



Celebrating Community

From the priest-in-charge...

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Summer is officially here, and we have even had a sunny Bank Holiday Monday. We will watch the progression of new variants of the Coronavirus and comply with all government restrictions but if meeting outside is safe and legal in July we are planning to host a community celebration in partnership with the Museum of Bath at Work and Bath Academy of Media Makeup. Weather permitting, it will take place on Sunday 18 July from 12 noon, with stalls and activities in the Christ Church car park, the space outside the Museum of Bath at Work and the BAMM garden. There will be an exhibition of photographs in the museum, teas served in the Lower Mews and games for children in the garden space. An “ice cream trike” will visit in the early afternoon, and the church and ringing chamber will be open for visitors.

This will be an opportunity for all who live, work or worship in Julian Road and the surrounding area to celebrate the summer and the things which we can still enjoy, and to look towards the future. Christ Church will be responsible for teas, an upmarket white elephant stall, a book stall and, possibly, a plant and produce stall. We would also like to provide a space with information about the church and an opportunity for people to ask for prayers. The Museum of Bath at Work will be running traditional games, and a raffle and a cake stall. There will be opportunities to get involved with

preparations and on the day. Judith Bishop is co-ordinating our contributions, so please contact her if you are willing to bake, look after a stall or have ideas to contribute. Please come! You are part of the Julian Road community through your Christ Church connection, and the celebration will only take off if there are people willing to participate.

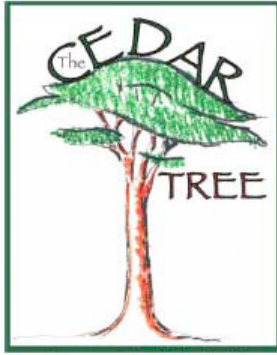
And because we can't celebrate without also recognising all the people and things we have lost over the past 18 months, the following week we will hold a “Service of Lament” in Christ Church on the afternoon of Sunday 25th. We would like that too to be a community gathering. Please pray for both those events that the right decisions are made as we weigh up safety against the value of building a sense of community, and please note both dates in your diary.



Volunteers from Christ Church help at the Community Pantry and Make Lunch project organised by Oasis Church Bath. More helpers are needed. If you'd like to get involved in practical social action in Bath, find out more on page 2.

Cedar Tree reopening

As restrictions are lifted, we hope to be able to reopen the Cedar Tree café on Friday 2 July, at the usual times (11am – 1:30pm). We look forward to welcoming everyone again.



Under it every kind of bird will live

Bath
Julian Road

On Friday 25 June we will have a meeting with lunch at Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU, to discuss management etc. To help with catering, please let Janet know if you plan to come.

Call for volunteers

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

For the past 18 months Christ Church has partnered with Oasis Church Bath (formerly Hay Hill Baptist Church) to ensure that those who need food in Bath receive it and to reduce food waste from supermarkets. The Community Pantry accepts food which is either surplus to requirements or about to reach its sell-by date. The food is made available for a nominal sum to local members who are entitled to shop there each week. Eight members of Christ Church volunteer either with the Community Pantry or with the Make Lunch initiative, which ensures that families whose children receive school meals do not go hungry in school holidays and half-term.

Oasis is now planning to open a second Community Pantry and more volunteers will be needed. Oasis Church have an impressive record in community schemes nationally, partnering with schools, hospitals and prisons throughout the country, and as a result are efficient and well organised. As volunteers we were reassured to receive appropriate training and CRB checks. We were even given a virtual Thank-You party at Christmas. If you would like to find out more or volunteer to help with either Make Lunch or the Community Pantry, contact Claire Henwood by e-mailing Pantry@oasisbath.org.

Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic

What is it? An event for nursery-age children and their parent/carer held by St Andrew's School, Julian Road.

When? Wednesday 16 June, 4-5pm

Where? St Andrew's Church School, Northampton Street, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2SN

To book: contact the School Office, 01225 310135, enquiries@standrewsbath.bwmat.org.



