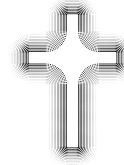


Trendlewood Church News for Sundays 31st May and 7th June 2026



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Ministers Musings

Helpful encouragement - *An abridged version of my homily on May 2026 based on the verses below ...*

John 15.9-11

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?
By a parent; teacher; friends; Vicar perhaps!!

Growing up as children we were bombarded with good advice – whether we took it or not is another matter.

As an economics student – I was told there was no such thing as a free school lunch;
In running – if you want to run faster, then run faster!!
In faith there are so many – Micah 6:8 – love mercy, act justly, walk humbly with your God.

These mantras, sayings, advice are all around us and our Gospel is much the same.

Here are three snippets of advice from the Lord of Lord's, to His followers (us too!)

- **The Father has loved me, so I have loved you**

Jesus was speaking to the disciples – knowing what they were to face in the days, months, years ahead. - know we are also loved by Jesus.

- **Abide in his Love**; our few verses are hot on the heel of the passage of the Vine and the branches – apart from me you can do nothing; remain in me;

In our passage abide in his love is said three times – this is important. How do we do this? Take time each day just to be in his presence! Not to say; not to pray; but to be.

You know the longer time we spend with someone, we become more like then

- Finally, **keep his commands** ... when he says something then do it!!

Why is he saying all these things – verse 11 - *I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

He wants us to know his JOY – complete and utter JOY.

Church Services @ Trendlewood

Sunday 31st May 2026 - Trinity Sunday

Morning worship at 10.15am will be led by Pauline and Russ will be exploring the topic of the Trinity.

Sunday 7th June 2026

Our intergenerational service will be at 10.15am on the theme of "Running the Race". At 9.30am there will be bacon butties available and drinks.

Prayer Focus for the coming week

People	Roads
Peter & Regula Dufour Peter & Wendy Furneaux Cynthia Gardiner	Gleneagles Close, Cricklade Court, Sunningdale Close Tetbury Gardens Sherston Close
Mission	Community
Mercy Ships	For those taking exams and looking at future options;

Church Noticeboard

Charity Drive to Ukraine

Mike Bird and Dave Manton are driving a 4by4 containing supplies to Ukraine. They join with others during the afternoon of Wednesday 25th May in Bicester. In the early hours of Thursday 26th they start the journey. Each day they will be driving up to 1000 kilometers until they reach Lviv. Once they have delivered the vehicle they have to make their own way back. Please pray for their safety, particularly while they are in Ukraine. You can follow their progress on their Instagram page [dave_mike_driving_ukraine](#)

Russell Herbert, Ordination as Priest

Russ is due to be priested on Saturday 27th June 2pm at St John's Keynsham. Everyone is most warmly welcome to come along. We have been advised that there should be plenty of room to just turn up on the day. However, Russ does have a number of tickets for reserved seats, so if you would like one (or more), please contact him, ideally by 10th June email revrussherbert@gmail.com

A message from Jenny and Elifadhili Ayo

Please pray for us.

Since 20th April, just over £24,000 has been raised for our replacement family car!!

As we continue to fundraise for the car we are getting close to our £28k goal.

We will be able to get a good quality second-hand car. Pray we find the best match for our needs. We will end the car fundraiser in 2 weeks

Last week, Zuia was recommended to share at a student event at a local university. We had the opportunity to raise awareness of the dangers of human trafficking to a crowd of approximately 2,000 students!

Elifadhili, Theo, and Jenny will be travelling the first week of June to teach in Singida. Zilipa is there serving, so she will look after Theo. Pray for safety, good connection with each other, the class, and what we are sharing. Pray for the 3 older kids who will remain with Mama Joshua and their uncle.

Thank you again for standing with us in prayer, encouragement, and practical support.

Dates for Trendlewood Social events.

July - Saturday 11th BBQ @ Tim and Hilary Bardell-Cox's house, probably about 5.00

October - 11th Harvest time shared lunch @Golden Valley School

December - Saturday 5th Christmas Social @Holy Trinity Church

Archdeacon's Visitation

Wraxall Church are hosting and providing the catering for the Archdeacon's visitation on Tuesday 16th June at 5.30pm. Eileen has asked if Trendlewood would be happy to provide gluten free items for this - vegetarian sandwiches, some kind of savoury quiche type food and cakes. As this is a Deanery event it is difficult to know numbers, so the plan would be to provide food for potentially 10 people.

Please let me know if you could help

Sarah Bird

Golden Valley School Governor Vacancy

Pauline's term as a governor at Golden Valley is coming to an end in July.

Richard Riordon, Headteacher, has asked if anyone from Trendlewood Church would be interested in being a Governor.

Over the years it has been an advantage to us to have a face to face relationship with the school, in addition to email communication etc.

The position is as a Co-opted Community Governor, joining elected parent governors and elected staff governors.

Please pray about it and if you think God is asking you to step forward, speak to Pauline for more information.

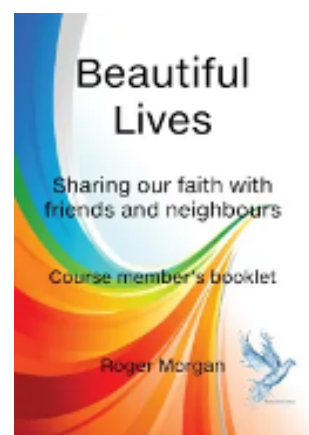
Beautiful Lives 2026

I am sure that all of us would love to see the church grow.
A given I think.

To help us on that journey of growth and helping us to play our own part, I am running a course on Wednesday evenings (see dates below), for anyone who would like to attend.

If you are interested in joining with me / or have any questions – please let me know – so I can order the right amount of materials
morey.andrews@trendlwood.org.uk

- June 10th The Growth of the Church in Acts
- June 17th Go and stay Evangelism
- June 24th Who are our friends and neighbours
- July 1st Telling our story and how we live
- July 8th Getting into Conversation
- July 15th Speaking and Loving
- July 22nd Listening to the Holy Spirit




An invitation from Portishead Deanery

**Portishead Deanery
Deanerywide
Meeting**

"What are Church of England Schools For?"

Dr Gary Lewis, Chief Executive of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and Churchwarden at St John's Clevedon, explores the identity and impact of Church of England schools, which currently educate over one million children and represent 20% of all state-funded provision in England.

Grounded in the vision of "Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good," these schools are committed to providing "life in all its fullness" for every child, regardless of their background. The talk will reflect on the place of church schools in a secular and multi-faith society.



**This meeting is open to everybody,
join us:**

**Thursday 4th June
St George's Church Hall,
Priory Road, Easton-in-Gordano,
BS20 0PA**

portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

**Light Refreshments from 7pm,
start time 7:30pm**

The latest edition of the Church of England Diocese of Bath and Wells Magazine is available to read by clicking on this link.

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Our next newsletter will cover 2 weeks - 14th and 21st June 2026

**Any items for the newsletter should be sent to welcome@trendlewoodchurch.org.uk
by 9am Tuesday 9th June 2026**

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