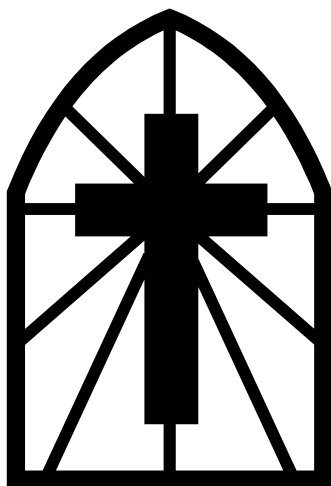


CHRIST CHURCH CHALLENGE



January 2005

CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD
DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Family Communion, Junior Church & Crèche |
| First Sundays & Festivals | Choral Evensong and Sermon at 6.30pm |
| Other Sundays | Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5) |

There is amplification to assist the hard of hearing

MID-WEEK SERVICE

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 11.00am Thursday | Holy Communion |
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CHOIR

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| Junior Choir Practice | Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm |
| Adult Practice | Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm |

New singers always welcome - please contact Director of Music 01225 445360

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

By arrangement. Please 'phone the Vestry 338869 / Officiating Minister 427462

Chris and Angela, the churchwardens, would like to know about people who are ill, or of any circumstances in which the ministry of the Church would be welcome.

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

The more observant among you will notice that the Clergy rota no longer appears in the magazine, and you can find out more about this on page 9.

As world-wide attention still focuses on the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami, so the magazine pays particular attention to this humanitarian tragedy. Read about the Christian Aid response on pages 12 and 13.

A prayer for those suffering can be found on page 18.

Forum...



Were any of you fans of Chivers marmalade? I was: so I was sorry to read that the American company which owns it is no longer going to use that name on their labels.

Chivers was a farm and factory at Histon, just outside Cambridge, which often provided vacation jobs for local undergrads. Most of the orchards, strawberry and blackberry fields have now gone, together with the hundreds of barrels which used to contain the stored fruit. I had a variety of jobs there, including loading hundreds of chips of strawberries into goods wagons for transporting to Covent Garden, but I found the machinery in the factory most intriguing. There were the simple ones, like the stainless steel vats for boiling jam and the steamers which cleaned all the wooden bowls in which the fruit was



carried. The more complicated ones which fascinated me were the ones which topped and tailed fruit. Gooseberries were topped by a pair of metal screens at one end of a short conveyor belt, on which they were also washed, and then tailed by another pair of screens. The blackberry machine was entirely different: a long cylinder of metal mesh rotated inside a stationary one and this removed the tops and tails.

These relatively small machines were impressive for their ingenuity: the machines I came across in Corby were impressive for their size as well as their ingenuity. These machines were at the Stewart and Lloyds Steel works which was the main employer at the time and the basis of the New Town, growing from 5,000 to 50,000 in ten years. Like Chivers the steel works have been completely destroyed, including "the Corby Candle", a tall chimney which released burning waste gas into the night sky. The machines ranged from iron ore furnaces. to Bessemer converters which produced the steel, from coke ovens to rolling mills which flattened the red hot sheets of steel, from the cutting machines to the cold rollers which turned out miles and miles of steel tubing every day. The most impressive machines, however, were the drag-lines. This was due to the open-cast mining which was the foundation of the works.



In Northamptonshire, especially around Corby, the iron ore lay close to the surface of the land, so enormous scoops could be used to drag the ore from the ground. These enormous scoops, over thirty feet across, needed another enormous machine to drag it through the earth. The cabin of this machine was mounted on caterpillar tracks, like tanks, to stop it sinking into the soil, and the floor of the cabin was large enough for four tennis courts.

Modern machinery is equally impressive, even if some of them, like mobile phones, may seem to have a lot of superfluous features. The questions I'm always left pondering, however, is how and why men and women are able to plan, design and produce such a wide range of inventions, but are unable to live without arguments, conflict, violence and wars?

