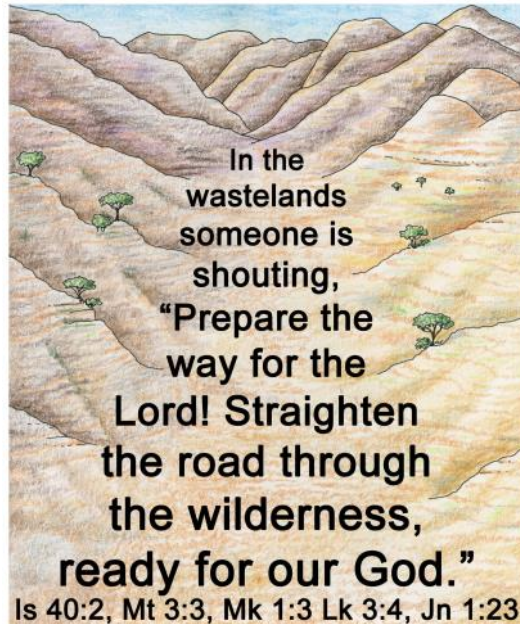


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BATHWICK NEWS

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(by Bathwick Hill roundabout)

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FEBRUARY SERVICES

ST MARY'S CHURCH (*Bathwick Hill roundabout*)

10.30am every Sunday, Parish Eucharist & Sermon

10.30am every Wednesday, traditional language Eucharist

9.30am every Friday, said Eucharist

Sunday evening services at 6pm: 2 February (Choral) Evensong

16 February (said) Evensong and 23 February (said) Evensong



ST JOHN'S CHURCH (*opposite the Fire Station*)

9am every Sunday, Parish Mass & Sermon

9.30am every Tuesday, said Mass

10.30am every Thursday, said Mass

9.30am every Saturday, said Mass

Sunday evening services:

9 February 4pm (sung) Evensong & Benediction



A LETTER FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST, FR PETER EDWARDS

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you read this article, I will have begun a three-month sabbatical break, a one-off opportunity to find the space to seek spiritual rest and refreshment during this time. As I have said previously, I am most grateful to the Diocese of Bath & Wells, to our own Churchwardens and PCCs, and to our Assistant clergy here in Bathwick for their support and encouragement in allowing me to take this opportunity. During these three months, Bishop Alastair Redfern has kindly agreed to be the lead person for pastoral matters; he will be assisted by Fathers Richard Hunt, Robert Webb, Neil Maxted and others in leading sacramental worship on Sundays and weekdays, and by our Readers and other lay ministers.

The word 'sabbatical' of course derives from the Hebrew 'sabbath,' originally the biblical seventh day of festal rest, originally intended to be a day of abstinence from everyday work at the end of each working week. The idea of sabbath is of course found in the creation stories (Genesis 2:1-3); other Old Testament writings suggest that the day is holy and blessed as no other day; human beings are to imitate God by resting each seventh day (see for example Exodus 16:20-26) and to engage in worship (see for example Isaiah 58:13-14, 66:23; Jeremiah 17:19-27).

By extending this idea of rest and holiness on a weekly cycle, the bible suggests that each seventh year was also considered to be holy. Leviticus 25:2-7 extends the idea of sabbath to the yearly cycle, a year in which the land was to be left fallow – to rest. The writer goes on to describe the idea of a Jubilee year – seven times seven years – in which there were particular requirements to proclaim liberty, and to celebrate all the gifts of God – particularly the gifts associated with the land. (The idea of a Jubilee year of course also continues in the church – this year 2025 has been declared a Year of Jubilee in Rome with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope,' a phrase which is itself a lovely image for us all as we live out our daily lives of faithful discipleship.)

So the idea of a sabbatical is to seek rest, renewal and refreshment, as well as to celebrate the gifts of God – perhaps with a particular emphasis on those spiritual gifts given us in baptism and nurtured throughout our lives of faith. I intend to spend these weeks and months resting (beginning with a period of travel) as well as engaging in acts of pilgrimage – journeying towards holy places is something of a physical metaphor for our spiritual journeying through life towards God – and in seeking refreshment for the next phase of my priestly ministry in Bathwick.

