

Connected

5th Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Matthew 5: 13-16 (ICB)

Over this next term at Christ Church, we're looking at what it means to be distinctive Christians. And a great place to start is with Jesus' statement "you are the salt of the earth".

Salt is useful stuff - it adds flavour and keeps things from going off. But it's only any good if it's actually spread on the food itself!

What does it look like for us to be "salt" I wonder?

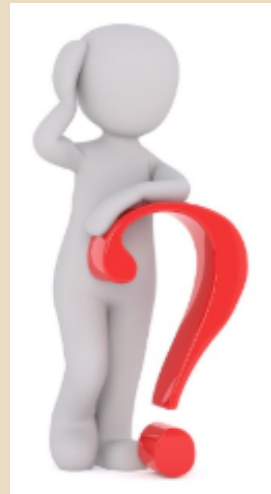


Emmanuel

John 14: 1-14 + Acts 7: 55-60

In our Gospel reading for this 5th Sunday of Eastertide Jesus says, "...whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater works than these..." This is a bit of a jarring promise, isn't it? Greater works than Jesus? No pressure!!! What on earth could Jesus mean?

Let's think about this together on Sunday.



Verse For The Week

" But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' "

Acts 7: 55-56

Thy Kingdom Come 14th-24th May 2026



Soon before ascending into heaven, Jesus told his disciples to "wait for the gift my Father has promised". This is what those early followers did "constantly in prayer".

This period between Ascension and Pentecost gives us a similar opportunity to pray with the "Thy Kingdom Come" worldwide initiative. It's a particular chance to pray for those who we would love to know more about our faith; the challenge is to pray for five folk.

There are reflections which will be used for our 'Daily Prayers' online, and booklets are available too. There will also be prayer slots in both churches - these dates/times will be made available soon.

Do join me in prayer!

Tom

What's On This Week

Saturday 2nd May

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

Sunday 3rd May

12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting in The Spire Centre
(after morning service - see 'Coffee after the Service')

Monday 4th May

No Ladies Together this week - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 5th May

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

Wednesday 6th May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 7th May

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

Saturday 9th May

Repair Cafe from 10am-12noon in The Spire Centre
(please note slightly earlier finish)

Sunday 10th May

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Thursday 7th May til Saturday 9th May inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 15th May until Tuesday 19th May inclusive.

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Prayer Pointers

Monday

Please pray for our two churches following their Annual Church Meetings - pray for the members of the two PCCs, and for those in the roles of Treasurer, PCC Secretary, and Safeguarding Officer. Lord, give them wisdom, patience, and strength for their duties.

Tuesday

Pray for the various outside groups which use our buildings, and especially for those groups supporting people struggling with addictions.

Wednesday

Continue to pray for our Royal Family, and especially for the King following his visit to the USA.

Thursday

Pray continuously for peace in the world; especially for a lasting and good resolution to all the current conflicts. Pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Friday

Today is Red Cross Day. Pray for the work of the Red Cross throughout the difficult places of the world; especially for Red Cross workers putting themselves in danger in order to bring relief to the war torn and suffering.

Saturday

Today is World Fair Trade Day. Give thanks for the initiative and work of Fair Trade, and pray for workers in all parts of the world - that they may be well treated and fairly paid.



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel is this Saturday, 2nd May, from 10:30am-12noon



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

12 New Disciples In 27

For those of you who have agreed to join the '12 New Disciples In 27' prayer group, we are meeting for an update, and to encourage each other, this Sunday (3rd May) after the morning service... bring your tea or coffee and meet in Room 3 in the Spire Centre.



Open Gardens 2026

The new programme for the coming season of Open Gardens is now available at both our churches. Please do take one.

Open Gardens are informal social events and are an ideal way for newcomers to meet with other church members.

So please do come along and, perhaps, invite a friend to join you!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING 3 MAY 2026

The Children's Society

For those at Emmanuel who have a Children's Society collection box, please do not leave boxes unattended in church - just give them to me or one of the Wardens. For those at Christ Church, please let Emma have your boxes and she will pass them on to me.

The 3rd May is not a hard and fast date - just bring the boxes to church as you are able. I shall return the boxes when they have been counted and let you know how much is raised.

Many thanks to all who continue to support the Children's Society. If anyone else would like a box or would like to contribute just let me know.

Carl



I would like to thank the Christ Church and Emmanuel church families for all the cards, flowers, and good wishes sent when Tony passed away recently.

And a big thank you also to those who helped in so many ways to make his Memorial Service so special. It means a lot to me and his family.

With love and best wishes.

Shirley

The Ambassadors Women's Group



Saturday 16th May 10am at Revo Walk Along Seafront &/or Coffee

There is a sign-up list at the back of Christ Church - please do pop your name on the sheet if you would like to attend. Or, if you are at Emmanuel and would like to come along, please notify Kathy Hinchliffe/Anne Jones or speak to Emma in the Church Office.

More coffee anyone...?

Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Maggi Simons. We are sad to inform you that Maggi passed away recently.

Please keep John Simons (senior), Jack, Harriet, & Sam in your thoughts and prayers.

As and when we receive any information with regard to her funeral we will let you know.

AMBASSADORS WOMEN'S GROUP

Date: 31st October

Time: 2:30pm

Cost: £28



The Ambassadors Women's Group are planning another trip to the Playhouse, this time in the autumn, to see Jesus Christ Super Star (performed by Weston-super-Mare Operatic Society).

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church. Please pop your name on the list if you are interested. Or, if you are at Emmanuel, please contact either Sandra Wilkes or Emma in the Church Office.

Uphill Methodist Church RETREAT CENTRE

QUIET MORNING



THURSDAY 7TH MAY

9:30am-12noon

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Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Rosemary Hyde. We are sad to inform you that Rosemary passed away on Thursday.

Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Details of her funeral will follow in due course.



12noon-1:30pm
Sunday 10th May

Please let Nicky know if you are planning to attend
family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

Did you? KNOW

Anyone who is on either Christ Church's or Emmanuel's Electoral Roll, and living in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, is

eligible to apply for a Wells Cathedral Parish Pass which provides free admission to the Cathedral for the duration of the current Electoral Roll period.

Each parishioner needs to apply for an individual pass. Forms can be obtained from Emma in the Church Office. These then need to be signed by Tom or a Church Warden and taken to the Cathedral Welcome Desk who can issue the pass.

REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café will be:

Saturday 9th May

from 10am-12noon

in The Spire Centre

(please note the slightly earlier finish time)