Cyril Selmes

What about Lent, then?

An early Easter means that we are talking about and planning for Lent already. The question is; will there be support for lent groups this year?

A survey before Lent last year showed that most people thought lent groups to be a good idea. On the other hand only one group of eight people met. Antony will be writing to everyone in the New Year to ask what sort of Lent Group you would support. Do you favour small house groups or a single large group meeting at church or in the school? What kind of topic would interest you? Whatever it is, it will only happen if **you** want it to.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Once again, a feature of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity will be the Bath Central Zone pulpit exchange.

On the evening of the Sunday 23rd January Antony will be going to the Living Springs Metropolitan Community Church.

The preacher at Christ Church at 10 am will be the Reverend Audrey Simpson from Nexus Methodist Church.

Church Calendar for January

Jan 2 Sun THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

9 Sun THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

10 Mon 7.30pm Church Council Meeting

8.00pm "Meet Up Monday" - Social Evening in the Hare and Hounds, Lansdown

13 Thurs 11.00am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion - Rev Antony Claridge, followed by lunch

16 Sun THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

22 Sat 5.00pm Holy Matrimony - Adam Blazeby and Bryony Kerr

7.30pm Concert - Bath Baroque

23 Sun THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

30 Sun THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY - THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Feb 6 Sun THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

5.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Laity Rota for January

| Readers | OT Readers | NT Readers | Gospel | |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| January | 2 | Sylvia Ayers | Jenny Wright | Nicky Gladstone |
| | 9 | Emma Elliott | Chris Munday | Bob Siderfin |
| | 16 | Richard Gabe | Anya Cook | Penny Edwards |
| | 23 | Bev Pont | Ann Kemp | Georgina Bowman |
| | 30 | Pat Adelman | Sarah Jones | David Bishop |
| February | 6 | | Junior Church | |

Chalice Assistants

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|-----------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| January | 2 | Bob Siderfin | |
| | 9 | Margaret Burrows | Chris Graham |
| | 16 | Rev Sandy Munday | Cyril Selmes |
| | 23 | Jane Fletcher | Penny Edwards |
| | 30 | Bob Siderfin | |
| February | 6 | Margaret Burrows | Chris Graham |

Intercessors

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|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| January | 2 | Chris Graham |
| | 9 | Rev Antony Claridge |
| | 16 | Georgina Bowman |
| | 23 | Penny Edwards |
| | 30 | Bev Pont |



| Sidespeople | 8am | 10am | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| January | 2 | Elizabeth Iden-Hart | Margaret Silver Frank Twissell |
| | 9 | Dil Jones | Ken & Sylvia Ayers |
| | 16 | Dorothy Twissell | David Marles Joan Bunkin |
| | 23 | Barbara Hayward | John and June Metcalfe |
| | 30 | Esther Hewlett | Ann Charman Chris Tanner |
| February | 6 | Clive Tilling | Tessa Claridge Jean Ferguson |

Lectionary for January

| | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Jan 2 | The Epiphany | | |
| | Isaiah 60.1-6 | Ephesians 3.1-12 | Matthew 2.1-12 |
| 9 | The Baptism of Christ | | |
| | Isaiah 42.1-9 | Acts 10.34-43 | Matthew 3.13-17 |
| 16 | The Second Sunday of Epiphany | | |
| | Isaiah 49.1-7 | 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 | John 1.29-42 |
| 23 | The Third Sunday of Epiphany | | |
| | Isaiah 9.1-4 | 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 | Matthew 4.12-23 |
| 30 | The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) | | |
| | Malachi 3.1-5 | Hebrews 2.14-18 | Luke 2.22-40 |
| Feb 6 | The Sunday next before Lent | | |
| | Exodus 24.12-18 | 2 Peter 1.16-21 | Matthew 17.1-9 |

Eucharist on Thursday

During the winter months, people find it difficult to get to church for the Thursday Eucharists. As from 1st January 2005 there will be only one Thursday Eucharist per month and it will be followed by lunch. If you would like to receive communion in your home with some friends and neighbours on other Thursdays speak to Antony who will be pleased to arrange this for you.

