

OUTREACH

MARCH 2020



Christ Church Cheltenham

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Front cover: Christopher Mullan inspecting part of Christ Church - photo was taken some years ago. See page 7.

IAN KIRKWOOD WRITES...

“EXPECTANS EXPECTAVI”

Those of you familiar with the prayer book will recognise this as the Latin title of Psalm 40. It might be translated as: “*I waited in expectation*”. I guess to a greater or lesser extent we are all doing that. For Simon Heron will soon be coming to be our new Vicar! What will he be like? What will he do? Will I get on with him? Will I be pleased to have him as my new Vicar?

Inevitably we have high expectations, but we need to remember Simon is a mere mortal. He is not a Fairy Godmother – he will not wave a magic wand and grant us three wishes; his arrival will not instantly make all our problems disappear. We will still be hoping for larger congregations, more income, a clear view of the way ahead on appropriate reordering of the building and how to afford it. Simon will I’m sure work on those things, but he won’t solve them overnight. If they were that easy we would have done them ere now. My usual practice in such situations is to, “*pray for the best, expect the worst*” – I am seldom greatly disappointed and have often been pleasantly surprised. What does that say about my faith, I wonder?

I rather suspect Simon Heron is “*waiting in expectation*” too and asking the same sort of questions. What will Christ Church be like? What (if anything) do the people there do? Will they like me? Will I like being the Vicar?

Who could blame him? For him even more than for us this is a big step. We have the comfort of knowing that Christ Church has seen many clergy come and go and will probably outlast this next one too. Simon will doubtless want to make changes (it will be disappointing if he doesn’t), some of which some of us may resist; but at the end of the day Christ Church will still be recognisably Christ Church.

We are free to commit to as much or as little as suits us. Simon does not have this luxury. He is moving himself and his family to the other side of the country, to a town they do not know well, to a situation he knows very little about: essentially only what we told him in the Parish Profile and during the interview process. The reality may not be quite what he is expecting. And however it feels when he arrives he is committed to being here and to being our spiritual leader, come what may. His move is a real act of faith.

So what might our expectations be? Simon is a committed Christian. He comes with a firm belief, which I trust we share, that God is calling him to Christ Church. He has experience of leading several small rural churches, with different styles of worship, but not of one large urban church like ours. He is an extrovert, who likes being with people; a keen cook who enjoys entertaining; has a heart for working with children and young people, both in church and at school. He is very eager to get stuck in and make a difference. His will be a new pair of eyes and he will have different perspectives to offer, which can only be good.

Our expectation should also be that he will take some time to settle in, and that he will not be expert at everything (like us, he's only human). He will need our help, prayers and encouragement. I expect he will have as much to learn from us as we from him. He will certainly need the freedom to find his own way. Give him space, give him support, give him advice, but above all give him love.

Simon has much to offer us, and we have much to offer him. Together we should achieve great things for God. Alleluya!

Ian Kirkwood

SAINT CUTHBERT COMES TO LIFE

On Friday 20th March Christ Church will host a lively, modern musical interpretation of the life of St Cuthbert. Written by Adrian Self, it was inspired by medieval panel paintings in Carlisle Cathedral.

The sound should be spectacular as some 180 voices will come together in song. Ten local choirs, all affiliated to the RSCM, will take part. Our own choir is included and members have been hard at work rehearsing for some weeks. Do come along to support them.

The singers will be joined by a team of dancers to help make the story come to life. The lyrics tell of wild countryside and fierce battles, so this is not a tale of religious people sitting quietly in monasteries: there should be plenty of action alongside the dramatic music.

The Concert begins at 7pm and tickets are £10 each. The advertisement opposite gives further details.



THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

Saint Cuthbert by Adrian Self



Friday, 20th March 7-8pm
at Christ Church, Cheltenham

A cantata based on the medieval panel
paintings in Carlisle Cathedral

performed by 10 RSCM Gloucestershire choirs
plus dancers; Sara Harris (piano), Tim Ingold
(organ), Pam Smith (percussion)

conducted by Jonathan Hope



Tickets £10 from your church choir director or
Email Fiona Brown fmbsoundmatters@gmail.com

SEEDS OF CHANGE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

2020 Theme: 'Restored'

Saturday 21st March Cirencester Baptist Church

Chesterton Lane, Cirencester GL7 1YE

Day Session: 10am – 5pm : Twilight Session: 5.30 – 7pm

Speakers: Hellie Brunt, Donna Howells, Rev Dr Helen Paynter

For tickets tel: 01285 643510, email: office@cirencester-baptist.org or
see: <https://arkevent.co.uk/seedsofchange2020>



FETE GET-TOGETHER

Our Fete this year will be held on Saturday 20th June – the first day of Summer! Sounds a long time away, but the months will pass by quickly and there is a lot to be done beforehand.

