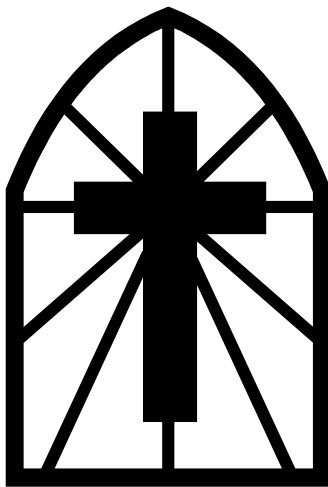


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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

CHOIR

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

Angela and Chris, 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.

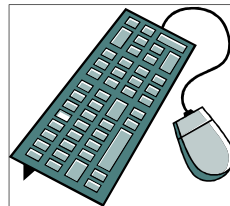
Thanks as always to our contributors. Last month's articles were widely appreciated. You never know how the Holy Spirit will use your work.

Half a dozen of us from Christ Church (plus a dog) turned out to welcome the Cut The Carbon march into Bath. Climate change featured strongly in our Joint Church Council Conference, so expect to hear more in future editions.

Keep the articles coming.
admin@christchurchbath.org.

Forum...

New roles in changed communities **Roy Strong's new book on the English country church**



This is a delightful book. First and foremost it is a narrative history of the English country church from its origins in Anglo-Saxon times.

Sir Roy imagines himself into the pews of the ordinary churchgoer through the upheavals that followed the Reformation. "One is reminded of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: so much trauma visited on so many ordinary people and so little voice given to express what must have been an overwhelming sense of anguish and loss," he writes. He tells of times when churchwardens could be thrown into prison merely for appealing against their bishop's order to demolish their altar, of separatists such as Muggletonians who rejected the doctrine of the Trinity, of when the sign of the Cross made over a child at baptism was feared by many as "the mark of the Beast".

Despite the clamours, the changes and the battles that took place over the centuries, the parish church survives as a symbol of continuity in the English countryside. People treasure the buildings because, beyond memory, they have occupied a place in the landscape. However, Strong argues that this is not enough. Churches are expensive to maintain, they are under-used, their original purpose matters to fewer and fewer people, they are no longer public places and more often or not they are locked.

Sir Roy is a practising Christian. He is a server in Hereford Cathedral (as well as being High Bailiff and Searcher of the Sanctuary at Westminster Abbey¹). The Church's present problems, he believes, could be solved by returning buildings to the community, with safeguards for worship. This is the truly catholic, inclusive model. Long before the Reformation, the parish church was the hub of village life.

It is a fact of life in the 21st century, that parish churches will never be fully reused by the Church of England. Something must be done to reengage public affection for them in practical ways. Strong is right in concluding

1: These are honorary and largely ceremonial posts at the abbey dating back to the 16th Century. They were recently held by Lord (Bernard) Weatherill, who resigned the posts in protest against the treatment of organist Martin Neary at the hands of the then Dean, Wesley Carr. (source: Sunday Times 20/12/1998)

that this often means “adaptation not conservation”. Since it is unthinkable to destroy the 10,000 medieval churches extant in England, it is madness now to leave them to rot. New uses must be found for those parts of parish churches no longer needed for worship. Often in the Middle Ages they were places of congregation, litigation, education and trade, as well as of peace and meditation. There is no shortage of such purposes today.

The argument Sir Roy makes in relation to country churches might well be applied to our towns and cities. In Bath, for example, there are too many churches being managed and financed by too few worshippers. How can these wonderful buildings, grand and pretty, large and small be preserved and put to public use and ownership? Sir Roy has opened the debate in his beautifully illustrated book. Now we who care about our churches must take it further.

Antony

More on underused churches on page 11. Sir Roy is billed to speak at Toppings on 2 Nov at 7.15. Tickets £5. Phone 4281 11 or visit the shop in person.

