



## The blessing of a curate

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

**Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

Five years ago, when Christ Church was asked whether we would consider training a curate, there had not been a curate in training within living memory. The question was asked, “Why would Christ Church want to do that?” As we discussed it, we agreed that Christ Church offers a particular way of “being church,” a particular style of worship and of relating to the surrounding community. We felt that for the right candidate we could offer a rewarding three years. We also felt that taking on a curate would be a way of supporting the Diocese and the wider Church.

Four years later the Holy Spirit blew Kara into our lives and we discovered not just what we could offer a curate but the blessings a curate can bring. Over the past eleven months, as Covid raged, Kara and Barney her ministry dog have been friendly, colourful ambassadors for the Church on Julian Road and in the surrounding area. With her twin enthusiasms for God and physical exercise, Kara now runs an after-school netball club in St Andrew’s School. She has encouraged the Cedar Tree Café community to carry on talking and walking after the café closes. As that group began to want to go further afield, we were contacted by a generous donor offering money to support the Cedar Tree Café and happy to fund the hire of a minibus. Last month the first “Cedar Tree Café trip” took place to Sham Castle [see page 2]. You will all have your own experiences

of Kara – her teaching, preaching, enabling and just “being.”

This month, Kara completes her year as a deacon and will be priested in Bath Abbey on Saturday 25 June at 10:30. Everyone is welcome. Following that service she will be qualified to absolve sins, to bless, and to preside at the Eucharist. Kara’s ministry has been grace-filled, a gift of the Holy Spirit. Five years ago when we made that leap of faith we could not have imagined what a blessing she would be to us. I know you will join with me in wishing her every blessing for her future ministry.



*We welcomed Kara as our curate at the start of July 2021. She was ordained deacon in Wells Cathedral in September 2021 and will be priested in Bath Abbey on Saturday 25 June at 10:30. Come and support her – all are welcome! Then on Sunday 26 June at 10am she will preside and preach at her first Eucharist and we will celebrate afterwards with a bring-and-share lunch.*

# Curate's corner

## **Revd Kara Maylor writes:**

Enjoying the beauty of Hedgemoad Park one Friday with our Cedar Tree walking gang, we realised we could see Sham Castle. A number of the group said they had never been there, so an outing was proposed. Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to hire a mini-bus and spent a fun-filled afternoon exploring the grounds around Sham Castle and enjoying the hospitality of Sham Castle Golf Club. We were joined by one of the students from my University Chaplaincy dog walks and were royally entertained both by the golfers and by some card and rope tricks introduced by Andrew. Many thanks to all the wonderful team who helped to make this happen. I am already being asked where we are going for our next outing, so watch this space!

In a recent bring and share lunch, Brenda suggested a spontaneous offering to "make a difference" in our community. We agreed to

donate to Bath Welcomes Refugees. BWR's Emma Naysmith was delighted to receive the donation and sent a picture of what she bought with our donation – sleeping bags and tea bags. She hopes to come and share with us in September a bit more about what she does.

I am fortunate to be a regular visitor to St. Andrew's School now, running Assembly a couple of times a week and a netball club every Thursday after school. If anyone would like to come and help me with that, do let me know.

I am looking forward with excitement and awe to my Priesting on Saturday 25 June at 10:30 in Bath Abbey. I am so thankful for the welcome and encouragement I have had from you all and would love to see you there. As always, I would value your prayers for wisdom and discernment as I go forward for this next stage of my Curacy journey.



*The Cedar Tree outing to Sham Castle.*

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## Windrush service

Our annual Windrush service takes place on Sunday 19 June, when in our 10am Eucharist we will mark the arrival of the Windrush and reflect on the experiences of the Caribbean community locally and nationwide. This will be followed by our traditional Caribbean cookout – all welcome!



*The Windrush Sunday Caribbean cookout at Christ Church in 2018.*

## Services live and online

Our weekly 10am Sunday Eucharist is open to all in person and also live streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath). As Covid restrictions ease, pews are no longer cordoned off, and from Pentecost Sunday we will welcome people to kneel at the Communion rail again. We continue to offer Communion wine, but receiving the wine is entirely optional – theologically, both the body and the blood of Christ are fully present in the bread. The Church of England guidance is that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is to be discouraged – it risks transferring germs from fingertips to the wine. If you would prefer not to receive the wine, simply move away after receiving the wafer.

Our weekly Thursday 11am Eucharist takes place live in the church, and is not broadcast.

Our choir will sing BCP Evensong on the third Sunday of each month except August at 4:30pm. This service will be live streamed.