May I take this opportunity to thank all those of you who sent me greetings and contributed to various generous gifts for my recent birthday; it was a great joy to spend my last Sunday in Bathwick before commencing this sabbatical break surrounded by so many of you, including many children from our Primary School together with their parents and members of staff as we celebrated Education Sunday.

Please pray for me and Clare, as we will for you, over these next weeks and months.

With all prayers and best wishes

Fr Peter

SERVICE MUSIC AT ST MARY'S for FEBRUARY 2025

2 February - Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)/Dedication Festival

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Richard Hunt)

Int: Faithful vigil ended NEH44 (t NEH282)

E: When candles are lighted on Candlemas day (sheet, t *Lourdes Hymn* CHE300)

O: Christ, whose glory fills the skies NEH234ii

C: Lift up your heads ye mighty gates NEH8 (t NEH128ii or another suitable LM tune)

R: Hail to the Lord who comes NEH157

setting: Inwood

psalm: 24

motet: Eccard: When to the temple Mary went

organ: Jongen: Pièce pour Grand Orgue

6pm Choral Evensong (Fr Richard Hunt)

Off: Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour NEH156 (t NEH288)

R: Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear NEH251

introit: Archer: Prayer for the blessing of light

responses: Radcliffe

psalms: 122

setting: Sumsion in A

anthem: Wood: O Thou the central orb

9 February - 4th Sunday before Lent C

10.30am Sung Mass (Bp Alastair Redfern)

E: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty NEH146

O: Immortal, invisible, God only wise NEH377

C: Let all mortal flesh keep silence NEH295

R: And can it be that I should gain CHE43

setting: Darke in E

psalm: 138

motet: Ives: O for a closer walk with God

organ: Mendelssohn: Fugue (Sonata 2)

16 February - 3rd Sunday before Lent C

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Richard Hunt)

E: All my hope on God is founded NEH333

O: Alleluya, sing to Jesus NEH271

C: Blest are the pure in heart NEH341

R: Now is eternal life NEH114

setting: Jackson in G

psalm: 1

motet: Walford Davies: Blessed are the pure in heart

organ: Purcell: Trumpet Tunes from *King Arthur*

23 February - 2nd Sunday before Lent C

10.30am Sung Mass (Fr Richard Hunt/Dr Marilyn Kirby)

E: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us NEH393

O: Praise to the holiest in the height NEH439

C: Make me a channel of your peace CHE478

R: We have a gospel to proclaim NEH486

setting: Darke in F

psalm: 65

motet: Stainer: How beautiful upon the mountains

organ: Bédard: Postlude no.2 (*from Trois Postludes*)

MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



On Thursday, 6th March St Mary's Choir will be singing Choral Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral at 5:30pm. If a day visiting Wiltshire's capital seems attractive, this could

be the perfect way to end the day! We are excited to have been offered this date and we shall be pleased to see you there if you are able to join us. The service should last about forty minutes.

Since the restoration of the organ in St Mary's, it has been an ambition of mine to establish an annual Gala Recital to commemorate this historic event in the life of St Mary's and I am very pleased to say that the first of these will take place this year on Friday, 6th June at 7:30pm.

It will be given by the distinguished organist and choral director Martin Baker, formerly Organist and Master of the Music at Westminster Cathedral where there resides a magnificent four-manual Henry Willis III instrument, built between 1922 and 1932, which was fully restored in 1984 by Harrison & Harrison.

Further information to follow so – watch this space!

Gary Desmond

CONCERTS IN FEBRUARY

Thursday 20th February – Bath Bachfest Concert – Florilegium at St Mary's Church 7.30pm.

Helen Charlston – *mezzo-soprano*.

Telemann Orchestral Suite in A major TWV 55:A1

J S Bach Ricercar a 6 from *Musical Offering* BWV 1079

Telemann Cantata Ihr Völker hört from *Der harmonisches Gottesdienst*

C P E Bach Concerto for flute in D minor Wq 22

JS Bach Cantata Vegnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust BWV 170



The early music ensemble Florilegium makes a welcome return to Bath Bachfest after several years absence. Specialists in the Baroque period this outstanding ensemble, much praised for its stylish interpretation, brings a programme dedicated

to the music of J S Bach, his son Carl Philipp Emanuel, and their friend and godfather respectively, Georg Telemann. They will be joined by mezzo-soprano Helen Charlston, a BBC New Generation artist, for two cantatas, including Bach's famously moving and emotional *Vegnügte Ruh, beliebte Seelenlust* BWV 170. Tickets available from Bath Box Office: (01225) 463362 Event Code: BF2



Friday 21st February – Bath Bachfest Concert – Brecon Baroque at St Mary's Church 7.30pm.

