

The phonline, run by 90 lay and clergy chaplains, was set up to provide faith-based emotional support to anyone in Avon and Somerset suffering Covid-19 related anxiety.

It took just one month to develop the service and train team members, and it operated successfully for two months. Not all the calls received were linked directly to Covid-19, but many were in response to the impact of the crisis on people. The organisers also commented, “It is now known that the faith communities can respond to crisis in a different and extended way, meaning, for example, a victim support line could be speedily established in the wake of a major emergency incident.”

# At Christ Church

On Saturday 4 July, Christ Church opened for private prayer (socially-distanced, with appropriate precautions). We aim to repeat this on Saturdays 11am-1pm – but please check the website or Facebook first, in case government or diocesan guidelines or circumstances force a change. If you'd like to be involved in welcoming and stewarding, please contact Lore.

We hope to be able to resume live services soon – watch for news. For now, you can take part in our services at home: the 10am Sunday Eucharist, 11am Thursday Eucharist, and other services as advertised, are live streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath). If you have problems or queries, Mark Elliott is happy to help – e-mail [mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org](mailto:mark.elliott@christchurchbath.org). Join the Facebook group to receive the readings and weekly notice sheet by e-mail, and follow the links to take part in “virtual coffee” after the service.

Do send prayer requests – by e-mail to [lore.chumbley@me.com](mailto: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.

Every weekday morning at 8am a group of us are saying Morning Prayer together on Zoom, or you can phone in. If you would like an invitation, please e-mail Lore.

The Pilgrim Group has just started reading I John, a letter apparently written by the community around John the Evangelist. Peter and Beryl Bowes are leading this, and it's open to all, every Thursday in July at 7.30pm. We will take a break for August before starting again in September.



# East end progress



*The floor of the extended chancel (top) has been sanded and stained, as has the floor in the new south chapel. The new communion rail is in place; the new communion table and other furniture are due to be delivered in mid August. The memorial tablet in the centre of the east wall of the chapel will be relocated to the south wall of the nave soon, just to the west of the street door, and the plastering and painting can then be completed.*

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# Project 28 thanks

The members of our Junior Church would like to thank everyone who supported Project 28, the Charity of the Month chosen by them for June. The total raised was a magnificent £690.50 and the charity was delighted to receive the donation. The concert the children held on Zoom on Sunday 28 June (after “virtual coffee”) was very well attended, and they enjoyed taking part.

# Memories of Penny

## **Sheila Mullenger writes:**

I knew Penny Edwards since 1977, when she came to be assistant at Coningsby and Tattershall Churches in Lincolnshire. Then, I don't think the church knew what to do with women workers, but she soon got known for her love and care, took good funeral and baptism services and started a Youth Club for younger people in the local school.

After a couple of years, she moved on and lived in a village in Nottinghamshire with her friend. They remained our family friends and spent many weekends with us and our six sons in Tattershall. She always told our sons that she wanted them to be her pall bearers! Years later Penny moved to my hometown of Bath to work for a trust in a care home. She also started to attend Christ Church (my grandfather's and father's old church).

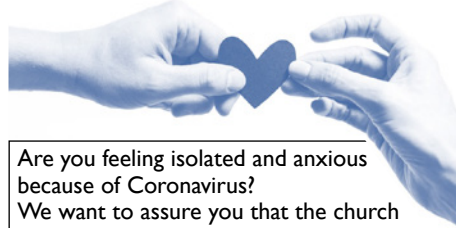
Penny was a member of the Guild of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Mid Lincs parish and, although unable to attend meetings, always received the Walsingham Review. (When she was in the parish here, we often used to go to Walsingham on day pilgrimages. Penny and I could tell a lovely story about a thunderstorm at Sandringham, which still made us laugh.)

Penny and I kept in frequent touch, when I visited my sister in Timsbury and also by phone, so it was a complete shock when she missed ringing me on my birthday. I tried to ring her but found her number disconnected.

Penny, you were a good and loyal friend for 43 years, and your faith never waned. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.



# 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.3sg.org.uk/pages/sustainable-food-partnership).

# Bishop's Message for July

*Building a sustainable and hopeful future*



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

One impact of the Coronavirus pandemic is there is now a lot of talk about the need to change and to re-imagine society, in order to build a sustainable and hopeful future. This is to be welcomed. However, change is something that we always have to live with. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus, writing some 500 years before Christ, was a great proponent of this. He is known for saying that "There is nothing permanent except change" and that you cannot step into the same river twice. By this he meant that just as the river flows so that you cannot touch the same water twice, so no two situations

are exactly the same, and the world is constantly changing.

We live in a time of extraordinary change. Self-driving transport is now practical, not just for cars, but also perhaps more alarmingly for ships and aircraft. Artificial Intelligence is opening amazing new possibilities, and medicine is advancing rapidly as the decoding of the human genome increases our understanding of many diseases. At the same time, our world groans under the weight of lifestyles and exploitation of resources which are not sustainable. I am writing this on World Environment Day, and it is becoming increasingly clear that we need to change the way we live before we wreak even more havoc on the world which God has given us to steward and care for.

But in looking for change we need perhaps to look in rather than out. I remember once reading someone saying "You can't change what is going on around you until you start changing what's going on within you." Or as Tolstoy put it: "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." It is sometimes said that if we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change. There may be some truth in that, and perhaps we need to use this time of lockdown to continue to reflect on what it means to look at the world through God's eyes and to live faithfully in God's world so that we all play our part in building a sustainable and hopeful future.