An informal reflective service is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 5pm. This is led by members of the congregation and uses the form of evening service in *A Wee Worship Book (Fifth Incarnation)* compiled by the Iona Community and published by their Wild Goose Resource Group. All are welcome. If you'd like further information, please contact Jonathan Stead. There is also a short service of silent contemplation on alternate Sundays – contact Kara Maylor for information on this.

For anyone concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we will not sing at the weekly 11am Thursday Eucharist or at the 8am BCP Communion on the second Sunday of each month.

Do add prayer requests to the list in church or post to Christ Church, Julian Road, Bath BA1 2RH. Bear in mind that some services will be online, so be mindful of the privacy of friends and loved ones. We will not use full names in any public prayers that are live streamed.

Every weekday morning at 8am a group of us are saying Morning Prayer together on Zoom. If you would like to join us, please request an invitation from Lore.

## The Platinum Jubilee

Celebrations big and small have been planned as Bath and Wells communities come together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service. At Christ Church we'll celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, 5 June, with a "Jubilee tea" after the 10am Sunday Eucharist.

In Stogumber they have covered St Mary's church tower with a beautiful floral cascade of more than 2,000 handmade flowers. For almost a year local volunteers have been knitting, crocheting and sewing the flowers to add to the rainbow of colour. A flower festival is planned in St Mary's for Jubilee week.

There is a long and unbroken tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On 2 June this year more than 2,022 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of the Commonwealth. In Masbury Ring, Somerset, the tradition continues with a Beacon Bonfire, which will be lit as the sun is setting. Those enjoying the spectacle will be able to celebrate with a picnic at the site.



Photo: Jacob King, PA Images.

# Our new Bishop tours the diocese

In last month's *Link* we introduced Rt Revd Michael Beasley, who will be the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells. On 28 April, the day this was announced, Bishop Michael undertook a 10-hour, 84-mile tour of the diocese. He met a variety of people, had media interviews and attended a host of events at churches and in the community in each of the three Arch-deaconries in the diocese.

He began with morning prayers and breakfast with colleagues at St Mary's Church in Bridgwater. It was then on to St Mary's C of E School in Bridgwater, where he was introduced to the Headteacher and shown around the school by a group of year six pupils.

Next it was on to meet members of the farming community at Little Bankland, North Newton, a farm on the Somerset Levels. It was then down the motorway to St John's Highbridge, where Bishop Michael, an epidemiologist by training and member of the Archbishop's Covid response task force, was shown the Community Covid Art installation – 500 origami butterflies, created by artist Sami Green and made by members of the Highbridge community.

Then it was off to Weston College to meet staff and students, followed by St Andrew's in Cheddar, where he took time to talk and pray with those who are part of a deanery-wide plan to provide wraparound care for Ukrainian refugees – everything from offering

a home to stay in, taking people out for the day, teenage befrienders, meals and lifts.

After a stop at Flourish House, the offices of the diocese in Wells, Bishop Michael ended the day at Evensong in Wells Cathedral, where he was welcomed and prayed for. Afterwards he met the Cathedral Chapter and dignitaries including the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset Mrs Annie Maw, the High Sheriff of Somerset Mrs Jennifer Duke and the Mayor of Wells.

Find out more about Bishop Michael and his appointment at [www.bathandwells.org.uk/new-bishop](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/new-bishop).

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## Coming events

### **Art Exhibition**

Zi Ling and Colin Chumbley will hold a joint Art Exhibition over the Platinum Jubilee weekend, Friday 3 – Sunday 5 June in the Lower Mews. Some works will be for sale, and some of the profits go to Christ Church.

### **Platinum Jubilee Tea**

On Pentecost Sunday, 5 June, we'll celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a "Jubilee tea" in Christ Church after the 10am Sunday Eucharist. Everyone is welcome!

### **Sam Sweeney Solo**

*What is it?* Nationally-renowned folk fiddle player Sam Sweeney, described as "one of the defining English fiddle players of his generation," has been nominated four times for Musician of the Year at the BBC Folk Awards and won in 2015. He is a veteran of the folk group behemoth Bellowhead and inaugural director of the National Youth Folk Ensemble. He is at the forefront of the revival in English traditional music. This is a rare opportunity to hear him at his most intimate, playing a completely solo concert of fiddle tunes. Ticket proceeds are being split with Christ Church. *When is it?* Saturday 18 June, 7:30pm

*Where?* Christ Church

Tickets £16 adults, £10 students, £5 under-18s, available from Mark Elliott



*The children of St Mary's Primary in Bridgwater were delighted to be the first to hear the news of Bishop Michael's appointment at 10am.*

# Bishop's Message for June

*Guided by faith*



**From the Rt Revd Michael Beasley,  
Bishop Elect,  
Diocese of Bath and Wells**

Visits undertaken, trees planted, ambassadors welcomed, honours awarded, miles travelled! Just a fraction of what our Queen has done. When, on her 21st birthday, Elizabeth II pledged herself to our service her whole life long, she could scarcely have imagined the commitment she was making.