Tudor Edwards 1949-2007

On behalf of all the family, I would like to say “Thank you” to all the people who attended Tudor’s funeral and gave donations to Dorothy House and the RNLI. Over £500 was received.

I’ve had so many people mention to me how wonderful the service was, and people who had come from afar were amazed at the quality of the choir (but of course, all of us from Christ Church get their benefit every week).

I miss him terribly—but he couldn’t have gone on as he was and as Antony said in the August magazine he was a man for faith and compassion.

Once again, “Thank you”.

Penny

Church Calendar for October

Oct	1	Mon	8.00pm	Meet Up Monday at the Hare and Hounds
	2	Tues	7.30pm	CTB Committee at Manvers Street
	4	Thur	ST FRANCIS of ASSISI	
	5	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	6	Sat	WILLIAM TYNDALE, Translator and Martyr	
	7	Sun	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			Church Duty at Genesis Sunday Lunchbox	
	10	Wed	11.00am	Communion and Lunch
	12	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	14	Sun	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	15	Sat	Deadline for Magazine articles	
	16	Tues	NICHOLAS RIDLEY, HUGH LATIMER, Martyrs	
	18	Thur	ST LUKE, EVANGELIST	
	19	Fri	11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	21	Sun	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			5.00pm	Tea and Taizé
	24	Wed	7.30pm	One World Week Talk, BRLSI, Queen Square
	25	Thur	7.15pm	Meriol Trevor Memorial Lecture University Chaplaincy
	26	Fri	ALFRED THE GREAT OF WESSEX	
			11.00am	The Cedar Tree Community Café
	27	Sat	7.30pm	One World Week International Evening Guildhall
	28	Sun	THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
			SS SIMON AND JUDE	
Nov	4	Sun	FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	

Keep up to date with the latest events on our website.

Laity Rota for October

		OT Readers	NT Readers	Gospel
October	7	Sarah Hiscock	Sylvia Ayers	Margaret Heath
	14	Margaret Burrows	Ann Kemp	Judith Anderson
	21	Richard Gabe	Judith Bishop	Emma Elliott
	28	Bev Pont	David Marles	Eileen Selmes
November	4	Nicky Gladstone	Bob Siderfin	Martin Palmer
	11	Mark Elliott	Penny Edwards	Georgina

Chalice Assistants

October	7	Margaret Burrows	Tessa Claridge
	14	Chris Graham	Janet Mahto
	21	Jane Fletcher	Ann Kemp
	28	Bob Siderfin	Penny Edwards
November	4	Andrew Sillett	Tessa Claridge
	11	Bev Pont	Margaret Burrows

Intercessors

October	7	Penny Edwards
	14	Mark Elliott
	21	David Marles
	28	Bev Pont
November	4	Rev Cliff Burrows
	11	Chris Graham



Sidespeople

		8am	10am
October	7	Clive Tilling	Margaret Silver Frank Twissell
	14	Arthur Jones	Ken and Sylvia Ayers
	21	Clive Tilling	Joan Bunkin Jean Ferguson
	28	Arthur Jones	Margaret Heath Andrew Sillett
November	4	Clive Tilling	Tessa Claridge Janet Mahto

Lectionary for October

	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Oct 7	Trinity 18		
	Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
14	Trinity 19		
	2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
21	Trinity 20		
	Genesis 32.22-31	2 Timothy 3.14-4.5	Luke 18.1-8
28	Simon & Jude Apostles		
	Isaiah 28.14-16	Ephesians 2.19-22	John 15.17-end
Nov 4	All Saints Sunday		
	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1.11-23	Luke 6.20-31

Our Calendar Correspondent Explains...

