

Connected

Sunday 30th August 2026

13th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Matthew 25: 14-30

Bank Holiday Weekend

Isn't it great to have a long weekend? Time to relax and not have anything to do. Do you sometimes wish you could do more of nothing? Would that be good for you? Why are there things we should be doing? Sit back and listen to a comic story with me.



Emmanuel

Romans 12: 9-21 + Matthew 16: 21-28

Pilgrimage vs Tourism: Pilgrims allow their experiences to change them and ask what God is showing them, whereas tourists merely collect experiences.

Rejecting Destination Religion: Modern life and traditional dogmatic Christianity often treat faith like a transactional fire-insurance policy focused solely on an afterlife destination.

The Way Over Dogma: Following Jesus is a daily pilgrimage of dropping ego-driven power and self-preservation rather than ticking boxes of orthodox belief.

The Practice of Romans 12: Paul's blueprint calls for sincere love, radical hospitality, and a complete refusal to repay evil with evil.

The Internal Journey: The most important spiritual pilgrimage happens within as we learn to slow down, notice God's presence, and walk with Christ in the ordinary moments.



Our Family Ministry Work

You will all know the amazing job Nicky does with our families at Christ Church. She works tirelessly and with such enthusiasm!



You may or may not know that there is a separate fund which supports her and her work. A number of members of our church family give regularly into this fund as well as to our general fund.

If you do not already do so, we would be grateful if you could consider donating to it to support Nicky and our work with children and families. Or, if you already donate to this fund, perhaps you could consider increasing your giving?

You'll find the information under 'Donate' on our website... or click this link <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/01A601339>



...or scan the QR code ...or have a word with our Treasurer, David White.

Tom

Christ Church Readings

Since Covid we've only had one reading at the Christ Church morning services and it now seems time to reintroduce a second reading (except for the All Together Services) from September. One of the reasons for this is that a reading from one of the four gospels isn't often heard if sermons are based on other parts of the Bible. Thank you to all those who read the Bible - there will now be two of you most weeks!

Tom



Prayer Pointers

Monday:

Please pray for the members of the Active Men's group - they met last Saturday and enjoyed breakfast together.

Tuesday:

Please continue to pray for our Family Worker (Nicky), the team, and their outstanding work. And for a well-deserved break before the next term's events start back-up.

Wednesday:

Please pray for and encourage our Church Wardens - John & William (Christ Church) and Mavis & Penny (Emmanuel) in their varied activities and ministry.

Thursday:

Please pray thankfully for those who arrange the church flowers and those who prepare the clean linen for the Holy Table.

Friday:

Please pray for Rev. Tom in his demanding ministry, also remembering his wife, Chris, and their family.

Saturday:

Please thank God for Rev. Di as she trains for, and exercises, her ministry.

Sunday:

Please pray for any new people in our churches today (and join with many seniors who are praying for twelve new disciples in 2027).

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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What's On This Week

Monday 31st August

No Ladies Together this week - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 1st September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 2nd September

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 3rd September

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 5th September

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm

(see programme for details)

Sunday 6th September

12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting after the service

(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Saturday 29th August until Friday 11th September inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 4th September until Tuesday 8th September inclusive.

Di Unavailable

Please note that Di will be unavailable from Monday 7th September until Sunday 13th September inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?'"

Matthew 16: 24-26

Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be on Saturday 5th September from 10:30am-12noon

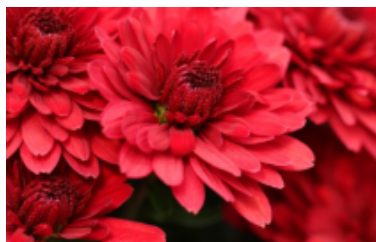
Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Open Gardens

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

Please see the Programme for host/address details



Solar Panels

Work to install our solar panels started this week. Please be aware that there will continue to be little space in the car park for most of this coming week. We may also be one or two spaces short on Sunday as some of their equipment will remain in situ over the weekend. Also, the electricians may be working beyond the two weeks so there may be some vans in the car park for a little longer.

Ladies Together

Please note that, due to the work on the solar panels, Ladies Together will now be starting back on Monday 14th September instead of 7th.

Church Weekend At Home



When: 9th-11th October

Cost: £30 per adult (children come free) or £22 (excluding Saturday evening)

To book...

Please sign-up and, at the same time, if you are planning to be around on the Saturday evening, please also select your choice for the fish & chip supper.

To pay...

(1) please click [here](#); or
(2) visit the Christ Church website and click on 'Church Life'/'Church Weekend At Home 2026'; or
(3) scan the QR code; or
(4) pay by cash or card (see either David White at Christ Church/Carl Evans at Emmanuel or Emma in the Church Office).

If you have signed-up but not yet paid, please do so via one of the above methods.



Ambassadors Ladies' Group
Breakfast at Revo
Saturday 19th
September at 9:30am



Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of Christ Church if you would like to attend.

Or, for anyone at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please speak to Elaine Fairs (or Emma in the Church Office).

More coffee anyone...?

Good News For All?

Terry will be running a mini-series over three Sunday evening sessions on...

13th September

Good News For Our Society

20th September

Good News For Our Community

27th September

Good News To Reshape Our Individual Lives

...in the Spire Centre at 6pm.

Each session will last about an hour with a Biblical reflection from Terry followed by an opportunity for discussion and questions.



Men's Breakfast

Chris Cole gave us a brilliant talk on his Nepal trip which we all thoroughly enjoyed. & our thanks to the guys in the kitchen who worked tirelessly (including Chris,

Hayden, Jolyon, Geoff, and John] with the Wardens [John and William] and Paul overseeing it all...!!!

Richard



What if you could **REALLY** make a difference?

You've got the ideas. You've seen the gaps. Now's your chance to do something about it.

Join us for the **WAY WSM 'What If?' Conversation** — an evening for 18–30s across Weston who want to see real change for local children and young people.

SIGN UP NOW →
www.loveweston.org.uk/waywsm

Let's shape the future together.



TUE 15 SEPTEMBER
7PM



THE GAMES ROOM
WESTON-SUPER-MARE



PIZZA'S ON US!
GOOD CONVERSATION. BIG IDEAS. REAL IMPACT.

Love Weston. Love Young People. [More info: sam.lloyd@wayuk.org](mailto:sam.lloyd@wayuk.org)

The above event is looking for emerging young leaders (aged 18–30) with a heart to make a difference in our town; or anyone who has a passion for encouraging and supporting younger leaders. For more information and/or to sign-up click [here](#).

Active Men Oakham Treasures

Please note that this event will now be taking place on **Saturday 3rd October** instead of **26th September** - more details to follow next week...



Woodspring Wordsmiths, for Christians writing in any genre, who hope to be published, who are already published, or who write just for fun!

WW is a safe place to encourage each other, discuss any problems, and share our experiences.

Venue: Uphill Methodist Church
4 Uphill Rd S, WSM BS23 4SD

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

When: First Wednesday of each month

Sept 2nd Bring an object to inspire writing

Oct 7th About Publishing

More info from tavah@gertrudejames.co.uk



Please share this with any writerly friends, and we look forward to seeing you!

(Affiliated with the Association of Christian Writers, but membership not required!)

Ambassadors Christmas Lunch!

The Beachlands Hotel
Friday 4th December
12:30pm (for 1pm)

Cost £30



Please note that it will be the last chance to sign-up this weekend. Please also make sure that you pay your deposit to Kathy.

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