Rachel Podger – *director & violin*

Handel Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 1 in G major

J S Bach Violin Concerto in A minor BWV 1041

Muffat Sonata V aus Armonico Tributo (Salzburg 1682)

Handel Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 2 in F major

Vivaldi La Stravaganza Violin Concerto Op 4 No 12 in G major

J S Bach Concerto for 2 violins in D minor BWV 1043



The dynamic ensemble Brecon Baroque consists of an international line-up of world-class virtuosi in the period-instrument world, together specialising in one-to-a-part repertoire which brings them into the spotlight alongside their leader and director, Rachel Podger, who has been described by a Times critic as "...the unsurpassed British glory of the baroque violin". This delightful concert features works by the Baroque 'greats': two of Handel's Concerti Grossi, two Concerti for Violins from J S Bach, one of Vivaldi's lesser known compositions, the inventive and exhilarating *La Stravaganza* Violin Concerto Op 4 No 12 in G major, plus a sonata by composer and organist Georg Muffat.

Tickets available from Bath Box office: (01225) 463362 Event code: BF4

Supported by The Trevor Osborne Charitable Trust

Green News

The following piece was found in the Times newspaper and contributed by Jonathan Tulloch.

Four crack Willows circle the little field pond. These trees are large and graceful. Even the gentlest of winds seems to make them dance. Their branches are a winter highlight. Caught in the low sunlight they glow orange. January gives us orange fingered Willows whose branches are not just beautiful but also highly functional. Breaking off easily often with an audible crack, they frequently drop into the river or stream on whose banks the willow loves to grow. These boughs can then travel for many miles on the current. Once beached or just becalmed in shallow water, the driftwood swiftly takes root and becomes a new tree.

Keith and Helen Moss

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Discipline puts back in its place that something in us which should serve but wants to rule.

A Carthusian They Speak in Silences

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father, thank You that even if we cannot achieve unanimity of thought we can still experience the unity of the Spirit. Amen



WALSINGHAM PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings are usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5pm.

The next prayer meeting will be on:

Sunday 9th February at 5pm at St John's.

See Chris Plummer at St John's for more information or telephone her on 01249 712894 - *All welcome.*



**Restoration Action Group News:
New Series of illustrated Travel Lectures focusing on Orkney starts
Monday 3rd March**

After our series of Travel Lectures on Australia last year, we will be returning nearer home, well relatively speaking, for the first three lectures of 2025 on the Orkney Isles which I revisited in May 2023. The main focus was exploring the less visited islands of Westray and Papa Westray (which are the subject of the second and third lectures respectively) with a few days in and around the island capital of Kirkwall

First Lecture: Orkney Revisited, Kirkwall Plus. Monday 3rd March (7:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall)

During the first part of the evening, we will be discovering more about the islands' rich history, dating back to neolithic times. Indeed, it has a designated UNESCO World Heritage site which includes the Ring of Brodgar, which we will be visiting. While no account of Orkney's history would be complete without looking at Viking history and the role of the Orkney Earls, we will also discover Orkney's links with the 17th century Scottish Covenantors and a tragic shipwreck in 1679, as well as uncovering the story of John Rae Orkney's forgotten Artic explorer!

Not only does Orkney have a fascinating history, it also has wonderful wildlife, especially birds, which Jean Ross (Great Orkney Tours) helped me discover during a special birding day. Highlights included Little Terns (a first for me), great views of a short-eared owl in flight and something I wasn't expecting to see, a cuckoo!

As usual there is no admission charge as we invite donations (Gift Aided if possible as this raises more for Restoration Funds). There will also be a raffle with the star prize of a bottle of Aussie Wine that fits in with the evening. Confused? Australian Wine? Want to discover the link? Well, you will just have to come to the lecture to find out!

