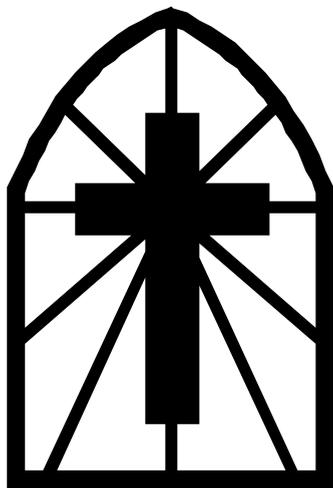


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November 2003

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Other Sundays	Said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (see page 5)

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*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*

Yes folks, it's November again, and that can mean only one thing. Actually, it means quite a few things, as reading this month's magazine will show—articles about All Saints' Day, All Soul's Day, Remembrance Sunday will provide food for thought.

Cyril's epic trek through the Bible reaches Paul's Epistles to Timothy and Titus this month as you can read on page 13.

And of course, the preparations for this year's Christmas Fair (Dec 13) are well underway. What will YOU do this year?

## Forum...



What is in a name? That question came into my mind when I began to think about the Festival of All Saints, and All Souls' Day which follows it.

As I write, saints are in the news with the story that the Pope has beatified Mother Teresa. Beatification is an important stop on the road to Sainthood, but it is not the final stage in the process. The act of beatification permits public veneration after the death of a faithful Roman Catholic, and the person receives the title "Blessed". Canonization is the definitive sentence by which the Pope declares a particular member of the faithful departed, previously beatified, to have already entered into eternal glory. The person then receives the title Saint. Among the sevenfold honours conferred by canonization are that a festival day is celebrated, and churches may be dedicated to God in the Saint's memory.

There are aspects of this process that cause me concern, not least the idea that anybody or group of people is able to assert that a person has entered into eternal glory. I am more comfortable with the passages in Scripture which refer to all members of the Church as holy ones or saints. Thus the potential for holiness or sainthood is open to each one of us as a gift from God. So, we can all strive for sainthood without concern for the process of titles and naming.

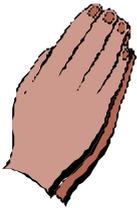
The Festival of All Saints always brings to my mind two particular churches with that dedication.. One in Southend-on-Sea was the Parish Church in which I was prepared for adult baptism. It was one of the most extreme Anglo-Catholic churches whose services fascinated and bewildered me in equal measure, but I am eternally grateful for the Lay Reader / Scout Leader / Youth Club Leader (all one and the same person) who led me to baptism. Then there was All Saints' Church in Chelmsford, a multi-purpose building in the middle of a housing estate, where Margaret and I with our three young sons were made welcome and embraced within the worshipping body. That too was an Anglo-Catholic church whose Priest and people I hold in grateful memory, although I have left behind many of the practices and ceremonial that they hold dear.



In these two congregations, just as here at Christ Church there were many humble Christians striving for holiness. Many of them have passed away, but the memory of their lives and a mental picture of their faces light up All Soul's Day, even those whose names I have forgotten. The memorizing of names has never been a strong point in my make-up, as most of you know, but faces make a permanent impression, as do the characters behind them.

For me it is a happy accident that All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day fall on successive days, because I suspect that many of those familiar faces were saints without the title or recognition they deserve. Let me leave you with the post-Communion prayer for All Saints' Day:

God, the source of all holiness  
and giver of all good things:  
May we, who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the Heavenly Feast on the day of your kingdom;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord  
Amen.



Cliff

## **Rejoice with Christ the King**

*Old friend will be the patronal preacher*



Two years ago Church Council accepted the recommendation that the Feast of Christ the King, which comes on the Sunday before Advent, should be adopted as the Christ Church patronal festival.

We are delighted to announce that this year's patronal preacher will be Miss Sarah Sheppard. Sarah is an old friend who gave many years of faithful service as a Reader at Christ Church before moving to assist the Revd Alison Fry in the Parish of Batheaston with St Catherine. It will be good to hear Sarah preach again and we look forward to welcoming her on Sunday, 23 November.