What has enabled all the achievement that we celebrate in this year of the Platinum Jubilee? Her reign has seen joy and sorrow, triumphs and setbacks. The Queen gave an insight into what has seen her though in 2002 when she said: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to

live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel."

I'm inspired to be coming to Bath and Wells during this Platinum year that sees us celebrate the Queen's steadfast service that flows from her Christian faith. Just as the young Elizabeth II couldn't know what lay ahead as she looked to the future, neither can we. As we emerge from Covid, see war in Ukraine, and confront a cost-of-living crisis, we live in challenging times. To face our days we'll need all the faith and experience, creativity and skills of everyone in Bath and Wells. Above all we have the hope of the Christian Gospel that has stood our Queen in such good stead throughout her long life. It's the faith I'm looking forward to serving and celebrating with you as together we live and tell the story of Jesus.

Every blessing,

**+Michael**



*Bishop Michael meets Somerset farmers on his tour of the diocese at the end of April.*

# This month's charity: New Bridge Foundation

*The loose collection in the plate on the second and fourth Sunday of the month – 12 and 26 June – will go to the New Bridge Foundation, which “brings light into the darkest places” by writing to and visiting people in prison. (Donations in collection envelopes will continue to go to Christ Church.)*

## **Morny Davison writes:**

This is a charity that is very close to my heart. I volunteered with them for 30 years and was Chair for three years. It was set up by the rather unlikely partnership of Lord Longford – a long-time campaigner for prisoners' rights – and Lord Montagu, the last person jailed for homosexuality in the UK, who, when serving his time in prison, had been horrified at the isolation and despair of prisoners with no contact with the outside world, let alone a letter or a visit.

The idea is to build bridges between the offender and the community. This happens through “befriending” – volunteers take on a prisoner, with whom they start a correspondence. If this goes well, the prisoner – always their initiative – may suggest a visit. With hard work – and luck – a lasting relationship, beneficial to both people, can be built up.

It is important that the volunteer is linked to the prisoner, not the prison – you follow them wherever they are sent. I spent 20 years in such a relationship with one of my chaps – a lifer!

I hope you will support New Bridge. I know how vital your help will be to some of the most wretched souls in the country. For more, visit [www.newbridgefoundation.org.uk](http://www.newbridgefoundation.org.uk).



# Church Council

At the Christ Church Annual Meeting on Sunday 8 May, Janet Mahto and Jane Nicholson were re-elected as Churchwardens for the coming year, and three members of Church Council were elected. The meeting also affirmed the action of Council in appointing David Rawlings to fill the vacancy created by the sad death of Sharon Rawlings. In addition, as the Church Representation Rules now require, the meeting passed a motion that Mark, our Lay Reader, should serve on Council for the coming year.

The members of Christ Church Council for the year ahead are therefore as follows:

## **Ex officio members**

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

## **Elected until 2023**

Zoë Bushell  
Richard Gabe  
David Rawlings (*pro tem*)

## **Elected until 2024**

Judith Bishop  
Jonathan Stead  
Malcolm Wall

## **Elected until 2025**

Isaac Elliott  
Lucy Humbert  
Zi Ling

The Council will elect its officers and set the dates for its meetings for the rest of the year at its first meeting. Our Tower Captain is to be co-opted onto Council for any matters pertaining to the bells.

The next Annual Church Meeting for all those on the Christ Church electoral roll will take place on Sunday 14 May 2023.