The next Thursday Eucharist in church followed by lunch will be on 13th January. Please let John and June know if you would like lunch or a lift to church on that day. Weekly Eucharists and lunches will resume for Lent on Ash Wednesday, 9th February. We hope that once again the people of St Mary's will join us. Remember that last year the Christ Church and St Mary's lunches raised £1000 for the Children's Hospice South West.

Thank You!



Our Christmas Appeal set out to raise £500 in order to buy a tube well for an African village.



We raised a grand total of:

£750.00

This has enabled us to purchase the tube well and also a flock of sheep.

The remaining money will be donated to World Vision funds, to help children worldwide.

A Friend



In Deed

The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours, called Area Wardens. These Area Wardens have volunteered to do the neighbourly things we used to do for each other when we lived closer together. When the need arises, they are prepared on request to:

- make friendship visits or telephone calls
- do shopping at times of illness or infirmity
- offer or find sources of advice
- handle occasional non-specialist odd jobs

All areas in which church members live are covered by the Friends in Deed scheme. If you need or know of someone else who needs help, you should in the first instance contact the Friends in Deed Co-ordinators, Jane Fletcher (01225 463758) and Yvonne Morris (01225 425555). They will then get in touch with the Area Warden best able to provide the help that is needed.

It's on the board now!

The clergy rota will no longer be published in the magazine. Most of our clergy and readers have demanding secular jobs and so it is not always possible to have the rota finalised by the date on which the magazine goes to the printers.



From now on, a large poster at the back of the church will tell you who will be preaching and leading our services

Mothers' Union News

For our December festive celebrations, members again joined the Thursday morning congregation for their Communion service taken by Antony, which was the usual well-supported event. One of our MU members read a lesson, and we thank Mark and Nicky for accompanying our singing. The lunch after the service was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants, and we must again thank John, June and their helpers very much for their regular culinary contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

Following the discussions at our AGM, the format of our 2005 programme has yet to be agreed. However, our new year will still start with a Corporate Communion on 20th January, to be followed by a Metcalfe Lunch. When the rest of the dates have been decided, I will let each member have a copy, and also put one on the MU noticeboard. As we continue to review our future Branch plans, may we wish all members and Christ Church friends a very Happy New Year.



Sylvia M. Ayers (MU Secretary)

Christmas Lunch with the Thursday crowd

Immediately after the Mother's Union Corporate Communion on Thursday 16th December, over twenty people sat down to a Christmas lunch. June Metcalfe had prepared this with the assistance, as always of John.

Tasty chicken with vegetables was followed by a choice of puddings, Belgian biscuits and coffee. A collection was made at table and the generous lunchers contributed £8888 to the Tube Well Appeal.

The Christmas Fair



This year the Christmas fair became a sort of extension of Bath's now famous Christmas Market. Weary shoppers came to find lunch or a refreshing cup of tea. They found not only these but, thanks to the team led by Sarah and Matthew Jones, Kate Kemp, Sarah Hiscock and Jenny Wright, and supported by all our church members, they also found stalls laden with perfect Christmas gifts. In addition, there were the traditional raffles and competitions and we were pleased that some out-of-town visitors carried away prizes.

It is estimated that about 650 people paid at the door this year. This, combined with good quality goods on sale, brought in a total of over £2,800. Clearly, a renewed focus on good quality, saleable items has paid dividends and is a sound blueprint for the future.

One stall helper, who has been associated with Christ Church for many years, said, "We are so lucky in having all these young people who are willing to do so much for our church. It's good to see a new generation with new ideas taking over". It was a nice thing to say – and true – but the lasting impression of this year's fair was young and old working together and enjoying themselves. Well done everyone!