# Church Calendar for November

**Nov 2 Sun ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong  
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

**6 Thurs No service**

**9 Sun REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**10 Mon 7.30pm** Church Council

**11 Tues** Genesis Leaders' Conference at St  
Bartholomew's

**12 Wed 7.30pm** Bath Churches Together at the Salvation  
Army Citadel

**13 Thurs 11.00am** Holy Communion

**16 Sun THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer (said)

**19 Wed** Archdeaconry Training Day for Clergy and  
Readers at Weston All Saints

**20 Thurs 11.00am** Holy Communion

**23 Sun PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING**

**10.00am** Holy Communion—Preacher Miss Sarah  
Sheppard

**5.30pm** Evening Prayer (said)

**27 Thurs 11.00am** Holy Communion

**30 Sun ADVENT SUNDAY**

**10.00am** Holy Communion—followed by Book Stall

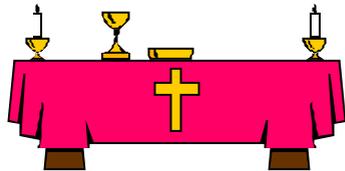
**6.30pm** Advent Carol Service

# Service Rota for November

	<b>8 am</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Evening</b>
		<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Leader</b>
		<b>Preacher</b>	
<b>Nov</b>	<b>2</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Cliff Burrows Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge
	<b>9</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge Rev Antony Claridge	
	<b>16</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge Dr Cyril Selmes	
	<b>23</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Cliff Burrows Miss Sarah Sheppard	
	<b>30</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Antony Claridge
<b>Dec</b>	<b>7</b> Rev Antony Claridge	Rev Cliff Burrows Dr Cyril Selmes	

### Thursday Services at 11.00 am

<b>Nov</b>	<b>6</b> No service
	<b>13</b> Rev Antony Claridge
	<b>20</b> Rev Antony Claridge
	<b>27</b> Rev Antony Claridge



# Laity Rota for November

Readers	OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel	
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Mrs E Selmes	Mr C Graham	Ms J Anderson
	<b>9</b>	No reading	Mr M Elliott	Mrs M Burrows
	<b>16</b>	Mr L Grosvenor	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs J Bishop
	<b>23</b>	Mrs N Gladstone	Mr M Jones	Mrs A Sheppard
	<b>30</b>	Mr R Siderfin	Mrs A Kemp	Mrs R Gabe
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	Mrs P Edwards	Ms J Anderson	Mrs S Ayers

## Chalice Assistants

<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
	<b>9</b>	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin
	<b>16</b>	Mrs M Burrows	Mr C Graham
	<b>23</b>	Lady Heath	Dr C Selmes
	<b>30</b>	Miss J Fletcher	Mrs P Edwards
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	Mrs J Metcalfe	Mr R Siderfin

## Intercessors

<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Mr B Pont
	<b>9</b>	Dr D Marles
	<b>16</b>	Rev C Burrows
	<b>23</b>	Mr C Graham
	<b>30</b>	Rev A Claridge
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	Mr R Vince



## Sidespeople

	8am	10am	
<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	Mr C Tilling	Mr & Mrs Olney
	<b>9</b>	Miss E Iden-Hart	Mrs M Silver      Mr F Twissell
	<b>16</b>	Mr A Jones	Mr & Mrs Ayers
	<b>23</b>	Mrs D Twissell	Mrs A Charman      Mrs C Tanner
	<b>30</b>	Mrs B Hayward	Mr & Mrs Metcalfe
<b>December</b>	<b>7</b>	Miss E Hewlett	Dr D Marles      Mrs J Bunkin

# Lectionary for November

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>		
	Isaiah 25.6-9	Revelation 21.1-6a	John 11.32-44
<b>9</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>		
	No reading	Hebrews 9.24-28	Mark 1.14-20
<b>16</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Advent</b>		
	Daniel 12.1-3	Hebrews 10.11-17	Mark 13.1-8
<b>23</b>	<b>Christ the King (Patronal Festival)</b>		
	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14	Revelation 1.4b-8	John 18.33-37
<b>30</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>		
	Jeremiah 33.14-16	1 Thess. 3.9-13	Luke 21.25-36

## TIME FOR ACTION



It's time for us to get the Christmas Fair fully underway. From Sunday 2 November onwards you are invited to bring items to be sold on the festive stalls in the Guildhall on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be selective in your choice of items for sale. It is not a jumble sale and the idea is to donate items that you yourselves might want to buy.

The Bottle Stall is always popular so why not bring a bottle of some kind every week?

Jams and seasonal pickles are sought after as presents so, again, see what you can do to help us put on an attractive display of delicious pots and jars.