“ANTHONY ASHLEY COOPER (1st October)

Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a politician and philanthropist, one of the best-known of the Victorian era. Born in London, he was educated at Harrow School and Christ Church, Oxford. He became a leader of the movement for factory reform with one of his chief interests was the welfare of children, and he was chairman of the Ragged Schools Union and a keen supporter of Florence Nightingale. Shaftesbury was a proponent of restoration, as the idea of returning the Jews to the Land of Israel was then known among Christians. Shaftesbury was able to help persuade Foreign Minister Palmerston to send a consul to Jerusalem in 1838. A committed Christian and a loyal Englishman, Shaftesbury argued for a Jewish return because of what he saw as the political and economic advantages to England and because he believed that it was God’s will. The Shaftesbury Memorial in Piccadilly Circus, London, erected in 1893, was designed to commemorate his philanthropic works. The Memorial is crowned by Alfred Gilbert's aluminium statue of Anteros as a nude, butterfly-winged archer. This is officially titled The Angel of Christian Charity, but has become popularly, if mistakenly, known as *Eros*. The use of a nude figure on a public monument was controversial at the time, but the statue has become a London icon and appears on the masthead of the Evening Standard.

DO YOU KNOW the family of plants whose common name is the Pinks (although many have red or white flowers); the type/genus which has red, white and pink species, as well as one which lives by the sea, and another which has swollen sepals, to form a bladder which country children used to burst behind one; those with a yen for crime novels may remember a New Zealand writer who had a detective with this name; and the related genus which has a strong detergent hidden in its leaves and has an appropriate common name.



The red, white and pink versions were quite common in the Cambridgeshire countryside when I was at school studying Botany and Zoology: the only question was the status of the pink one. Was it a separate species or a cross between the white and the red? Nowadays the pink one is recognised as a hybrid which crosses freely with all other red, white and pink varieties. They are still common at wayside and railside, but the white one prefers disturbed land. They have many common names which often refer to snakes and other venomous creatures. This may also be connected to beliefs I've mentioned with other plants: if you pick the white ones your mother will die. The addition with these plants: if you pick the red ones your father will die. Other common names are pleasant: like Robin Hood or Bachelors Buttons; if the latter were worn under an apron or skirt, a desirable man would be attracted!

The plants which contain a detergent in their leaves have been known since medieval times. If you rub a leaf between your fingers you get a sudsy feeling. Boiling the leaves in water provides a soap-like solution which is due to the saponins in the leaves. This solution is gentler than soap and has been used throughout Europe for washing cloth of all kinds. Clumps of these plants are often found near mill sites or other places where cloth was made. The gentle nature of this detergent makes it suitable for delicate fabrics: it has been used on tapestries at the Victoria and Albert Museum, as well as the National Trust. This latter plant is the Soapwort (*Saponaria*) while the others are the Red, White and Pink Campion.



The crime writer was Ngaio March and her detective was Albert Campion. Writing about Campions was not the only thing recently which reminded me of my late teenage times: if you've been watching Griff Rhys Jones climbing Mountains you may have similar memories. I was delighted when he reached Snowdonia and went

up Tryfan, which I walked across in the Easter holidays of 1948. I was most interested when he met George Band, a member of the team which climbed Everest with Hillary and Tensing: George was still climbing Tryfan at the age of 77!

Cyril Selmes

Farewell to Neil Kirkbride

Although we knew he was seriously ill, the news of Neil's death came as a shock.

He was known and loved by his family and a wide circle of friends in Bath and beyond. It was no surprise then, that our church was full for his memorial service after cremation at Haycombe on 15th August. Jane, his wife; his sons, Mark, James and Ollie and his daughter Rebecca were determined that the service should be a celebration of Neil's life. And so it was.

There was music: favourite hymns, an anthem often sung by the young Kirkbrides in their choir days and a battered CD of Pachabel's Canon which was played on countless family car journeys. Tributes were given on behalf of friends and colleagues by Ray Hurlle and on behalf of the family by James. Becky read 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare; in her childhood she heard her father quote the first four lines time and time again but never once complete the whole poem. Jane read 'Do not Stand at my Grave and Weep' by Mary Elizabeth Frye which speaks of the joyful persistence of the human spirit.