Windrush service

Our annual Windrush service takes place on Sunday 20 June, when our Sunday Eucharist will combine celebration and lamentation from the Caribbean community. We also hope to hear interviews conducted by grandchildren with their grandparents. Bishop Ruth has offered to attend, and we also hope to have a message of support from the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, who is the first woman of Caribbean descent to become a bishop in the Church of England.

Living in Love and Faith course at Christ Church

Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

In 1987, Tony Higton, a clergyman, put forward a resolution for General Synod declaring that sexual relations belonged only within a married relationship and outlawing homosexual acts. It was passed by 403 votes to 8 with 13 abstentions.

Twenty-five years later, while same-sex marriages and civil partnerships are legally recognised in the UK, the Church of England's official position on sexuality is unchanged. In the Bible, violent, promiscuous and exploitative sexual behaviour is condemned in same-sex relationships, but the Bible is silent on the subject of faithful, loving, same-sex relationships.

This year the Church of England is offering the resource of Living in Love and Faith (LLF) to churches and deaneries. It is designed to allow groups and churches respectfully to discuss the various positions on sexuality which are found within the church. Those churches which complete the LLF course will have the opportunity to feed back their group response to the central church. As Daniel Berry mentioned in last month's *Link*, Christ Church will be running the LLF course this summer. Our Pilgrim Group is currently studying the suggested preliminary course, "Six Pastoral Principles for Living Well together," and we expect to complete that course by the end of June. Canon Nigel Rawlinson, Anglican Chaplain at the University of Bath, is one of several trained facilitators in the Deanery and he has agreed to run one of the first LLF courses in Bath Deanery at Christ Church. It will begin on Thursday 15 July at 7:30pm and may be virtual, face-to-face or a hybrid, depending on the necessary precautions. For anyone who would prefer to take part in a larger group there also will be a Deanery wide course in the Autumn.

Last month...



A number of the Christ Church congregation joined Madge North's family and friends at Bridgemoor to celebrate her 100th birthday on Monday 3 May. We were able to chat to her through the window, and her daughter Angela reports that Madge was delighted to see us and grateful for the many thoughtful gifts, including a window box of plants to brighten her view.

Services online or live

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist, once again open to all in person, also continues to be live streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath. Our weekly Thursday 11am Eucharist is now taking place live in the church, not online or on Zoom. The church will also remain open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for anyone local who may want to drop in.

Do send prayer requests – by e-mail to lore.chumbley@me.com or phone or text to Lore on 07595 294146, or by post to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH. 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.

If you need help with accessing any of these services, then please ask!

Naming the chapel



A carved screen has been installed at the side of our new South Chapel, almost completing our reordering. Our Sunday Eucharist on 27 June will include a celebration of the end of the project and a fond farewell to Charles and Carol Rice.

With the completion of the work on the new south chapel, we now need your help to decide on a name for the chapel. There are four suggestions:

1. The South Chapel, because it's on the south side of the building.
2. The St Michael Chapel, because of the stained glass window of St Michael.
3. The Te Deum Chapel, because the Te Deum, carved all the way around the church under the stained glass windows, begins here.
4. The Wilberforce Chapel, because William Wilberforce was one of the supporters of Christ Church at the time of its foundation, and in a city with deep links to slavery it is good to celebrate one of the most prominent voices opposed to slavery.

Anyone who worships at Christ Church is welcome to vote. To do so, pick up a voting slip, indicate your preference, and write your name (to prevent multiple voting), then leave the slip in the basket on the welcome table at the back of the church. Voting ends on Sunday 20 June after the 10am service.

Church Council

At the Christ Church Annual Meeting on Sunday 23 May, Janet Mahto and Jane Nicholson were re-elected as Churchwardens for the coming year, and three members of Church Council were elected. In addition, as the Church Representation Rules now require, the meeting passed a motion that our Lay Reader should serve on Council for the coming year. The members of Christ Church Council are therefore as follows:

Ex officio members

Revd Lore Chumbley	Priest-in-Charge
Mark Elliott	Reader
Janet Mahto	Churchwarden
Jane Nicholson	Churchwarden
Pauline Swaby-Wallace	Deanery Synod rep
Brenda Wall	Deanery Synod rep

Elected until 2022

Georgina Bowman
Virginia Knight
Rebekah Cunningham (*pro tem*)

Elected until 2023

Zoë Bushell
Richard Gabe
Sharon Rawlings

Elected until 2024

Judith Bishop
Jonathan Stead
Malcolm Wall

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday 29 June. Dates for meetings for the rest of the year should be set at the first meeting.