The Christmas Fair can only be a pleasure and a success if everyone does their bit.

## Poetry in the Heart

Looking forward to Advent Sunday at the end of the month, we have chosen two pieces of verse in anticipation of the season.

*The first is by William Shakespeare and is taken from Hamlet*

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated  
The bird of dawning singeth all night long,  
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,  
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,  
No fairy tales, nor witch hath power to charm,  
So hallowed and so gracious is the time.

*Or what about this Celtic prayer from Poems of the Western Highlanders*

Jesu MacMary, at dawn-tide, the flowing,  
Jesu MacMary, at ebb-tide, the going:  
When our first breath awakes,  
Life's day when darkness takes,  
Merciful God of all, mercy bestowing,  
With us and for us be,  
Merciful Deity,  
Amen, eternally.

## Mothers' Union News

The Christ Church Branch would like to thank the members of the Congregation who so generously supported us on our Coffee Morning in October. To date the amount raised from sales and donations is £51.80, which together with the gifts received will all go to the Bath Women's Refuge.



The next meeting of the Branch will be on Tuesday November 4th, when we will hold our AGM. We do hope every member will be able to attend this important meeting, when we will discuss our plans for Christmas and the New Year.

Sylvia M Ayers (Secretary)

## All Saints' Day

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it never had before.

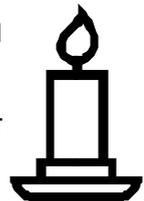
This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

*He wants not friends that hath thy love,  
And made converse and walk with thee,  
And with thy saints here and above,  
With whom for ever I must be...  
As for my friends, they are not lost;  
The several vessels of thy fleet,  
Though parted now, by tempests tost,  
Shall safely in thy haven meet...  
The heavenly hosts, world without end,  
Shall be my company above;  
And thou, my best and surest Friend,  
Who shall divide me from thy love?*

There were 1,255 ancient English churches dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Both our Eucharists at Christ Church 2 November will be in celebration of the great Feast of All Saints. In the evening there will be a Choral Evensong at which we shall remember "those whom we love and yet see no more". If you would like a loved one to be remembered by name and a memorial candle lit you should write the name on the sheet which has been paced at the back of the church. This act of love unites us with all the faithful past and present and is a wonderful expression of our belief in the eternal life promised by Jesus.



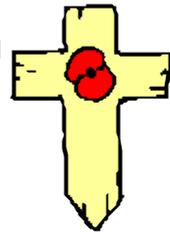
## **Remembrance Sunday**

***Remember the dead and pray for peace on 9 November***

High Streets everywhere will soon be blossoming with red poppies: everyone from toddlers in prams to their grandparents will be wearing one. By Remembrance Day over 40 million are expected to be sold around the county by an army of many thousands of volunteers. The money raised will help our ex-Service people and their dependants.

To achieve all that takes more than flower power, the annual Poppy Appeal is a highly sophisticated operation manned by a large permanent staff and more than 5,000 voluntary local organisers. Each year there are new angles in the advertising campaign to be decided on, regional launches with celebrities to be organised, and the national launch to catch the imagination of the media.

It is a sobering thought that we have just completed the bloodiest century that the world has ever known. More people died in wars last century than ever before in the history of mankind. Many millions of those died fighting fascism and communism.



The new Millennium is scarcely three years old and yet again we are at war – this time with terrorism. And so, it will be even more important for us to bring friends and neighbours to church on Remembrance Sunday to remember those who laid down their lives and to pray for peace.

## **MISSION TO SEAFARERS**

As the church contact for the Mission, I would like to thank everyone very much indeed for your most generous response to my recent appeal.



To date, I have received £55.00 in donations, which will go towards relieving the sufferings of the many sailors who have been affected as a result of the Iraq conflict.

The Mission to Seafarers thanks you all.

*Sylvia M Ayers*

## Restoring Hope in our Church



The House Groups have met and comments and ideas will go to the Church Council at the meeting planned for Monday 10 November. It is expected that Council will ask the Standing Committee to cost the suggestions and report on the short and long term financial implications.

Antony hopes that as many members of Christ Church will spend a day at a retreat centre in Chewton Keynsham, near Keynsham to finalise plans for the practical expression of our future mission.

This will fit in with the Diocesan initiative ***First to the Lord 2004*** and will, in fact, anticipate much of the action bishop Peter will require of every parish in Bath and Wells.