Everyone is warmly welcome, so why not invite a friend or neighbour to come along with you to these evenings? There will be great photos to enjoy, and the opportunity to learn more about Orkney, a fascinating area of Scotland. If you would like any more information, please have a chat with me.

Future Travel Lecture Dates for your Diary:

Monday 28th April 2025: Exploring Westray (7:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall)

Monday 2nd June 2025: Exploring Papa Westray (7:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall)

We then take our usual summer break before restarting **Monday 29th September** with the first of a new series of Aussie Lectures beginning with Cairns in northern Queensland.

Marilyn Kirby

Monday 3rd March
7:30 pm, in St Mary's Bathwick Church Hall

Orkney Revisited: Kirkwall Plus

An illustrated travel lecture by
Dr Marilyn J. Kirby



Themed Raffle and Light Refreshments
Retiring collection in aid of
St Mary's Restoration Appeal

LENT GROUP 2025

**Jane Austen, Bath
and the Future of the Church**

**A Series of Six Lectures and
Discussions**

**St. Mary's Bathwick
7.30pm Thursdays
March 6,13,20,27 & April 3**



SOME CHARITY FOR OTHERS IN FEBRUARY

ST JOHN'S CHURCH gives away 10% of its general income at the end of each year to support 12 charities. Each month we remember the work of one of these charities. Please support these good causes.

Charity for February: THE COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED PASSION

This Community was founded in 1911 by BISHOP WESTON of Zanzibar, and the service of the Sisters has been outstanding. Their call to serve in East Africa, Tanganyika (now Tanzania) and Zanzibar in schools and hospitals has brought untold blessings to many African communities.

As a religious order now settled back in England, they continue their work of faithful love of God.

The indigenous community which they established in Tanzania continues to flourish. Their work in that country and elsewhere will not be forgotten and is cherished. The Sisters still support their African sisters, CMM, both through financial help and advice. The work at Kwa Mkono which they founded as a polio hostel has changed over time as polio has been largely overcome. Now children with other handicaps are receiving help as well, and many are going on to secondary education. Those unable to do so receive training in tailoring or carpentry so that they can support themselves. We remember them in our prayers.

Mary Barry

ST MARY'S CHURCH makes weekly collections during the Sunday services using the "Alms" envelopes which are given away to a different charity each month. At St Mary's during February we will support:

LUX YOUTH PROJECT

LUX (formerly known as Bath Youth for Christ) is a Christian charity working with young people in BANES to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The charity does this by providing open access youth work, breakfast clubs, 1:1 mentoring, small group work, Motus – a street dance academy -and a food pantry. Their aim is to make young people feel valued, encouraged and empowered both in school and in the community. Last year the charity worked with over 4000 young people and with 300 individuals regularly. Here are a couple of quotes from young people: -

"It's good to be able to talk. I have learnt not to build up my emotions."
"Mentoring helps me by keeping me on the right path"

Robin and Sarah Davies

ST MARY'S CHARITIES FOR 2025

This is based on the decision made by the PCC on 20th November 2024 to have one local charity a month and three national charities in those months where there are 5 Sundays in the month.

January

Mercy in Action

February

Bath Life Project (this is proposed as an alternative to Bath City Pastors who have requested a pause in donations. It is a Christian local charity working with people with learning disabilities)

March (5 Sundays)

Bath Women's Refuge

April

Dorothy House

May

Bath Food Bank with Sunday May 11th for Christian Aid as we also give food donations to the charity

June (5 Sundays)

Developing Health and Independence with June 9th 2025, Pentecost, having a collection for Bathwick honorary/assistant clergy

July

Genesis Trust

August (5 Sundays)

Bath Welcomes Refugees with one Sunday for a collection for the Mission to Sea Farers as Sea Sunday falls in July

September

Bath Open Christmas

October

Goa Anglican Centre

November (5 Sundays)

Pastoral Fund with Combat Stress on Remembrance Sunday, November 9th

December

Julian House (to include the Christmas collections or The Clewer Initiative as 2024)

Charity breakfast updates

Thank you to all have supported and I hope enjoyed the breakfasts.