# Christ Church calendar June 2022

<b>Jun</b>	2	Thu	11am Eucharist
	3	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	<b>5</b>	Sun	<i>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i> 10am Eucharist, followed by Platinum Jubilee Tea
	9	Thu	11am Eucharist Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	10	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	11	Sat	<i>Barnabas the Apostle</i>
	<b>12</b>	Sun	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Eucharist
	16	Thu	<i>Corpus Christi</i> 11am Eucharist
	17	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	<b>19</b>	Sun	<i>The First Sunday after Trinity / Windrush Sunday</i> 10am Eucharist 4:30pm Choral Evensong
	23	Thu	11am Eucharist Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	24	Fri	<i>The Birth of John the Baptist</i> Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	25	Sat	Kara's priesting, Bath Abbey, 10:30am
	<b>26</b>	Sun	<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i> 10am Eucharist 5pm Contemplative Service (Iona)
	29	Wed	<i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>
	30	Thu	11am Eucharist
<b>July</b>	1	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am – 1:30pm
	<b>3</b>	Sun	<i>Thomas the Apostle</i> 10am Eucharist

**Our Sunday 10am Eucharist, and other services as advertised, continue to be live-streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)**

# Prayer Cycle for June 2022

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1</b>	For those who organise and attend events at Christ Church
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>	For the work of Julian House
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3</b>	For those who lack food or water
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	For the Queen and all heads of state
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	That we may have the grace of the Holy Spirit
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	For those who work in financial services
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>	For those on our long-term prayer list
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>	We give thanks for family and friends
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	For those with addictions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	For a good harvest
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	For Lore our priest in charge
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13</b>	For those who work in education
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14</b>	For peace
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15</b>	For the church environment group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16</b>	We give thanks for beauty in the world around us
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17</b>	For those finding it hard to earn a living
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	For the elderly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	For Jane and Janet our churchwardens
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those who work in medicine
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	For those on our church rotas
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	That we may have the gift of hope
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	For our charity of the month, the New Bridge Foundation

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those who work in dangerous conditions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	For our flower arrangers and those who look after the church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28</b>	For those who have been recently ordained
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b>	We give thanks for artists, poets and musicians
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30</b>	For prisoners and prison workers

## Long-term Prayer List

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

Tilly  
 Revd John  
 Jean  
 David G  
 Amber  
 David  
 Joyce W  
 Roger and Frances  
 Joyce K  
 Mylene  
 Dillon  
 Evelyn  
 Sister Margaret

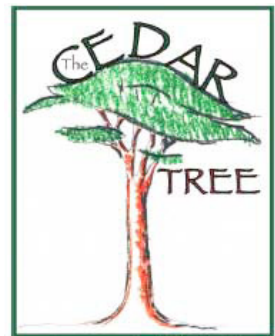
Chris  
 Thomas  
 David  
 Patrick  
 AJ  
 John Batup  
 Karin

**Want to add a name to the prayer list, long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or speak to Lore, the Verger or one of the Churchwardens.**

## Cedar Tree is open

The Cedar Tree community café is open every Friday from 11am to 1:30pm. All are welcome! If you live or work in the area, do consider dropping in for a chat, a cup of coffee, home-made cake or a light snack, to support this important part of our outreach to the local community. If you can help on a Friday or make a cake we can sell, then please contact Janet Mahto.

Your offers will be very gratefully received.



*'Under it every kind of bird will live'*

**Julian Road**

# Rotas for June 2022

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Intercessions
<b>5 June</b> Pentecost	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Acts 2:1-21	<b>Jane Hoe</b> Romans 8:14-17	<b>Mark Elliott</b> John 14:8-17,25-27	<b>Jonathan Stead</b>
<b>12 June</b> Trinity Sunday	<b>Carol Hussey</b> Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> Romans 5:1-5	<b>Kara Maylor</b> John 16:12-15	<b>Beryl Bowes</b>
<b>19 June</b> 1st after Trinity	<b>Morny Davison</b> 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a	<b>Nick Wells</b> Galatians 3:23-29	<b>Isaac Elliott</b> Luke 8:26-39	<b>Georgina Bowman</b>
<b>26 June</b> 2nd after Trinity	<b>Zoë Bushell</b> 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14	<b>Rebekah Cunningham</b> Galatians 5:1,13-25	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Luke 9:51-62	<b>Mark Elliott</b>
<b>3 July</b> Thomas	<b>Angela Soboslay</b> 2 Kings 5:1-14	<b>Simon Tatton- Brown</b> Galatians 6:7-16	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Luke 10:1-11,16-20	<b>Peter Bowes</b>

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## 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. New singers of all ages are always very welcome.

For anyone concerned about the health risks of congregational singing, we will not sing at the 11am Thursday Eucharist, 8am BCP Communion or 5pm Quiet Service. Covid restrictions are now gradually being lifted.

As well as worship on Sundays and Thursday mornings, there are many other activities going on in our community, including our weekly community café every Friday. Visit the website to check service times and events.

## 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 – also streamed at [www.facebook.com/christchurchbath](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchbath)*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong – *Usually on the third Sunday of every month – also streamed*
- 5pm Contemplative Quiet Service (Iona) – *On the fourth Sunday of every month*

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



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