The timetable for **First to the Lord 2004** will look like this: -

**Wednesday 19 Nov** Archdeaconry Training Day – all Clergy and Readers at Weston All Saints Bath.

**December** Publication of the Bishop's Lent Course *Changing Lives*.

**Thursday 22 Jan 2004** An Evening with Bishop Peter – Council members and others interested at The Pavilion, Bath

**Saturday 7 Feb** Christ Church Away Day at Chewton Keynsham

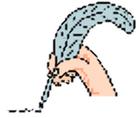
**Week beginning 29 February and on through Lent:**

The Bishop's Course "*Changing Lives*" with members of other churches.



## OUR BIBLE CONSULTANT WRITES...

Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus are personal and affectionate; Paul calls them his children in faith, and asks them to continue to teach the Gospel as well as instructing them about their other duties as deacons in the Church. As usual, Paul makes strong statements about the faith but also gives detailed descriptions of how Church members should behave.



In his first letter to Timothy, Paul reminds him that before Paul went to Macedonia on the way to Ephesus, he asked Timothy to teach against some heretical doctrines which resulted in idle speculation, when the only true doctrine is one of love. The law, after all, is only of use when dealing with law-breakers. Paul also reminds Timothy that Paul himself was the worst sinner until Jesus was merciful and called Paul to teach in his name. Paul emphasises the need for prayer about all people and all things, stressing this pleases God who wants all people to be saved. Paul then writes about the characteristics of bishops and deacons: they should be honourable men, head of their own houses, not new converts, and well-respected outside the church. Paul seems to be aware that other people are distorting the Gospel, so he exhorts Timothy to teach the beliefs of Paul, but also tells him that, in spite of his youth, these beliefs will prevail, especially if he acts as a role model to other members of the Church, and treats everyone with respect, particularly widows and the elders. Paul also includes one of his best-known sayings, but the sentence which follows it is much more important: "For the root of all evils is the love of money, in longing for which some have strayed from their faith and transfixed themselves with many pains. But you, people of God, avoid all this. Pursue righteousness, piety, faith, love, endurance and gentleness."

In his second letter, Paul continues to encourage Timothy to teach the Gospel and to hold on to his faith: he tells him to pass on the Gospel to trustworthy people and not to get diverted by the pressures of everyday life. There are, however, some sad notes in this letter. Early on, Paul states that all in Asia have turned against him, only Onesiphorus at Ephesus had supported him. He also has a critical view of what will come in the last days: "Know this; that in the final days hard times will set in. For men will be lovers of themselves and lovers of money... lovers of pleasure rather than God, keeping the form of piety but denying its force." The sad note comes again at the end: Paul asks Timothy to come and see him as soon as possible, bringing a cloak and some book scrolls that Paul had left behind; then Paul laments that all have forsaken him, only Mark and Luke remain with him, so he asks Timothy to come before winter.

## Archbishop calls for fresh look at children's needs

### *Who will respond to the call at Christ Church?*

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, has made a strong plea for society to look afresh at the needs of children and young people at risk.

In a sermon preached at the recent National Festival Service of the Children's Society in



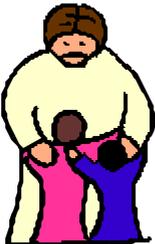
Canterbury Cathedral, Dr Williams said: "we are required to face the fact that, for all our corporate sentimentality about childhood and for all our well-meant protocols about the protection of children, thousands of our children in Britain are invisible and their sufferings unnoticed."

Too often, he added, we noticed too late: "There are actions to be taken, things to put in place that may contain damage or avoid future tragedy, but the cost is already there, and if we are honest we can't help acknowledging that we have not had the right habits of attention. Thousands of children have been invisible to us." Dr Williams, making his first major address on children's policy since becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, warned that: "The demands on statutory and voluntary resources will go on spiralling if we do not address the prior question of our attitude to children in general and children at risk in particular."

The Archbishop highlighted the importance of approaches to family life: "not only how we conduct our own, but how we share it, how we think about equipping a new generation to approach their responsibilities."

And he was sharply critical of aspects of a youth justice system "that is still astonishingly slow to treat a child as a child and to face the question of how the emotional void that so often appears in 'criminal' children is to be addressed and healed."

There were "very serious" questions about a youth justice system in which "the welfare needs of children are still so often sidelined."