On the whole I think they have been successful. The whole premise was for the breakfasts to be free so anyone could come, with voluntary donations to cover the costs, however with your generosity we have been able to gift monies to various charities: Bath City Pastors have sufficient funds so their money was donated to £37 to Julian House , £37 to Food Bank Genesis and £37 to church funds (£111) and we had a lively and fascinating talk about their work from Jennie Noakes; Genesis Trust (£200) with a talk about the many and varied aspects of the Genesis Trust work by Hillary Long ; and Christians Against Poverty CAP from Philip Watson ,about the vital and life saving work for those in debt on debt management and through sharing their Christian Faith(£80). We have established that we currently do not have a CAP centre operating in Bath but Genesis Trust provide debt counselling and a slightly different organisation will be starting from St Andrews Fox Hill.

The number of people coming has varied between 22 -30 and I could manage to cook a few more breakfasts if you wanted to bring a friend or neighbour.

I have been pleased by the feedback - some just enjoying the treat of a leisurely cooked breakfast, others the company of a shared meal and finally some have been able to use the information garnered from the talks to signpost people in difficulty.

I want to thank Nicky (& Andy) Caroline Redfern and Jo Hunt for keeping me calm supplying me coffees and serving you all.

I hope you will be happy if we restart these on my return from sabbatical. We hope to hold our next charity breakfast on Saturday 17th May 2025 - TBC.

God Bless

Clare Edwards

From St James Buchi – our Zambia Link

Many if you would have known Fr Alfred and Monica when they came to visit our parish before Covid. They have moved to a new parish and now Fr Freddie is the priest in charge at St James.

I have had pretty regular contact with him on whatsapp. He often sends pictures from their lively church services and also of the building project.

It was a great joy to be able to transfer to St James, Buchi the money that St Marys had collected for them to help the parish in its mission.

Fr Freddie has written to thank us and to say what the church is doing with the money. I have copied the 2 whatsapp messages that he has sent and some pictures.

DATE: 2nd December 2024

To the church of St Mary's BATHWICK

From the church of St James Anglican, Buchi

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing on behalf of St James Anglican Church, Buchi to express our heartfelt gratitude for the financial assistance you sent to our Church through Nick Lennard.

Your generous support will make a significant impact on the building project that the church of St James has embarked on.

We are deeply grateful for the link between our two churches and your willingness to support the self sustenance mission of our church .

Please know that your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Your financial support has given us renewed hope and motivation to see to it that the housing projects we've started will be finished.

Once again, thank you for your generosity. We are honoured to have you as a part of the church mission.

Sincerely,

Greetings to you all.

May I again express our gratitude to St Mary's BATHWICK for the donation. We've bought some iron sheets for our housing projects at the St James church. Part of the money will go to assist our elderly and vulnerable people in the church by buying them Xmas hampers which will include our staple food of meal mealie.

Over the years our aging sound system at St James especially the Amplifier have become outdated and difficult to use for our church services and community events. As a result part of your financial support has been used to acquire the Amplifier-mixer for the church to help in our evangelism.

I shall continue updating you on our happenings and progress at our church

Fr Freddie

Jo Hunt



Waiting for Spring

At the moment the garden at St Mary's looks very sad – in common with everyone's garden, somewhat damp and colourless. This is not unusual for this time of year, but as February progresses, we shall soon see hellebores and snowdrops in flower. If you keep your eyes on the patio, you should see both in flower by the boundary wall.



However, the most noticeable will almost certainly be the crocuses growing in the grass – a sure sign of longer days and the promise of spring. Although they are blue the following little poem sums up the season far better than I.

*A pretty little crocus opened up one day
Her dress was brightest yellow
and her petals seemed to say -
When autumn leaves were falling I lay in slumber deep
While winter winds were blowing I still was fast asleep
But as the soft spring breezes blow
It's time for crocuses to grow*