An old friend and former incumbent of Christ Church, the Revd Dr Vaughan Roberts, preached the sermon. He recalled Neil as a larger than life character full of good humour, energy and great kindness, always a great supporter of Christ Church and encouraging his children in their life as choristers. In the gospel reading, from the fourteenth chapter of John, Jesus tells his disciples that there are many rooms in his Father's house. As we celebrated all that Neil was to his beloved family and friends, we prayed that we might be given grace to fill our lives with the same joy and happiness and at the end, be accepted with Neil to the place that Jesus has prepared for us.



Three councils came together

On the morning of Saturday, 22nd September, the councils of Christ Church, St Mary's Charlcombe and St Stephen's Lansdown met together for the first time. The Archdeacon of Bath, the Ven. Andrew Piggott, introduced the day.

The meeting conducted an audit, looking at the provisions of our Local Ministry Group; its worship, outreach, community service, children's work, ecumenical contacts, support for the wider church in the diocese and overseas and resources. In mixed groups, the delegates then went on to group all the activities under the headings provided by a draft mission statement based on that already existing at Christ Church.

A report will be made available to all three churches and will form the basis for further discussion. All who took part were sure of three things: first, we got on extremely well together; second, we jointly offer a wide range of activities and opportunities for Christian witness and, finally, there is much work to be done to develop the identity of our LMG.

The Local Ministry Group Address from the Archdeacon

"Who are we? What is God calling us to be, to do and to become?"

Taking the calling of Jesus and the calling of the first disciples (Mark 1.9-20) as his reading, the Archdeacon's keynote address at the LMG Councils' Conference was full of questions, warnings and challenges.

He warned that to be called can be sacrificial and costly: that we may, like Jesus, be called into the wilderness.

He challenged us to minister fully to our community: with words and deeds, giving space for silence and being, reaching out to those for whom the name of Jesus is nothing more than a blasphemy. He challenged us to deepen our life of prayer, immersing ourselves in His word and worship.

The Archdeacon praised the churches for the work they do, together and separately, and for the many hours' work spent in the service of the Kingdom of God. And left us with this final thought:

Christians are not meant to do good, be nice,
and help the world work a little better.

Christians are instead to act as signposts to another order,
another way of life, another Kingdom,
which can be glimpsed in this world but has not yet arrived completely.

FRIENDS OF SOMERSET CHURCHES AND CHAPELS



When I told a friend I couldn't do something else because I was going on a "CHURCH CRAWL" with the above she said she'd never heard of us but she'd like to join me. After a pub lunch - too wet to picnic - we visited that gem St JAMES, CAMELEY, ST MARGARET HINTON BLEWETT, BVM LITTON and ST MARY MAGDALENE, CHEWTON MENDIP then tucked into far too generous a tea in the village hall. At each church we were welcomed and given a short talk, our only disappointment was a rumour Christopher Booker (of "The Mad Officials") might emerge from his Old Rectory to join us proved untrue. We met friends and had a fascinating afternoon.

Arranging these visits and talks is not the main aim of the FSSC. It was founded to support churches and chapels actually in use as such, of all denominations, by making grants for repairs. Some of the most interesting buildings have to be supported by small congregations and there is always the risk of closure. An example of help is the four grants totalling £15,000 to the BVM Ile Abbots, described as "outstanding among Somerset churches" by Pevsner.

Pevsner's detail is too much for your roving correspondent. More reader-friendly is Simon Jenkins' "England's Thousand Best Churches", which includes the first and last of the four my friend and I visited; Somerset scores well. Then there is "Fifty Somerset Churches", with a selection of buildings of different periods and styles by Robert Dunning, which I enjoy. Robert Dunning has also edited the recent "Somerset Churches and Chapels - Building, Repair and Restoration"; FSSC's commemorative book for its 10th anniversary. This has a number of contributors, not all Anglican, and many excellent photographs and tells you much more of the work of the Friends than I can in this short piece.