Dr Williams supported the idea of a Children's Commissioner in England, but argued that it would need to be matched by proper governmental co-ordination. Dr. Williams, who is a President of the

Children's Society, praised its work: "The Children's Society is committed to seeing children whole, and to enabling all of us to share this seeing. It is in that sense simply taking its lead from Christ, who, we read, 'took a little child and had him stand among them' - had him stand where he could be seen."

He added: "What we are told to learn from children, I suspect, is not just the spontaneous joy or trust that we might first think of when told to become like little children, but also a kind of endurance and courage, even wisdom, that breaks the heart because we find it so difficult to believe that such hard things can be learned so early."

In the light of the Archbishop's strong appeal to revise our attitudes to the needs of children in our society, we renew our appeal for someone to take on Ann Kemp's role at Christ Church in promoting the work of the Children's Society.



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# Prayer Cycle for November

- Sat* 1 For all who live alone and find it difficult and those who can help them
- Sun* 2 That all congregations may be more “Missionary Minded”
- Mon* 3 For a change of heart in those who believe hatred to be a virtue and who plan terror attacks on others
- Tue* 4 For fair trading systems between rich and poor nations
- Wed* 5 That those using fireworks may use them safely
- Thur* 6 Let us give thanks for those who provide lifts for people to and from church
- Fri* 7 For the release of hostages everywhere
- Sat* 8 For Mark, our Director of Music, David, our Organist, our Choir and all who contribute musically to our worship
- Sun* 9 For our Clergy Team and their families; for parishes coping with an interregnum.
- Mon* 10 For children who have to act as carers in the family situation
- Tue* 11 For our National Health Service and for our hospitals, nursing homes and our local surgeries
- Wed* 12 For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens and for David, our Treasurer
- Thur* 13 For our Government and Parliament and for all active politicians, that they may set an example of truth and honesty in all situations
- Fri* 14 For a sensitive and helpful attitude towards those who suffer mental illness and to their families
- Sat* 15 For a sensible attitude among young people to the use of alcoholic drinks
- Sun* 16 For Rowan, our Archbishop and Peter, our Bishop
- Mon* 17 For parents and others caring for children with brain defects and serious mental handicap
- Tue* 18 For the work of the Genesis Trust

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- Wed 19** For an end of suicide bombing and all acts of senseless hatred
- Thur 20** For one parent families: for schoolgirl mothers
- Fri 21** That our Police Forces may receive full co-operation from all members of the public
- Sat 22** For victims of HIV and AIDS
- Sun 23** For our Junior Church and those who care for its members
- Mon 24** For Tom and Cyril our Readers and for Sarah in her ministry at Batheaston
- Tue 25** For the work of CRUSE in caring for the bereaved: for the volunteers of the Bath branch
- Wed 26** For growing understanding between Israel and the Palestinians and between Israel and the Arab world
- Thur 27** For Emma and Nicky and all who produce Christ Church Challenge and our weekly Notice Sheet
- Fri 28** For all coping with the difficulties of old age: for all who live alone: for those who have problems with sleeping
- Sat 29** For our branch of the Mothers' Union and the Children's Society
- Sun 30** Let us give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending
- December**
- Mon 1** For all new members of our congregation: for all visitors
- Tue 2** That people may resist the temptation to get involved in loans which will be difficult to repay
- Wed 3** For the under-privileged for whom the material aspect of Christmas celebrations is a source of great concern
- Thur 4** For the work of the Mission to Seafarers
- Fri 5** For effective measures against pilferers at this busy shopping period
- Sat 6** For all who mourn, especially for parents mourning the death of a child or children
- Sun 7** For all who lead worship or preach today
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## From the Church Register...

### Holy Baptism

26 October

Layla Jeannette Jane Hadaway



## The safest place to be!

*It's in the statistics so it must be true.*

If you feel the world out there is full of accidents waiting to happen, you are right. If you want to live long, and keep safe, statistics reveal the following:

Avoid riding in motor cars, because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.



Do not stay at home, because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

Avoid walking on streets or pavements, because 14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Avoid travelling by air, rail, or water because, 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transport.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occurred during worship in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!



Bible study is also safe. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is far less even than that. So, for your own safety's sake, attend church and read your Bible as much as you can. It could save your life (in more ways than one).

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# ***CHRIST CHURCH, JULIAN ROAD***

## **DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

### **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 more informal discussion-based service is held on the third Sunday of the month. 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 on the first and third weeks of the 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.

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