

Connected

Pentecost

Sunday 24th May 2026

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church *Acts 2: 1-21*

When we celebrate Pentecost and read Acts 2 we tend to focus upon the images rather than the verbs. The latter convey the powerful changes which the gift of the Holy Spirit bring about: 'filling', 'separate & rest', 'filled', 'speak', 'enabled'. We also tend to treat this as a historical event when, of course, the Holy Spirit is still given today, every day.

In these 'last days' may God indeed pour out his Spirit on all people, on us, changing us, filling us... May we also be ready, prayerfully, to receive him.



Emmanuel

Acts 2: 1-21 + John 7: 37-43

In a time of such great division and conflict in our world and our communities, our reading from Acts shows us the work of the Spirit; bringing unity amongst difference, as all present hear the Good

News in their own language. The Spirit brings new understanding. And so much more.

Let's celebrate this as we meet together this Sunday.



Welcome To Your New Home...

Our new curate, Di Vickery, will be moving into her house on Monday 1st June (although she won't be starting with us until after her Ordination at the end of June). It would be great to welcome and bless her with non-perishable supplies and 'goodies'.

If you are able to make a contribution, please leave these in the marked baskets at the back of both Christ Church and Emmanuel or drop them off into the office during this coming week.



On behalf of Di - thank you!

Tom

Evening Prayer Service

Healing and Wholeness Service

Sunday 7th June at 6pm at Christ Church

Come and join us for our next Healing Service as we reflect on the stories of Naaman in 2 Kings and the leper in Mark 1 - two people who discovered the transforming power of God's mercy and healing.

Through prayer, worship, and scripture, we will gather in faith to seek God's renewing presence for body, mind, and spirit.

Whether you are carrying illness, weariness, grief, or simply a longing for hope, you are warmly

invited to come just as you are and encounter the compassion of Christ, who still reaches out to make people whole.



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Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

What's On This Week

Monday 25th May

No Ladies Together this week - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th May

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 27th May

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 28th May

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 30th May

Active Men's Clay Pigeon Shooting at 9am at 'Big Shoot'

(for those who have signed up)

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm

(see programme for details)

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Saturday 30th May til Sunday 7th June inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Monday 1st June til Friday 5th June inclusive.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Friday 5th June til Tuesday 16th June inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy.' "

Acts 2: 17-18

Last Sunday, Bath & Wells were praying for bellringers across the Diocese using the following prayer:

Grant, O Lord, that those who are appointed to ring the bells do it worthily and to your glory; and that those who are called this day by the ringing of bells to worship may enter into your gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise. Amen.

Prayer Pointers

Monday : In this Whitsun week, when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, pray that the Spirit will move in the hearts of all mankind - that all may find the truth and share in the love of God.

Tuesday : Today is the feast of St Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Give thanks to God for all who endured hardship, rejection, and martyrdom to bring the Christian faith to this country. Pray for our new Archbishop - that God will grant her the wisdom and strength to deal with the pressures and issues confronting the Church at present. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with her.

Wednesday : Pray for the success of Christian schools around the world. Ask that the Lord will raise up teachers strong in the faith who will be able to open children's minds to receive God's word. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with them.

Thursday : A number of loved and valued members of our churches have gone to be with the Lord in recent months. Give thanks for their lives and witness, and pray that God will be with those who mourn as they adapt to the new circumstances in their lives. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with them.

Friday : Pray for converts from other religions who often have taken this step at great personal risk. Ask the Lord to help them remain steadfast in the faith despite rejection and abuse from family and community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with them.

Saturday : As we come to the end of Whitsun week, pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be active in our two churches, thus we can face with confidence any problems or opportunities as may arise in the coming months. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us.



Coffee after the Service...

Active Men's Group 'The Big Shoot'

(Clay Pigeon Shooting)

Saturday 30th May

Time : 9am

Cost : £47



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND...

If you would like to attend, please pop your name on the sheet at Christ Church or, for those at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Office.

Upcoming Funerals At Christ Church...

Rosemary Hyde

Friday 22nd May at 1:30pm

All church family are invited to attend the service and stay for some refreshments afterwards.

Donations to BCM:

<https://www.bcm.org.uk/donate-missionaries.html>



Maggi Simons

Tuesday 2nd June at 11am

This will be a more informal gathering - tea and chat, cafe style, with some memories and prayers.

All church family are welcome.

Open Gardens

Our first Open Garden of the season will be held on **Saturday 30th May** from **2:30pm-5pm**



Please see the Programme for host/address details

If you would like to sponsor Zach Crockett (who will be walking 5 miles for the Mendip Challenge on 31st May), please see Sam or Kathy. Thank you!

**Ambassadors Afternoon Tea
Beachlands Hotel at 2:30pm
Wednesday 17th June**

If you would like to attend, please see Kathy Hinchliffe with your payment of **£20** and she can book you in.

Emmanuel Cleaning

Friday 12th June : 10am-12noon

Please do come and join us during these hours to help clean our church. Thank you!

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Solar Panels At Christ Church

This summer at Christ Church we are planning to install some fifty-two solar panels onto the roof of the Spire Centre. Please see last week's Connected for more information, or pick up a letter (available at the back of church).

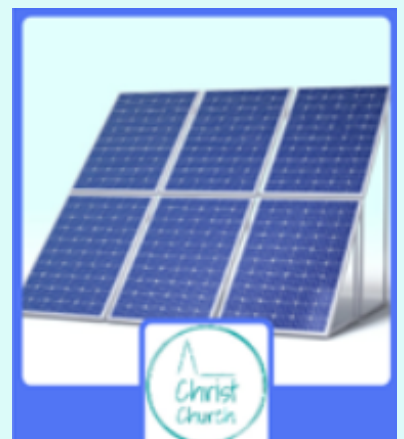
We are looking to raise £10k from our congregation... is this something you could give towards?

Ways To Donate:

Bank transfer direct to our bank account:
CHURCHWARDENS & COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH / 60-23-32 / 54084423 - using ref SOLAR (this is the preferred option);

Donate online from a card / ApplePay / GooglePay: please use [this link](#);

Donate via a card or cash in person: please see either our Treasurer, David White, or Emma in the Church Office.



Target: £10,000

Select donation amount:

£10 £20 £50 + Other