Anyone who does anything towards the success of our Fete is therefore invited to the Harwood Hall on Wednesday 4th March for a get-together plus simple buffet 7.30-8.30pm.

This is so we can enjoy some social time as a “thank you” in anticipation of your hard work, and also to help the organising team establish who is doing which tasks and when. Even if you only help for an hour or so on the day of the Fete, we will be delighted to see you at this planning event.

Shirley Collins, tel: 01242 696094, email: artseccles@googlemail.com

FABRIC CAN BE FUN!

Christopher Mullan, who recently retired as Chairman of the Fabric & Organ Committee, reflects on just under five years in post:

I would like to think of the Fabric & Organ Committee as an active practical team rather than the rather dry and static image which the word *committee* often suggests. Our members are at their best when up a ladder; painting a ceiling; with a bare arm grovelling down a blocked gully in the pouring rain; or repairing one of the many bits of furniture and equipment which seem to go wrong at just the most critical moment.

The team consists of around ten mainly retired men having a wide range of skills, talents and abilities with which they address the many and varied problems this heavily used building presents. My job has been mainly to act as co-ordinator or manager and to organise various repairs and maintenance work as required, using outside contractors where we ourselves do not have the necessary skills or resources. The Church and Parish Centre are constantly in use. Part of my job has been to arrange for much of the work to be done when the relevant rooms are not occupied – more difficult than you would imagine, as Church Complex Manager Cherie will tell you.

Christ Church is an important, Listed Grade II building, a piece of history as well as an active place of worship. So we have to take special care to carry out any work to a high standard using the appropriate materials and skilled, often specialised, labour. For anything other than very minor works we also have to get special approvals from various statutory bodies such as the Diocese of Gloucester, English Heritage, The Victorian Society, and others. This has usually involved tedious form filling for me and, as with the recent work to the Apse, it can absorb a great deal of time and energy.

Overall, however, I shall miss the interaction of the team, the sense of working for a great cause, the banter and humour, and the sense of job satisfaction. Fabric can be fun!

Christopher Mullan

I am sure everyone would like to join me in thanking Christopher for his dedicated years of service and his ability to get the job done! Editor.



**FRIENDSHIP CLUB HOLIDAY
28th JUNE–4th JULY 2020
ONLY TWIN ROOMS LEFT
BOOK SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Do you want to have a holiday where you go with people you know slightly and want to get to know more? A nice organised holiday?

Then come and join in with us staying in the Cavendish Hotel Exmouth on The Esplanade, overlooking the sea

Find a friend to share with or be brave and go with someone new
Twin rooms £424pp, insurance £26, all ensuite, Hotel has a lift

Coach picks up from Christ Church, Malvern Road, GL50 2NU.

Outings included to: Dartmouth and Torquay; Teignmouth and Dawlish;
Sidmouth and Seaton

There will be two free days to do as you wish... maybe a train or river trip
or walk 5 minutes into Exmouth town centre

Contact Sue Jenner, tel: 01242 692193
email: suejenner@blueyonder.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP CLUB MARCH PROGRAMME

You will notice that due to unforeseen circumstances there has been a slight change of plan from your club programme with the AGM and Mindsong now being in April.

On Wednesday 11th March we welcome back Steve Lewis. His talk "*Ex-Officers Wanted £7 A Week*" will tell us about a time of great turmoil in Ireland. In 1920 the world's first elite counter-terrorist unit was formed from WWI combat experienced officers who became the Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary. In 12 months they brought the IRA to the brink of disaster. A fascinating insight into our past.

With our change of plan for Wednesday 25th March we are now delighted to welcome back with music and fun the Cheltenham Demonstration Team of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Always a great afternoon with a chance to join in and dance as well as watch!

Our talks take place in the Harwood Hall from 2.30-3.30pm and cost £1.00 to attend. Everyone is most welcome. On the same days each month, before lunch, we also offer a keep fit class, which is free, but only available to people who attend Friendship Club. This starts at 11.30am and lasts for 45 minutes.

Our Friendship Club Lunch starts at 12.30pm and costs £3.50. To book for this please call Tina Benney on 01242 512246.

Renate Young, tel: 01242 691385

The local RSCDS Demonstration Team in action.





A Lent Course for the
Diocese of Gloucester

SHAPING UP WITH LENT COURSE

This year we are following the '*Seeking Shapes For Living*' Lent Course put together by the Diocese of Gloucester. There are five weekly sessions being held in the Parish Centre, and we are offering participants two chances to attend:

Wednesday evenings from 4th March, 7.30-9pm

Friday mornings from 6th March, 10.30am-12 noon.

