

Connected

3rd Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 21st June 2026

Introducing Our New Curate!

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be joining you at Christ Church and Emmanuel - very soon now - as your Curate. It has felt like a while in the planning and waiting, and I can't believe that it is now only a week or so away!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you! I have barely met you, yet already I feel so warmly welcomed through getting the house ready (painting and decorating, cleaning and gardening), the incredibly generous goodies that filled my larder (including the very thoughtful doggy treats for Bessie - she loved them!), and the welcome cards and prayers. Thank you!

Tom and I have met a few times now and are getting to know each other. I can't wait to meet you all and get to know you too, and hear about your journeys in life and faith. Here is a little bit about me...

I am a Devon girl originally and come from a farming family. Whilst I absolutely love the countryside, I always dreamed of becoming a nurse. I trained in North Devon before moving to Leicester to work for a few years and moved back to mid-Devon in the late nineties where I continued to work. My (now adult) children, James, and his partner Maria, and Alice, and her husband Josh, live not too far away, so I am sure you will see them from time to time. Some of my joys in life are walking my Springer, Bess (please do let me know your favourite walks!), baking, and cooking. I am sure we will get to share many of these together over my time here!

I became a Christian in my late teens and am so grateful to the Lord for His love and many blessings. Life is sometimes hard though, and doesn't always take the course we might imagine, but I am thankful to Him and many who have journeyed with me over the years.

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Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Romans 12: 1-8

In our sermons this term we've been looking at what makes Christians distinctive in our society. One of those areas is motivation. Of course, we do many different things for different reasons and, depending on the activity, there are times when we run out of enthusiasm or energy. But the Christian has an everlastingly deep and wide motivation that can keep us going through thick and thin. What is it? Come along and find out!



Emmanuel

Jeremiah 20: 7-13 + Matthew 10: 24-39

The power of evil has become more apparent in the world of social media. Let us listen to the warnings contained in Matthew despite the unpopularity it may bring in some quarters.



Prayer Pointers

Monday:

Living God, teach us to be still in your presence, to listen to your voice, to seek your will, and to respond to your guidance. Deepen our relationship with you through Christ, so that we may know your presence with us more fully each day and share our lives with you more abundantly each moment.

Tuesday:

Lord, we pray for our world which struggles to live justly and in peace. Guide world rulers as they make decisions that will affect so many people, thinking of those in war-torn areas such as Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Syria, and Iran. Give leaders your wisdom, leading to peace and harmony.

Wednesday:

Lord, we pray for those who are persecuted or tortured because of their faith in you, and ask that you will be close to each one - encouraging and upholding in ways beyond our imagination.

Thursday:

Lord, help us to respond to the needs of others, remembering that your love is not just for the Church, but for the world. Show us where you would have us serve you, and give us the vision to hear and to respond.

Friday:

We pray for those who suffer today - all who endure constant pain or illness, whose minds or bodies are broken by accident or injury, thinking of those we know in our churches, families, or among our friends. We pray for those who grieve today.

Saturday:

We pray for those involved in mission, either at home - thinking of all the work which happens at Emmanuel at the Beacon, and at Christ Church with all the young families who use the church - and missionaries overseas.

Sunday:

Lord, we thank you for our earthly fathers and also the assurance that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from your love.

What's On This Week

Saturday 20th June

Ambassadors' Coffee At Quarry from 10am-12noon
(for those who have signed up)

Monday 22nd June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 23rd June

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 24th June

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 25th June

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 27th June

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm
(see programme for details)

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th June.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Monday 6th July til Thursday 9th July inclusive.

Verse For The Week

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.”

Romans 12: 4-6a

Last weekend the Diocese was praying for coastal chaplains and those who live and work along our coastlines using the following prayer from the monthly Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

Lord of Sea and Sky, we pray for all those who live and work along our coastlines. For those in seasonal work, especially the tourism industry, and for those who serve in ports and industry. We pray for chaplains travelling alongside people on our coastlines today. Amen.

Coffee after the Service...