Our final "church crawl" this year starts nearby, at St Saviour, Larkhall, at 2pm on SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER and we shall visit St John the Baptist, Batheaston, and St Catherine followed by tea (donations). Jennifer Beazley, the very experienced NADFAS Church Recorder who led the team that worked in Christ Church, will talk with particular emphasis on furnishings. All welcome, but please tell her you are coming so she knows numbers for tea.

Mrs Beazley, Old Sandybank Inn, St Catherine, BATH BA1 8EX
01225 852104 or 858436.

Do consider coming to this, and/or becoming a Friend yourself.
Details on notice board.

Margaret Heath

Remembering Tom Slade

On the last Sunday of Trinity – the “green” season of the year – a new altar frontal will be dedicated in loving memory of Tom Slade. Tom’s wife, Eva has generously commissioned the cloth which is has been designed and made by local craftswoman, Jill Down. Jill was also responsible for the frontal and hangings in our Lady Chapel.

Tom was a pillar of our church for many years and it will be good to have this memorial of him as a living feature of our worship year by year. Sarah Sheppard has written an appreciation of Tom and his life at Christ Church.

It’s over twenty years ago now, but the incident often comes to my mind. There was an evening meeting at the back of the church. “Tom Slade isn’t here”, said a confident voice. “Oh yes he is”, said a wiser one, who had noticed him shoe-horned into more or less the back row, right next to the wall. Goodness knows where he had put his legs...

Tom very seldom spoke of himself. Any self-advertisement or holding of the floor at a meeting would have been anathema for him. How then did he manage life “at the front” as a Reader? It can only have been a profound sense of service that led him to offer himself for this kind of ministry – and, I think, his powers of endurance that kept him going through all the training essays. He did once say to me that these were very many, and a mighty effort.

Tom’s twenty years or more as one of our Readers were in continuity with his long links to Christ Church. Before the war he had been in Basil Sheldon’s Bible Class, and long before that he had been a Christ Church Infant. It’s hard to think of Tom as anything under six foot tall, but it must once have been the case! It’s much easier, it seems to me, to envisage Tom as a soldier, and a guardsman at that. There were those shoes burnished like mirrors and the cap pulled right down over his eyes. Then there was a very particular way he carried the great palm branch in the Palm Sunday procession – just as if he were once more on the parade ground. You may have seen it yourself.

Tom took the tumble in church that led to hospital, and then to his long confinement at home. All this time he had, as ever, the loving support of Eva his wife. I am sure all Tom’s friends would want to join in saying how grateful we are to him for all that he gave to us at Christ Church, and to Eva for all the love and care she has given to him.



MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our next Corporate Communion will be at 11 am on Wednesday October 10th, and will again be followed by a "Metcalfe" Lunch. The Annual St. Luke's Tide Indoor Members' Holy Communion Service And MU Tea will be held on Thursday 18th at 2.30pm at a venue yet to be announced.



On Sunday October 21st, as mentioned last month, we invite everyone to bring something that we can give to the Bath Women's Refuge. This is a five floor Georgian house which can accommodate eight families at any one time in its bright and welcoming family and single rooms. There is plenty of children's play equipment in the big garden at the back of the house. The kitchen, dining room and laundry are on the lower ground floor, the office and playroom are at street level, and the sitting room and some bedrooms are on the first floor with more above. The bedrooms are each furnished with brightly coloured bedding, a kettle, toaster, a small table and a set of chairs.

Each new family receives a starter pack of toiletries, with tea, coffee and sugar etc, and at Christmas each resident is given the same value in vouchers to spend on presents for the children and family. They are also told about the support given by the MU, which is where YOU come in. Please see our appeal below, we are sure that you will all want to support this worthwhile endeavour. Be assured that every gift is very warmly welcomed by the Refuge operators, so please be generous.