Jenny Jones

MONTH'S MIND

Please pray for those whose anniversary of death falls in February

- 1st Thomas Trace, Joy Davenport, Peggy Nesbitt, Winifred Underhay
2nd William Grant, Dorothy Cope, Denis Clements (Priest)
3rd Winifred Twine, Heaher Susan McNally, Patricia Joan Caddy, Kathleen Weeks
4th Reginald Weddell, Gladys Blake, Ethel Cattle, Anne Henton
5th Archie Row, Leslie Coles, Samuel Murray (Priest), Valentine Munro, Hilda Hamilton, Alice Marjorie Jackson, Alfred William Lynes.
6th Winifred Brown, Florence Quennell, Jack House, William Royston-Smith
7th William Newing, Gilbert Weigall (Priest)
8th Jessie Wassell, Maude Aldridge
9th Emily Gunning, Francis Temlett, Olive Westgarth, Charles Parker
10th Dorothy Randolph, Elizabeth Fisher, Ada Ward, Dorothy Quennell
11th James Rivers, Ronald Dix (Priest), Martin Lee, Violet Cox, Phyllis Reader
12th Alice Redstone, Sarah Toone, Eleanor Vick, Elsie Vatcher
13th Martha Mundy, Gladys Salusbury, Donovan Millard, Rosina Tolman, Mary Wheeler, Walter Speakman (Priest)
14th Ivy Jezard
15th Mabel Ackland, Leonard Styles, Alice Witcome, Audrey Taylor
16th Arthur Burney (Priest), John Mundy, George Oates, Harry Grubb, Emily Norrish, Ernest Jeffries
17th Shirley Bowler, Mabel Jones, Thomas Paine Mather, Betty Griffen
18th Arthur Wilkinson, Alice Willis, Helen Cockeram, Dorothy Goodman, William Hussey, Millicent Blake, Alice Townend, Edwin Hillier, Mina Elizabeth Joll, James 'Jim' Cope
19th Dorothy Crouch, Edward Hughes (Priest), Stephen Grange,
20th Elizabeth Row, Mary Braddon, Hope Murray, Frederick Willmott, Bernard Leigh (Priest)
21st Kathleen Semple, Sophie Green, William Sims, Percy Minnett, Winifred Holliday, Noel Bowden Olive, Winifred Taylor, Edna Avent
22nd Edith King, Phoebe Wade, Thomas Hawes (Priest)
23rd Frank Merrett, Annie Mann, Cyril Palmer, Joyce Britten, Margaret Ward, Albert Smales
24th Leslie Sambourne, Thomas Gibson (Priest)
25th Ethel Frayne, Caroline Davies, Rhoda Williams, Henry 'Bill' Burden, Vince Wall, Russell Wendover
26th Margaret Maslen, Emily Brackstone, Kathleen Phillips, Mabel Barry
27th Charles Wassell, Emily Newing, Margaret Dawson, Winifred Benbow, Sophia Michell, Nina Peters
28th Margaret Wilkinson, Harold Hull, John Crook, Marjorie Turvey

**Rest Eternal Grant To Them O Lord and Let Light Perpetual Shine On Them.
May They Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory.**

**If you would like a name included in the Month's Mind,
please speak to the Clergy or leave a message at the Parish Office**



Reflecting God's love

By Toby Wright, Dean of Wells

Someone once asked the great Anglican monastic theologian Herbert Kelly this question: 'How do we know what the will of God is?' to which he famously answered, 'We don't. That's the joke.'

Kelly is right: we can't know precisely what God's will is in a certain situation. But we can open up opportunities for God to 'come through' our actions, and building community is a key way of doing this. In any situation we can try and tune our lives a bit more to God. And across our diocese our commitment to our communities is key to this.

So, when we meet people, a simple smile shows the person before us we see them as a friend. This is not to suggest ignorance or naivety. We are not unaware of the limitations and imperfections of a person, but we are prepared to focus more deeply, to the depths of the heart in each person. To seek out the goodness that only love and trust can bring to birth.

As a Cistercian writer recently put it: 'Let us welcome each person as Christ, because in all truth it is Christ whom we welcome. 'You did this to me' (Matthew 25). Let us look for the beloved face of Christ in each person, for each is his true face.'