'Seeking Shapes for Living'

- is a fresh way of exploring what is traditionally called a Rule of Life
- is all about being alive – with ourselves, each other, and God
- is a way of growth, transformation, and flourishing
- helps to hold us true to our beliefs, values, and priorities.

A booklet accompanies the Course and copies are available at the back of Church, where there is also a sign-up list.

Amanda Thiselton, tel: 07884 370925

HOSTS NEEDED

Caring households are being sought in Cheltenham to host overseas students of all ages – mainly from Japan – for short and long stays. Contact Vincent for details: tel: 07890 167701, email: flexitravelstudy@gmail.com.

Sarah O'Meara, tel: 01242 513067

REV MIKE SMITH INSTALLED AT BROCKWORTH

Mike Smith's Service of Institution and Induction took place in the packed and thankfully warm church of St George's Brockworth on the rather cold and slightly damp Sunday afternoon of 26th January 2020.

Many of us from Christ Church made the short journey to this delightful 12th century church in its almost rural surroundings on the edge of the village. Mike was supported by his wife Sarah and all three of their sons and warmly welcomed by his new congregation.

The Bishop of Gloucester took the Service and was joined by other members of the clergy and representatives of the local community. Afterwards, we were invited to tea and a wonderful spread of cakes in the church hall, situated several hundred yards down the road.

I personally felt reassured that Mike's new flock will take very good care of him, as indeed, I am sure he will take care of them. May God richly bless Mike and his future ministry amongst the people of Brockworth.

Virginia Mullan

Rev Mike Smith at the door of St George's Brockworth with his ministry team and the Bishop of Gloucester.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEW VICAR

Rev Canon Simon Heron will be installed as Vicar of Christ Church on Wednesday 6th May 2020. The Service begins at 7pm and will be followed by bring and share refreshments in the Harwood Hall. We would be grateful if people could provide food to share, as indicated on the sign-up list at the back of Church. Many thanks.

Churchwardens Barbara Lucas & Sarah O'Meara

CHORISTERS' CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Choirmaster,
We have erred and strayed from thy beat like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the intonation and tempi of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy dynamic markings,
We have left unsung the notes we ought to have sung,
And have sung the notes we ought not to have sung,
And there is no breath in us.
But thou, O Choirmaster, have mercy on us, miserable singers,
Succour the chorally challenged,
Restore them that need extra note bashing,
Spare thou them without pencils,
Pardon our mistakes,
And have faith that we will follow thy directions,
And sing together in perfect harmony.
Amen.

Seen in the Choir Vestry at Lichfield Cathedral

A NOTE FROM PARLIAMENT

I've been appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice. It's a bit of a new departure for all of us (someone told me recently that Cheltenham hasn't had a Minister since the Crimean War!) but I'll do everything I can to keep you up-to-speed. My areas of responsibility have yet to be finalised, but it looks like they may include sentencing (such as for terrorism offences), domestic violence, and legal aid. Best wishes.



Alex Chalk MP

Extract from a recent newsletter sent out by our MP. The whole message can be found at www.alexchalk.com along with details of his activities around the town and how you can contact him (surgery appointments available from April at the time we went to press). You may like to know that he regularly attends morning prayers at the House of Commons.

THE EDITOR

NOBODY'S FOOL OR A REBEL AT HEART?

As we speed through Lent on the journey towards Easter, there are a couple of occasions along the way where we can take a pit stop and look at things from another angle: Mothering Sunday and April Fools Day.



Moses, so the Bible tells us, had brilliant eyesight and other faculties right up until the day he died (Deut. 34:7). The other day I misread the TV listings and thought Michael Portillo was teaming up with C.S. Lewis to present '*Great Aslan Rail Journeys*'. If I think I can read small print without spectacles nowadays, I am just fooling myself. I am not Moses.

It reminded me of my late father, a comedian, who needed a hearing aid. He developed a routine about a tourist in Jerusalem mishearing the guide and thinking there was mention of '*acidic Jews*' (he meant the Hasids).

But there is a world of difference between playing the fool – making a joke about our everyday earthly failings – and living a foolish life.

These words are taken from the Anglican Holy Communion (Rite B) booklet we use regularly at Christ Church: '*As a mother tenderly gathers her children, You embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast.*'

Anyone who has known responsibility for others, either as a parent, teacher, staff manager, or clergy member, will appreciate how it feels to have their wise instructions or advice ignored. To know the person being cared for has left you behind and gone on alone.