Sylvia M. Ayers (MU Secretary)

Mothers' Union Women's Refuge Appeal

This month we ask for your help with our Women's Refuge Appeal. If you think you can donate something, please would you let us have it on Sundays October 21st and 28th, or by November 4th at the very latest. There is an on-going need for practical items, e.g. light bulbs, scourers, disinfectant, toilet cleaners, washing machine and Dishwasher Powders, washing-up liquid, household cleaners, soap, toilet rolls, cloths, dusters, polish, etc. If *you* use it at home, *they need it too!* Also required are tea, coffee, tinned goods and pasta. Our congregation has always supported the Women's Refuge, so we look forward to receiving your offerings, and in anticipation of your generous contributions: Very many thanks to you all.

*Margaret Burrows and Sylvia Ayers
Christ Church Mothers' Union Branch*

Curtain up for Antony



New appointment to the Theatre Royal by the Actors' Church Union

Antony's recent appointment as Chaplain to the Theatre Royal is likely to provoke two reactions. The first is how wonderful it is that Antony has been given a role which is so perfect for him, and which will furnish him with innumerable stories of the stars. In an age of easy and evanescent stardom, many of those treading the boards here in Bath occupy a more stable and elevated orbit. (Antony has already met Tom Conti—my Mum will be so jealous.)

The second is how lucky they are to have him. Antony has a deep love and appreciation for drama and actors, a real understanding of acting and the theatre. Together with his gift for reaching out to those in need, he is the perfect choice to minister to those coming to work at the Theatre Royal. We pray that God will bless his ministry at the theatre.

Not many people, even avid theatre-goers will know that there is an honorary chaplain in every professional theatre in the United Kingdom.



Theatre chaplains are appointed by the Actors' Church Union, which was founded in 1899. Its chaplains have, therefore, been a recognised part of theatre life for more than a century.

In its early days, the ACU's founders had to persevere against opposition from those in the Church who then regarded the theatre as a disreputable occupation. Today this work is seen as an important and valuable part of the Church's overall ministry, with the chaplains also recognised as part of the fellowship of all those engaged in the performing arts. From modest beginnings, an extensive ministry has now been established. A network of chaplains extends to include not only every theatre in the country, but also film and television studios, dance and drama schools and even to some theatres abroad.

The main thrust of the chaplain's ministry is pastoral, rooted in the

church's concern for the welfare of all members of the profession, especially when they are away from home and at their most vulnerable. Countless close friendships are made as the chaplains welcome the individual and company to "their" theatre or studio - friendships that deepen with return visits. What might be most needed and offered is a basic practical service such as local information - the ACU's "digs list" was for decades a lifeline for those on tour - or details of the ACU's Children's Charity with its educational objectives. Whatever form it takes, the chaplain values the privilege of this pastoral ministry, frequently sharing problems and aspirations and being sensitive to opportunities and responsibilities it brings.

A man devoted to life-long education

Friends, colleagues and family gathered at Christ Church on 13th August for the funeral of Austen (Joe) Wiles. Joe was a faithful member of the 8am congregation over a long period of years. He loved the words of Cranmer and so the celebration of Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer was a special joy to him.

Joe read Modern languages at Oxford and, after war service, became a teacher and went on to become one of her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. Joe was a consummate communicator, always interested in sharing skills, enthusiasms and ideas. He was a member of the French Circle, of a play reading group as well as a devoted activist in the cause of peace and disarmament. Many members of the University of the Third Age were in church to celebrate Joe's life and give thanks for his work. The breadth of Joe's interests was well represented by the fact that donations in lieu of memorial flowers were to be divided between the Bath Preservation Trust and Amnesty International.

A black French beret invariably topped Joe's twinkling eyes and neat goatee beard and he was a familiar figure in the streets around his home. His wife Pam, his son Robin and his grand daughters Isobel and Eleanor, will miss him greatly. His was a life well lived.