The next Annual Church Meeting for all those on the Christ Church electoral roll will take place on Sunday 8 May 2022.

Bishop's Message for June

A time to learn



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

"I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught," wrote Winston Churchill. I think many of us would echo that thought!

A huge "thank you" to our teachers and all who support our schools! There has been a tremendous effort across our diocese to ensure our children have been able to continue their education during lockdowns and the need to restrict normal practice. Not only have the children been learning but teaching staff have also been going "back to school" in order to find new means of communication. Governors, church communities and individual volunteers have gone the extra mile too, to encourage our teachers through gifts and cards and prayer. The whole school team deserves our gratitude.

Learning online is a challenge. Those of us who are spending many hours in Zoom rooms online these days can vouch for that. It's tiring! And it is not

just our children who have found it so. At the end of this month we shall be celebrating the ordinations of our new priests. Last year they were ordained as deacons in September following three months as lay curates as a result of the pandemic restrictions.

What a year to be a deacon! They've had a very different learning experience from what would normally be expected. Not so much opportunity of the "hands-on" experience yet perhaps an even more profound learning possibility. I'm looking forward to hearing their stories!

We shall be repeating the new pattern of ordinations with our incoming deacons being licensed as lay curates initially this June. For them, colleges and courses have taken place principally online and they've had experience of digital worship on top of regular lectures and seminars. How might that prepare them for our "new normal" of blended worship, with live-streaming of services in person?

As the Church emerges into this "new normal" we have the opportunity together to learn and discover new things, new gifts, new ways of being the people of God. It is the same good God, the same story of His love to share with others, but there's a new landscape. How might you and your community respond to that? What have you learned in this time? And how might that learning change you and the way you do things? Do share your stories with us!

"One learns from books and example only that certain things can be done. Actual learning requires that you do those things" (Frank Herbert).

Every blessing,

+Ruth Taunton

This month's charity: BEMSCA

The collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 13 and 27 June – will go to BEMSCA, the charity providing elderly day care services at Fairfield House. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.) You can also donate online at <https://localgiving.org/donation/bemsc>.

William Heath writes:

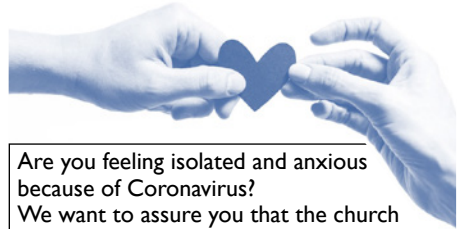
Bath Ethnic Minority Senior Citizens Association is a Bath beacon of exemplary day care for elders, managed by award-winning community organiser Pauline Swaby-Wallace. It was established in 1993 as a luncheon club service for older members of the Caribbean, Asian and Chinese communities in Bath and North East Somerset. It is based in Fairfield House, former home of HIM Haile Selassie I, gifted to Bath as a home for the aged.

BEMSCA today offers space where older people can meet and socialise with people from a similar ethnic background to themselves. Activities include needlework, games such as dominoes, singing and dancing. The elders can also access advice and information on a broad range of health, housing and welfare issues, which can be a lifeline to communities who do not speak English as their first language.

BEMSCA runs a day care centre and outreach programme which supports members who are unable to leave their home because of their health or disability. Through the employment of two part-time project workers plus a team of volunteers, it works with representatives across a broad range of services including banks, utility services, healthcare, legal advice and support to ensure members can make informed decisions about issues that affect their quality of life.

BEMSCA services over 190 members and their families to ensure that the needs of the BME community have been considered. Demand on its services is very high and it is looking to develop work across a broad range of ethnic groups.