When this happens, we gain a tiny glimpse of the hurt we cause God and the heartbreak the Almighty feels when we go our own way. Not to mention the extra work caused by the problems we create through our rebellion.

Maybe some of us need to be on a different train. Meanwhile, I need to get my eyes tested.

Shirley Collins

LETTER FROM THE HARRISON FAMILY: SARAH JILL HARRISON (20.02.55–02.11.19)

John, Sarah's husband, on behalf of the Harrison family and Jill Dawson, Sarah's mother, would like to thank all at Christ Church for all their support and prayers during Sarah's battle with cancer.

They would also like to thank all those who after dear Sarah's death sent messages, cards, letters and attended Sarah's funeral and all those who made donations to Cancer Research UK. The love and kindness shown has meant a great deal to the family.

Their very sincere thanks also go to Rev Tim Mayfield for conducting Sarah's funeral.

They thank you all for your support.

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Christine Smythe, who lived in Queen's Road, died on 21st January 2020, aged 71. Her funeral was taken by Andrew Judge at the Crematorium on 4th February.

Lily Taylor, who lived at St Faith's Nursing Home, died on 20th January, aged 98. Her funeral service was taken by Rev Julia Hook on 12th February at the Crematorium.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is grieving

Missed the collection plate?

TEXT CHURCH to 70450 to give £10 to Christ Church PCC.

This costs £10 plus a standard rate message

VIBRANT FAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES



Rev Steve Gaukroger
at Cambray Baptist Church
Saturday 9th May 9.30am-12.30pm
Sunday 10th May 6.30pm

Every year Gas Green Baptist Church, one of our ecumenical partners, celebrate the anniversary of their founding in May. For 2020 they have invited former Baptist Union GB President Rev Steve Gaukroger to lead a week-end of talks. These will be centred around gaining new insights into how Christians can be Christian in a troubled world.

It is likely that many local people will want to hear what Steve has to say, so two of the talks (as detailed above) will take place at the larger venue of Cambray Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend.



PARISH PICNIC

Whilst we are filling in our relatively fresh new 2020 diaries, here is another addition. On Sunday 5th July 1-5pm at the Donaldson's farm in Hazleton we hope we will be enjoying bright sunshine for our annual Parish Picnic!

Everybody and their dogs are most welcome. More details later.

Beck Donaldson

Cheltenham Choral Society

J.S.Bach

St John Passion

**Saturday 4th April 2020
7.30pm**

Conductor: Alexander Thacker

Cotswold Sinfonia

Leader: David Lewis

Continuo Organ: Alison Howell

Evangelist- Jack Parry

Soprano- Hannah Hughes

Bass- Brian Pursey

Jesus- Matthew Clark

Alto- Sacha Fullerton

Tenor- Sam Taunton

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Unreserved Tickets £18 under 13s free

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MARCH

1st SUNDAY – First Sunday of Lent

		8.00am	Holy Communion BCP: Rev Steve Gray
		10.30am	Parish Communion: Rev Steve Gray
2nd	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
3rd	Tues	7.30pm	Fabric & Organ Committee in the Music Room
4th	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		7.30pm	Lent Course (1): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 9.00pm	in the Parish Centre
		7.30pm	Fete Get-together in the Parish Centre, for all
		- 8.30pm	helpers. Refreshments provided.
6th	Fri	10.30am	Lent Course (1): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 12noon	in the Malvern Room
7th	Sat	7.30am	Clergy/Readers' Meeting in the Malvern Room

8th SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Lent

		8.00am	Holy Communion CW: Rev Mike Sanders
		10.30am	All-age Worship: David Laszlo
		6.30pm	Music and Readings for Lent
9th	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
		7.30pm	PCC Meeting in the Music Room
11th	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		11.30am -	12.15pm Friendship Club Exercise Class: Music Room
		12.30pm	Friendship Club Soup & Cheese Lunch: Harwood Hall
		2.30pm	Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Ex-Officers wanted £7 a week - Steve Lewis
		7.30pm	Lent Course (2): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 9.00pm	in the Parish Centre
13th	Fri	10.30am	Lent Course (2): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 12noon	in the Malvern Room

15th SUNDAY – Third Sunday of Lent

		8.00am	Holy Communion BCP: Rev Mike Sanders
		10.30am	Parish Communion: Rev Michael Garland
16th	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
18th	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		7.30pm	Lent Course (3): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 9.00pm	in the Parish Centre