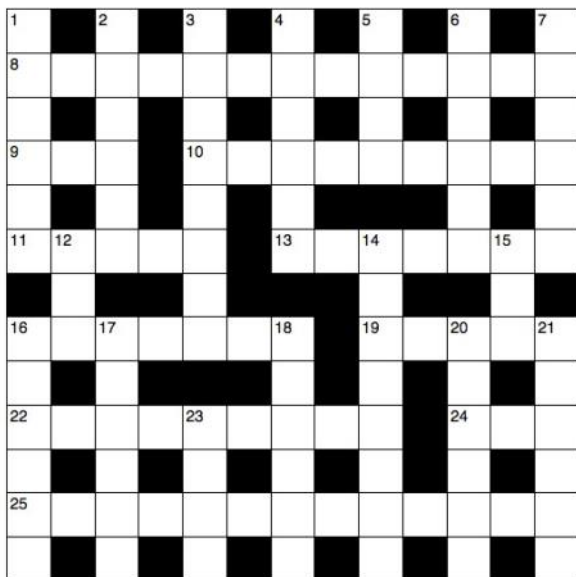
But why start our focus on community, with those around us, and not God? Good question. Perhaps it is best explained by a lovely saying from the Desert Father, John the Dwarf: 'You don't build a house by starting with the roof and working down. You start with the foundation.'

They said, 'What does that mean?'

He said, 'The foundation is our neighbour whom we must win. The neighbour is where we start. Every commandment of Christ depends on this.'

Toby Wright - Dean of Wells

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ACROSS:

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

DOWN:

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Thank you from Bath Foodbank

Thank you for your generosity in donating 24.9kgs of food to support Bath Foodbank (part of Genesis Trust) in December.



As always, your donation will support families, couples and individuals facing crisis in our community by providing them with a 3-day emergency food parcel.

Your help makes a big difference to people's lives and in December went towards providing:

- 21 Foodbank sessions held across our three locations
- A total of 319 food parcels
- 25 food parcels delivered to people's homes
- 58 new households receiving food support for the first time
- 673 times people were supported with food:
 - of these 433 were adults and 240 children

Thanks to all the amazing donations we received, we were able to provide food parcels including lots of extra festive treats to all those visiting the foodbank over the Christmas period which were gratefully received by all.

With support from The Entertainer Toy Shop and Toppings bookshop we were also able to ensure that no children went without over Christmas and all those supported by the foodbank received vouchers for toys and books.

During what is always a busy few months over the Christmas period at the foodbank we also had a warehouse move from our location in Oldfield Park to the Brassmill Enterprise Centre in Newbridge. Thanks to our Warehouse Manager and his incredible team of volunteers the move went seamlessly, despite all the extra collections and deliveries that Christmas brings.

Thanks again for your donation, enabling us to support families and individuals in our community through Bath Foodbank.

Best wishes,

Grainne - Food manager

Food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Rice (dry), tinned fruit, tinned carrots and peas, long life juice and (UHT) milk.

Non food items Bath Foodbank are currently in need of:

Single bars of soap and deodorant.

Donations can be left at the back of both churches.

Answers to January crossword

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

Bathwick Baby & Toddler Group Job Vacancy

We are looking for someone to lead our Babies & Toddlers Group on Wednesday and Friday mornings. For full job specification and details of remuneration please contact the parish office on (01225) 447450.



Contact details:

Sophie Marriott:
sophie.marriott@hotmail.com
Tel: 07753195246

See our Facebook page (Bathwick Baby & Toddler Group) for latest news and updates.

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We are a fun and friendly drop-in group for babies, toddlers, and their parents, grandparents and carers, currently offering indoor and outdoor activities and play for babies and toddlers and singing at the end of each session.

The entrance fee is £2 per family, which includes fruit juice, breadsticks and fresh fruit for the children, and coffee and tea all morning for the adults.

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PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH THE CHURCH DAY BY DAY

SUNDAYS

ST JOHN'S



9.00am MASS & SERMON

followed by breakfast in the hall

4.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

*(usually 2nd Sunday of each month;
6pm April-October)*



ST MARY'S

10.30am EUCHARIST & SERMON

followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the hall

*(this service is live-streamed whenever possible
on the Bathwick Benefice News Facebook page)*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG *(usually 1st Sunday of each month)*
or **(SAID) EVENSONG** *(except 2nd Sunday of each month)*

USUAL WORSHIP ON WEEKDAYS

WEDNESDAYS: St Mary's	10.30am	TRAD. LANGUAGE EUCHARIST
THURSDAYS: St John's	10.30am	MASS
FRIDAYS: St Mary's	9.30am	EUCHARIST

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) by arrangement:
Please speak to a member of the ministry team

Applications and Enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings, etc,
Please ask at Church or Tel (01225) 447450 for an appointment

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