STATISTIC OF THE MONTH: Decline in Mission Workers

The number of Mission Workers (as missionaries are now called) went down 500 from the total of 7,000 in 2003 to 6,500 in 2004. This was partly because a number who had been serving for a long time overseas retired, but also because of a shortage in short-term recruits last year.

Those going abroad to help in Third World projects are always welcome in their gap year – or at any other time! Short-termers form about a fifth of the UK's mission force. The variety of opportunities is huge, from building extra classrooms in schools, to encouraging young people in church activities, or painting murals on walls. Often time is taken to see something of the beauty of the locality and key tourist attractions as well.

However, important as short-termers are, those staying for longer (who will usually spend time learning the local language) are very important for building lasting relationships. They can encourage churches in evangelism, or help professionally in a wide range of key ways. The average length of service is now 7.4 years, possibly two terms of 4 years before people come home.

Dr Peter Brierley Executive Director, Christian Research

USPG News

The latest newsletter concerning our project - St Anne's Hospital, Nkhotakota on the shore of Lake Malawi - confirms that to date £7,259 has been raised out of a target of £9,800 set by USPG for this project. It is hoped that the target will have been met by the end of 2004.



St Anne's hospital serves the rural communities of Nkhotakota, once the biggest African township in Central Africa. St Anne's is the only maternity hospital in the district, and has several remote health units. Currently St Anne's is running eight primary healthcare community board outreach clinics, and the Home-Based Care programme in the Kapiri Health Centre catchment area.



The various services rendered at Primary Health Centre clinics include family planning, ante-natal services, an under-fives clinic for child health including growth monitoring. Apart from a clinician and a nurse, the PHC team also includes Health Surveillance Assistants, who educate the local people on good community health management. Possible outbreaks of epidemic diseases such as diarrhoea (common during the rain season) and sometimes cholera have to be monitored.

At the Kapiri Health Centre catchment area, the Home-Based Care programme has been well received by the community, with over 390 clients registering for the service. From their number, 16% have been tested HIV positive after voluntary counselling and testing. People from the community are willingly coming to access the Voluntary Counselling and Testing services, especially the youth. This is a direct result of hard work by the Home-Based Care volunteers. The programme has markedly reduced the stigma and discrimination of infected persons.



Adrian Pegg

Christian Aid

“The World’s Worst” disaster: Christian Aid responds

As the death toll from the tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean climbs ever upwards, the UN has predicted that this will be the worst humanitarian catastrophe the world has ever seen. Within hours of huge waves swamping coastal towns and villages in 11 different countries, however, Christian Aid partners were already responding with emergency relief to some of those in most desperate need.

In the badly-hit Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the Christian Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) swung its well-prepared emergency plans into action, working to provide care for some 50,000 families in the coastal region with supplies of food, medicine, blankets and plastic sheeting for shelter. In the following days its workers began the vital task of transporting tankers of clean water to those whose supplies had been contaminated.

In Sri Lanka, partner organisation The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL), has also started responding to the emergency, in which massive seas swamped the country’s southern, eastern and northern coast lines. NCCSL has already sent money to Colombo to buy food parcels for people in need of assistance. At an emergency meeting of the heads of the churches and the NCCSL, it was decided to immediately send three pastoral teams to the affected regions, Trinco, Batticaloa, and the down southern coasts.

“I can’t describe the disaster that has hit Sri Lanka very unexpectedly and has thrown millions of lives into complete disarray. We are working today to assist those who are helpless during these times. Please help us,” writes Xavier, an emergency officer with NCCSL. In one area, three whole villages are reported drowned. In another, a hospital had some 25 patients swept out to sea. People are said to be “utterly frightened.”

Ramani Leathard, regional communications manager for Asia, was on sabbatical in Sri Lanka when the tsunami struck. She is now working with Christian Aid partners in the country: “We were hoping for a quiet, peaceful and warm Christmas in my home country. But nothing could have prepared us for when the tsunami crashed into the coast killing 28,000 and displacing nearly 10% of the country’s population. A country that has already suffered the ravages of ethnic conflict over the past twenty years now faces mass trauma, loss and desperation.