Every blessing,

**+Peter Bath and Wells**

## For young and old

### **More resources for those affected by the consequences of lockdown**

■ Childline deals with a vast variety of children's concerns including domestic violence. Visit [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) or call 0800 1111.

■ Dementia help: One of the biggest effects of lockdown and social distancing has been the extreme isolation and loneliness people can feel from being cut off from family and loved ones. No matter how dementia affects you, Alzheimer's Society is there for you. They can help seven days a week through their support line (0333 150 3456), online community Talking Point ([forum.alzheimers.org.uk](http://forum.alzheimers.org.uk)) and website [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk), which includes an online support tool.

■ If you are experiencing financial problems, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact Lore in confidence – contact details on page 11.

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## Time & Talent update

A huge "thank you" to all who have offered goods or services and those who have taken them up. As a result, we are steadily raising funds to finish the east end reordering and are proud to announce that we now have over £2,000 in the pot. Because of the number of offers, we have decided to send out a separate Time and Talent Update with all offers. This will be sent out

on Wednesdays – please watch for it as an e-mail from Mark Elliott. If you would like further information please contact Jonathan Stead – e-mail [jonathanstead20@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanstead20@gmail.com).



## Charity of the month

This month our Charity of the Month is Burlington House, which works with adults and young people to address drug and alcohol addiction, among other issues. Burlington House, located not far from Christ Church, is run by Bath DHI – Developing Health and Independence. It houses two community detox suites, where people can safely detox from drugs and alcohol in a controlled way, with medical care available, and provides a stable environment for people to recover with support on hand. More information can be found at [www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/housing-provision/bath-north-east-somerset-supported-housing](http://www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/housing-provision/bath-north-east-somerset-supported-housing).

DHI are working hard during this pandemic to continue to provide support to clients, mainly online and over the phone. Key workers are in regular touch with clients – see [www.dhi-online.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.dhi-online.org.uk/coronavirus).

You can make donations at [localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJuly/](http://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJuly/) or contact Rebekah Cunningham on 01225

317329 or [rebekah.spanner@gmail.com](mailto:rebekah.spanner@gmail.com) Please Gift Aid if you are eligible!



Developing Health & Independence

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## 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.



# Christ Church calendar July 2020

3 Fri *Thomas the Apostle*

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

9 Thu 11am Eucharist

**12 Sun** *The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

16 Thu 11am Eucharist

**19 Sun** *The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

22 Wed *Mary Magdalene*

23 Thu 11am Eucharist

25 Sat *James the Apostle*

**26 Sun** *The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

29 Wed *Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus*

30 Thu *William Wilberforce, social reformer (and one  
of the founding benefactors of Christ Church)*  
11am Eucharist

**Aug 2 Sun** *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

6 Thu *The Transfiguration*  
11am Eucharist

**9 Sun** *The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*  
10am Eucharist

**Join all services at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)**

Watch for information about the resumption of live services in the church

**Got something you want to let everyone know about? Send an e-mail  
with all the details to [magazine@christchurchbath.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchbath.org).**

**For the weekly notice sheet, e-mail [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)**

# Prayer Cycle for July 2020

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	For the ministry of our Junior Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>	For Julian House
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3</b>	For those who are persecuted for their faith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	For those who come to pray in Christ Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	For Mark and the choir
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>	For our own personal ministry
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	For the homeless
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	For those preparing for marriage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	For Lewis and Janet our Churchwardens
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	For the Fairtrade movement
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our Local Ministry Group partners
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</b>	That we may hunger and thirst after righteousness
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>	For all who face tragedy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	For our Charity of the Month
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	For Angela our Verger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those in the legal profession
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	For all in hospital
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	For the work of Genesis



<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	For the Local Deanery Synod
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those affected by disasters in the air or at sea
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	That we may have the gift of hope
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	For our Archbishop, bishops and clergy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28</b>	For peace
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b>	For those who travel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30</b>	We give thanks for the fruits of the earth
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31</b>	For those who mourn

## 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 July 2020

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>5 July</b> 4th after Trinity	<b>David Bishop</b> Zechariah 9:9-12	<b>Jonathan Stead</b> Romans 7:15-25a	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end
<b>12 July</b> 5th after Trinity	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Isaiah 55:10-13	<b>Nick Wells</b> Romans 8:1-11	<b>Morny Davison</b> Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b>19 July</b> 6th after Trinity	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> Isaiah 44:6-8	<b>Mark Elliott</b> Romans 8:12-25	<b>Peter Bowes</b> Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<b>26 July</b> 7th after Trinity	<b>Isaac Elliott</b> 1 Kings 3:5-12	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Romans 8:26-end	<b>Clive Tilling</b> Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
<b>2 August</b> 8th after Trinity	<b>Robin Kerr</b> Isaiah 55:1-5	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> Romans 9:1-5	<b>Ian Hay Davison</b> Matthew 14:13-21

*Intercessions, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

<b>5 July</b> (Trinity 4): Rebekah Cunningham
<b>12 July</b> (Trinity 5): Simon Tatton-Brown
<b>19 July</b> (Trinity 6): Sarah Jones
<b>26 July</b> (Trinity 7): Mark Elliott
<b>2 August</b> (Trinity 8): Georgina Bowman

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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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