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Over the past ten years or so, I have been feeling a nudge towards some form of theological training, and this grew, particularly during and after the Covid pandemic. I was transferred from my regular role in Day Surgery, Endoscopy, and Pre-Op Assessment to work in Intensive Care, and was privileged to be able to offer pastoral and prayerful support in the absence of the Chaplains. Having some time to reflect and pray as things settled, I felt the nudge again, so I pursued exploring vocation, went through the discernment process, and was delighted to be offered a place to study full-time and residentially at Trinity College, Bristol. I am immensely thankful for the two years of study and formation and am so excited to now be here in Weston to begin Curacy.

I have heard and read lots about you but nothing beats meeting people, praying, and worshipping Jesus together, sharing life. Already, I am excited by the communities I will be joining and getting to know you and what Jesus means to you. I am ready to listen, to roll my sleeves up and get stuck in, and to serve you, the churches and parishes, as best I can.

I was reminded a few days ago of a prayer of Richard of Chichester... This, too, is my prayer as I begin at Christ Church and Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER



O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

I will be getting ordained as Deacon at Wells Cathedral at 10:30am on Sunday 28th June, to which you are warmly invited, and I very much look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

I am so very grateful to Tom and Chris, and each of you, for your support and prayers at the beginning of this journey. Thank you! And see you all soon!

Much love in Jesus, our precious Lord and Saviour,

Di



Foodbank Sunday Sunday 28th June

We will be holding a special Foodbank Sunday at both churches next Sunday, 28th June, when we will be inviting as many people as possible to bring along one or more of the needed items (shown below). Please see last week's Connected for more information regarding this.

There will be a table available for you to put your items on, together with some comments from the clients supported by Foodbank which shows just how much the service is appreciated.

Thank you very much for any support you can give.

Items needed:

Tinned Soup
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Meat
Fruit Juice & Squash
Honey & Jam
Shampoo & Deodorants

FOOD BANK



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

More coffee anyone...?



KINGDOM BUILDERS

Christ Church Family Holiday Club!

KINGDOM BUILDERS IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AND THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES TO ENGAGE WITH. OUR SESSIONS ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AND WILL RUN FROM 10:30AM-12NOON.

DATES: WEDNESDAYS ON 29TH JULY, 5TH AUGUST, 12TH AUGUST, AND 19TH AUGUST

+KINGDOM BUILDERS CELEBRATION SERVICE ON SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF CONNECTED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILIES WILL BE OPEN ON OUR WEBSITE FROM THIS WEEKEND!

HELP STILL NEEDED!!

WE CANNOT RUN THIS WITHOUT YOU SO DO PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING-UP (ON THE FLIP CHART AT THE BACK OF CHURCH) AND, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT'S INVOLVED, TALK TO NICKY (OR EMAIL HER AT FAMILY.MINISTRY@CCWSM.ORG.UK).

THANK YOU!



Bring & Share Lunches!

We will be having two bring and share lunches to welcome our new Curate, Di, over the next month.

These will take place after the morning services at:

Christ Church on Sunday 5th July

Emmanuel on Sunday 19th July

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church this Sunday - please have a look and pop your name down if you can bring something along.

And there will be a sign-up sheet available at Emmanuel shortly - please keep an eye out for this!

Open Gardens

The next Open Garden of the season will be held on Saturday, 27th June, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details



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ASTONISHED

BY THE WORDS OF RABBI JESUS
with LOIS TVERBERG

The Gospels say that Jesus' first listeners were "astonished" and "amazed" at his teaching. They never left the same. As first-century Jews they lived within the same cultural context, and the things that puzzle us made complete sense to them.

What can we learn about Rabbi Jesus that will newly empower his words to transform our lives?

Wednesday 8th July
St Nicholas Church
Uphill Road South
BS23 4SD

7-9pm, refreshments on arrival followed by teaching from Lois.
Jesus, Rabbi and Lord
How Understanding Jesus' Jewishness Saved My Faith

Session 1 - Jesus, Rabbi and Lord

Session 2 - Unlocking Jesus' puzzling teachings

Session 3 - A look at the Bible's wise words

Doors open at 7pm and the meeting will start at 7:30pm
Lois will talk for one hour; the meeting will finish at 9pm

No need to book. There is no cost. However, a donation on the day will be gratefully received.