We had spent the few days prior to Christmas in the beach house of a friend. We were soon to hear that this haven of tranquility was reduced to rubble along

with the entire village of 26 households. Rajiva and his brother Kumudhu had seen to our every need during our stay. They lived in the village in simple surroundings. Thankfully they are alive. Clinging to his dignity, Rajiva said: 'We had to carry our mother and run. All our belongings are gone except the clothes we were wearing. We were not destitute but today we are like beggars.' Another young mother, unable to save both her children, was forced to make a choice and let one go. This is the fate of many survivors.

Feelings of guilt persist among many survivors. The pain and trauma experienced by many, needs to be addressed. Christian Aid partner, the Holistic Centre for Health, in Jaffna, has already sent its trained counsellors to work with children in the affected areas."

Christian Aid's Asia specialist, Anjali Kwatra visited a small village on the east coast of Sri Lanka. "It was unbelievable. I don't know how many houses were there originally – maybe a hundred. There were three or four left standing – and these are proper brick houses. No one here has been untouched by death. Everyone knows someone who's been lost.

Many people have lost their livelihoods, and they do not have insurance. But no one is thinking about tomorrow. They are thinking about food and water today. Nothing else. So much is happening it's hard to take it all in, hard to know how people are coping and where to begin to sort this out. But we can't stop to worry about ourselves – everyone here is just pitching in.

For the first time, we saw people crying. Before they had been mostly silent – I think they were still in shock. But today they were really crying and wanting to talk to us about what they had seen and what had happened to them. So many people who relied on boats, rickshaws or small pieces of farmland to make a small amount of money to live, will have seen their livelihoods destroyed. It will soon be Christian Aid's challenge to help them do that. But for now, it is a matter of making sure everyone has food, water and shelter."

Christian Aid is working in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia - the areas most badly affected by the tsunami and earthquake. With their partner organisations, they are providing shelter, food and clean drinking water to those in need. They are also looking to aid the long-term reconstruction effort. Your support is still needed – call 08080 004 004 to make a donation or via the website at www.christianaid.org.uk, where you can also read more reports of Christian Aid's ongoing work.

**Christian Aid is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee
Tsunami appeal.**

Candles - a reflection...

This year, our Advent and Christmas posters and orders of service displayed the picture of candles which you see on the right of this article. Candles play a big part in our liturgy, and this was shown again by their use in our intercessions on the Sunday following the Tsunami. We thought our readers may be interested in the following article about the use of candles, found on the Internet.



Have you ever considered all the symbolic meanings there are for having candles in church? Often at a Baptism service where there are many non-church people, the vicar will use the reading where Jesus says he is the 'Light of the World'.

To explain the value of this, one vicar even built an obstacle course in church and invited the children to have a go at it. Then they were made to do it again blindfolded; with the help of the godparents to hold their hand and talk them through it. At the end the vicar asked: 'Which was easier? When you could see the obstacles or when you were in the dark?' Needless to say one helpful child loudly said the answer not wanted! But the point? Having God in our lives does not make the obstacles go away, but we can see them better and so deal with them or avoid them.

Candles can represent the light of life itself; hope, like a single flame flickering in the darkness. We light a candle to help us think of someone special; we keep a light burning to help others guide their way home. Lights direct people's attention to what we want them to notice – perhaps to a person speaking or to an item on display.

The candle can be an illustration of Christ - the wax symbolizes Jesus' body born of Mary, the wick his soul, the flame his divinity, thus giving us the Mystery of the Incarnation; the presence of God, who gives light to us, who enlightens us by his word.

The flickering candle flame can show the fragility of life, and the ease with which it can be snuffed out. Or it can be burning love; consuming love; the easy passing of love one to another as the flame is easily passed to another candle; we are not alone.