Prayer Cycle for October

October

- Mon 1** For the leaders of our country, that they may follow paths of peace and righteousness.
- Tues 2** For Rowan our Archbishop and for Peter our Bishop. For all Anglican Bishops and Primates.
- Wed 3** For members of our congregation who can no longer attend church due to illness or infirmity.
- Thurs 4** For all being mistreated or suffering injustice. For all prisoners who are held without trial or without the protection of legal systems.
- Fri 5** For all who have lost their way or their hope. For all feeling forsaken and alone.
- Sat 6** For children being bullied at school. For parents who worry about them and do not know how to help.
- Sun 7** For the homeless in our country; for the work of Genesis among those in Bath; for those from our congregation serving at the Lunchbox today.
- Mon 8** For our children and young people and for our Junior Church leaders.
- Tues 9** For Judith, who prepares our weekly notice sheet.
- Wed 10** For the work of the Mother's Union around the world. For our own branch at Christ Church meeting today.
- Thurs 11** That rich countries may wake up to the disproportionate damage their societies do to the earth.
- Fri 12** For Mark, David and the choir. For a spirit of joy in our worship of the Lord.
- Sat 13** For the University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre, for Angela the University Chaplain, and for all the chaplains.
- Sun 14** That, whatever burdens we bear, our worship today may reflect a deeper joy and thankfulness.
- Mon 15** For Cyril and Mark our Readers; for Sarah's ministry at Batheaston.
- Tues 16** For Nicky, our Magazine Editor.
- Wed 17** For Angela, our Verger.

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- Thurs 18** For the work of USPG in general, and especially for St Anne's Hospital, Lake Malawi.
- Fri 19** For those who make coffee for us to enjoy after the 10am Communion service.
- Sat 20** For our Local Ministry Group, for its work within the community.
- Sun 21** For those worshipping at the Tea and Taizé today; for those they hold before God in their prayers.
- Mon 22** For our Clergy Team.
- Tues 23** For all our readers, chalice assistants, intercessors and sidespeople. For Sarah, who draws up the Laity Rotas.
- Wed 24** For Emma, Margaret and Sarah, our Deanery Synod representatives.
- Thurs 25** For David, our Treasurer.
- Fri 26** For those who are facing retirement, that God will help them with the challenges of their new life.
- Sat 27** For Angela and Chris, our Churchwardens; for Frank and Yvonne, our Deputy Churchwardens.
- Sun 28** At the end of One World Week, we pray for all working for global justice. When we understand each other's perspectives, our lives can be transformed and enriched.
- Mon 29** For those in prison for whatever reason. For those spending time in young offenders' institutions, and their families.
- Tues 30** For those who mourn, that they may be comforted.
- Wed 31** We give thanks for the blessings of the month now ending, and offer the coming month to God.
- November**
- Thurs 1** We remember all who have inspired us, in word or deed, all who have helped us walk more closely with Jesus.
- Fri 2** We remember those we have loved and who have died. We thank God for all with whom we are sharing our pilgrimage through this world.
- Sat 3** For the Cedar Tree project, celebrating its first birthday today; for Nicky and all the helpers; for our local community.
- Sun 4** For those who are lonely or feel uncared for.

From the Church Register

Funerals

30 July Tudor Edwards aged 58

8 August David Walker aged 55

13 August Austen (Joe) Wiles aged 86



Memorial Service following Cremation

15 August Neil Bowes Kirkbride aged 73

Holy Baptism

in the Holy Well in the garden of St Mary's Charlcombe

23 September Owen William Daykin Pont



The Christ Church Friends in Deed scheme is designed to provide a network of good neighbours who 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 local contact best able to provide the help that is needed.

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Assistant Clergy	The Rev Cliff Burrows, Stonecroft, Entry Hill Drive, Bath BA2 5NL 01225 334743
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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 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. We hold special all-age services once a month and at festivals such as Easter, Christmas, Mothering Sunday and Harvest.

There are a variety of mid-week activities including Holy Communion at 11am every Wednesday during Lent, followed by lunch). 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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