20th	Fri	10.30am - 12noon	Lent Course (3): 'Seeking Shapes for Living' in the Malvern Room
		7.00pm	RSCM St Cuthbert Concert in church
21st	Sat	10.00am - 7.00pm	'Restored' - Women's Conference at Cirencester Baptist Church

22nd SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday of Lent

		8.00am	Holy Communion CW: Rev Paul Youde
		10.30am	Special Service for Mothering Sunday: Andrew Judge
23rd	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
		7.45pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in the Music Room
25th	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		11.30am -	12.15pm Friendship Club Exercise Class: Music Room
		12.30pm	Friendship Club Soup & Cheese Lunch: Harwood Hall
		2.30pm	Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Scottish Country Dancing
		7.30pm	Lent Course (4): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 9.00pm	in the Parish Centre
27th	Fri	10.30am - 12noon	Lent Course (4): 'Seeking Shapes for Living' in the Malvern Room

29th SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday of Lent

		8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.30am	Parish Communion CW: Amanda Thiselton
30th	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall

APRIL

1st	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		7.30pm	Lent Course (5): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 9.00pm	in the Parish Centre
2nd	Fri	10.30am	Lent Course (5): 'Seeking Shapes for Living'
		- 12noon	in the Malvern Room
4th	Sat	7.30pm	Cheltenham Choral Society St John Passion in church

5th SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY

		8.00am	Holy Communion BCP: Rev Ian Bussell
		10.30am	Parish Communion: Rev Mike Sanders
		7.00pm	The Crucifixion - John Stainer, by our choir, in church
6th	Mon	1.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group in the Harwood Hall
8th	Wed	10-12	Coffee Morning in the Alstone Porch
		10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		11.30am -	12.15pm Friendship Club Exercise Class: Music Room
		12.30pm	Friendship Club Soup & Cheese Lunch: Harwood Hall
		2.30pm	Friendship Club in the Harwood Hall: Victorian Magic Lantern History & Show - Patrick Furley



ORGANISATIONS AND LEADERS

For young people:

Playgroup: 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

christchurchplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk or phone 243021 / 07989 124492

Crèche: Sundays from 10.20am in the Alstone Porch

Sunday Morning Children's Groups

Anna Laszlo 581593

Uniformed Organisations:

Rainbows: Thursday 5.00pm in Bayhill/Lansdown
517183

Maureen Jones

Brownies: Thursday 6.00pm in Harwood Hall

Maureen Jones 517183

Guides: Thursday 6.15pm in Bayhill/Lansdown

Maureen Jones 517183

For adults:

Baby & Toddler Group for Mums (& Dads!) with pre-school children
Monday 1.30pm-3.15pm in the Harwood Hall

Sarah O'Meara 513067

Coffee Morning every Wednesday, 10am - 12noon in the Alstone Porch

Dee Rice 231764

Friendship Club - Lunch Club & Afternoon Tea Meetings on 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays in the Harwood Hall

Tina Benney 512246

Music for Worship:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Tim Ingold

01452 524199

Trebles and choir practice, in the Music Room

Friday 6.30-8pm Trebles rehearsal

7.30-9pm Choir rehearsal

Worship Group: Beck Donaldson:

01451 860561

Our Mission Partners:

Wendy Phillips (The Matilda Project) matildaproject@gmail.com

Mission Without Borders, Contact: Jos Downey, jdowney@mwbuk.org

OUTREACH APRIL ISSUE

*Copy to Shirley Collins at artseccles@googlemail.com or to the
Parish Office by no later than Sunday 15th March please.*

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION - a said service 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays (Prayer Book) 2nd & 4th Sundays (Common Worship)	
10.30am	1st Sunday	PARISH COMMUNION CW
	2nd Sunday	FAMILY SERVICE
	3rd Sunday	PARISH COMMUNION CW
	4th Sunday	MORNING WORSHIP
	5th Sunday	MORNING WORSHIP

The children are in church for the first few minutes of each service, and then leave for their Sunday teaching groups.

Scramblers (Key Stage 1), Explorers (Key Stage 2) and Pathfinders (Years 7-9) meet during each 10.30am service except Family Service.

CRECHE available each Sunday morning for the under 3s.

6.30pm Christ Church hosts occasional evening services:

There will be a service for Lent at 6.30pm on 8th March and Stainer's Crucifixion at 7pm on 5th April.

Monday to Friday

8.45am **MORNING PRAYER**
This is a wonderful way to start the day. You'd be very welcome to join the small group who enjoy the benefits of Morning Prayer. We meet for about half an hour.

Wednesday

10.30am **HOLY COMMUNION BCP**

HOMEGROUPS for Bible Study & Fellowship
meet regularly on different days of the week.
Newcomers are always welcome.