It's a light to lighten our darkness; moving out of darkness into light, for we make progress in our faith - we do not stay still.

From as far back as the second century the church has used lights to represent the spiritual side of our nature and of Christ's. Tertullian wrote: "We never hold a service without candles, yet we use them not just to dispel night's gloom - we also hold our services in daylight - but in order to represent by this Christ, the Uncreated Light, without whom we would in broad daylight wander as if lost in darkness."

Churches Together in Bath

Some snippets from the November meeting

Reports were received on the presentation of the Peace Column at Braunschweig's Dom in October and Rev. John Rackley's November talk on his recent visit to Israel: a further public meeting will be held in February, with a City-wide event in the Abbey in April or May. The November gathering at Grantham, which Rev. Roger Nunn attended was entitled "Sharing the Vision" and the main subjects covered were "Friendship", "Common Baptism", and "Ecumenism" between neighbouring Churches.

Dates arranged for 2005:

The Mayor's 2005 Call to Prayer was held at the Guildhall on **Tuesday 4th January at 7.30pm**. The theme was "Bath, a City without Prejudice".

There will be a CTB Epiphany Service on **Sunday 9th January at 6pm** at Holy Trinity Church Queen Square. There will be a choir rehearsal for all singers at 4pm.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service will be on **Monday 24th January at 7.30pm** at St. John's Church South Parade. The speaker will be Rev C. Norman Wallwork, who is a Methodist Preacher from Weston Super Mare.

Bath Half Marathon: On **Palm Sunday 20th March**, an ecumenical half hour service will be held at 9am in the runners' marquee on the Rec. During the morning, churches on the race circuit will serve coffee after their own services have finished to the spectators lining the route. CTB has also won the concession that pedestrians will still be able to cross the closed roads provided runners are not passing at the time.

Under the umbrella of the Genesis Trust, the Christians of Weston and Newbridge have set up a scheme to help their neighbours in need, whether church-goers or not. This is similar to our Christ Church Friends in Deed Programme, and a card with names and telephone numbers of their co-ordinators has been produced, with a request for further helpers. The Trust hopes that other churches will also set up their own schemes so that eventually the whole of Bath will be covered.

Sylvia M. Ayers, Christ Church joint CTB representative

Prayer Cycle for January

- Sat* 1 We dedicate ourselves and all that we will do this year to God our loving Father
- Sun* 2 For Antony, Cliff and Sandy, and for their families
- Mon* 3 For David our Treasurer, at the beginning of the Church's new financial year
- Tue* 4 For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi
- Wed* 5 For our colleagues, in particular any who are difficult to work with
- Thur* 6 For success in the struggle against the distribution of drugs
- Fri* 7 For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens
- Sat* 8 For the Trustees of Christ Church; for Yvonne, their Chairman
- Sun* 9 For all new members of our congregation: for all visitors
- Mon* 10 Let us pray for the congregation as a whole, and for the success of tonight's "Meet Up", that we may all benefit from the fellowship found there
- Tue* 11 For Mark our Director of Music, David our Organist, and the Choir
- Wed* 12 For peace throughout the world, and for all world leaders
- Thur* 13 For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop
- Fri* 14 For Church's mission to those with any form of physical or mental handicap
- Sat* 15 For couples who can no longer live together due to illness or infirmity, that God will comfort them
- Sun* 16 For Tom and Cyril our readers, and Sarah's ministry at Batheaston For Mark as he trains to become a reader.
- Mon* 17 For couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For the work of Relate.
- Tue* 18 For young people in prison for whatever reason; for all who work with them
- Wed* 19 For Emma, as she prepares our weekly Notice Sheet