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.
- The Compassionate Community Hub currently has enough helpers and is not seeking more volunteers for the time being.
- For people in need of food and looking for an alternative to going into the shops during the pandemic, there is now a dedicated website offering a list of local food providers: www.banesfoodfinder.org.uk.

Christ Church calendar June 2021

3 Thu *Corpus Christi*
11am Eucharist
Pilgrim Group meeting via Zoom, 7:30pm

6 Sun *The First Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

10 Thu 11am Eucharist

11 Fri *Barnabas the Apostle*

13 Sun *The Second Sunday after Trinity*
10am Eucharist

17 Thu 11am Eucharist

20 Sun *The Third Sunday after Trinity / Windrush Sunday*
10am Eucharist

24 Thu *The Birth of John the Baptist*
11am Eucharist

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

29 Tue *Peter and Paul, Apostles*
Christ Church Council meeting, 7:30pm

Jul 1 Thu 11am Eucharist

2 Fri Cedar Tree café reopening, 11am – 1:30pm (TBC)

3 Sat *Thomas the Apostle*

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

Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath

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 2021

Tuesday	1	For the lonely and depressed
Wednesday	2	For the work of Julian House
Thursday	3	For the Trustees of Christ Church
Friday	4	For those who use and run food banks
Saturday	5	We give thanks for family and friends
Sunday	6	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
Monday	7	For those who work in financial services
Tuesday	8	For countries in conflict
Wednesday	9	That we may have the gift of patience
Thursday	10	For Christian unity
Friday	11	For those finding it hard to earn a living
Saturday	12	For those who teach
Sunday	13	For Jane and Janet our churchwardens
Monday	14	For those who work in local government
Tuesday	15	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
Wednesday	16	For those who live and work in the streets around Christ Church
Thursday	17	We give thanks for those who inspire us
Friday	18	For those in slavery or bonded labour
Saturday	19	For those on our church rotas
Sunday	20	For vocations to the ministry
Monday	21	For those who work in medicine
Tuesday	22	We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy

Wednesday	23	For our Junior Church
Thursday	24	For our Charity of the Month
Friday	25	For those who have been forced to flee their homes
Saturday	26	For the Fairtrade movement
Sunday	27	For new members to be added to Christ Church
Monday	28	For those who work in the hospitality industry
Tuesday	29	For victims of violence
Wednesday	30	That we may be pure in heart

Long-term Prayer List Daily Hope

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

Joyce Knight
 Revd John Brown
 Jean Warren
 Dillon
 Amber
 David Slater
 Nick Johnson
 Hannah
 Joyce Wellington
 Tom Lockington
 Bishop Peter

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 Lore, the Verger or one of the Church-wardens know.

A free national phoneline offers a simple way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes when they can't go to services in person. It will be particularly welcome to those without 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.



Rotas for June 2021

Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Intercessions
6 June 1st after Trinity	Jonathan Stead Genesis 3:8-15	Ian Hay Davison 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1	Zoë Bushell Mark 3:20-end	Rebekah Cunningham
13 June 2nd after Trinity	Georgina Bowman Ezekiel 17:22-end	Sylvia Ayers 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	Robin Kerr Mark 4:26-34	Mark Elliott
20 June 3rd after Trinity	(TBC) Job 38:1-11	(TBC) 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	(TBC) Mark 4:35-end	Ian Hay Davison
27 June 4th after Trinity	Thomas Wolker- Darley Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24	Judith Anderson 2 Corinthians 8:7-end	Charles Rice Mark 5:21-end	Simon Tatton- Brown
4 July 5th after Trinity	Jude Bishop Ezekiel 2:1-5	Angela Soboslay 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Nick Wells Mark 6:1-13	Peter Bowes

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Pauline Swaby-Wallace

Christ Church Link

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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 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 (pre-recorded for the time being, until live church services with singing can resume again).

As well as worship on Sunday and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community. Our weekly community café will resume when safety restrictions permit. Our musical tradition continues to thrive, with our choir active even during lockdown; 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 – resumption date TBC
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people
Every Sunday – also streamed at www.facebook.com/christchurchbath
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong
Usually on the third Sunday of every month – resumption date TBC

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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