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- Thur 20** For journalists and all those who work in the media, that they will be mindful of their responsibilities both to those whom they inform, and those about whom they report
- Fri 21** For those who are unhappy or frustrated in their job
- Sat 22** For the work of the Children's Society, and for Jenny Wright, our Children's Society Representative
- Sun 23** For all who in any way contribute to the worship at Christ Church and to its ministry
- Mon 24** For engaged couples as they prepare for their marriage; for all who are responsible for helping and advising them
- Tue 25** For those who feel that no-one appreciates or cares about them
- Wed 26** For our hospitals, nursing homes and local surgeries
- Thur 27** For our next-door neighbours; for our colleagues at work
- Fri 28** For children being bullied at school. For parents who worry about them and do not know how to help
- Sat 29** For our HR Group for young people and for their leaders
- Sun 30** For our Government and opposition parties. For responsible decision-making in all national and international affairs.
- Mon 31** We thank God for the blessings of the month now ending
- February**
- Tue 1** For all parents, step-parents and godparents
- Wed 2** For all who suffer persecution for their faith
- Thur 3** For those facing redundancy, for those who are unemployed
- Fri 4** For those considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life
- Sat 5** For those suffering from depression, and for those who love them; that they will find the strength to seek the help which they need.
- Sun 6** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity
- Mon 7** For children who have to operate as carers for members of their family
- Tue 8** For the departed who have shared their earthly pilgrimage with us
- Wed 9** For those facing new challenges at work or at home

Tsunami Prayer

God of the mountains and the seas, the awesome power of nature can be both a wonder as well as a source of tragedy. We cry out to you in this time of great need to the people affected by the earthquake and tsunamis in South Asia.

Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. We lift up to you the peoples of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Seychelles, Somalia, Kenya, and Tanzania. For those who have lost loved ones, grant your peace; for those who seek shelter and food, grant your comfort; for those facing illness, grant your healing; for those whose lives have been shattered, grant your strength.

God of wisdom and strength, guide the hands of those who provide emergency relief. We entrust to you those who care for the bereaved, those with the gift of healing, those who carry the burdens of moving debris, and those who distribute much needed supplies. Hopeless as it may seem at times, their work is very important. Give them the endurance that is needed to continue in their good works.

God of all consolation, in the midst of things we do not understand, tragedy too great to comprehend, and grieving too heavy to bear, grant your peace. This is a time when we welcome your Word of hope born into our world. May that hope burn in our hearts.

Amen

Peter Armstrong

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PAST HISTORY

Christ Church was built at the end of the 18th Century by the socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship by the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church of that time to provide seating free of charge. Early supporters included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; the great evangelical campaigner against slavery, William Wilberforce; Philip Pusey, the father of E B Pusey; and Martin Stafford Smith, the godfather of John Keble, who were both founders of the Oxford Movement. The building was designed by the famous Bath architect John Palmer, who was responsible for the completion of the Great Pump Room, Lansdown Crescent and St Swithin's, the parish church of Walcot. In November 1998, the congregation, friends and well-wishers from all over the world celebrated the bicentenary.

MINISTRY

Christ Church is unusual in not being a parish church. Much of the vitality of its life and worship derives from the fact that the congregation comes from all areas of the city and the surrounding districts. Whilst there is no full-time paid vicar, there is a non-stipendiary priest-in-charge, who leads a ministerial team of ordained and lay people. Worship at Christ Church largely reflects the traditions of those responsible for its foundation and the rich diversity of the Church of England as a whole. Thus, preaching and Bible-based teaching is firmly set within a liturgical setting which is best described as liberal and catholic.

SERVICES

The 8am Holy Communion is either Book of Common Prayer (1662) or Common Worship. At 10am the Family Eucharist is celebrated according to Common Worship. On the first Sunday of each month, there is a full Choral Evensong. A Junior Church and a Crèche cater for the children and young people who attend the 10am service. At festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest, our special services, designed for the whole family, are very popular.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Thursday (with lunch once a month). The notice board and the weekly notice sheet provide details of discussion and prayer groups which are held at different times throughout the year. An all-age choir, which rehearses on Friday evenings, maintains the much-admired music tradition at Christ Church.

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

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