

Connected

4th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 28th June 2026

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

There is a phrase that we hear often in churches: "We are all part of the body of Christ". We say it so frequently that it can lose its force. It becomes a pleasant metaphor about everyone

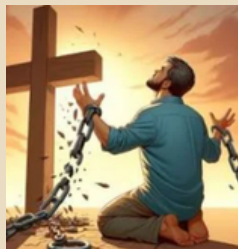
getting along and helping out. But when Paul first wrote these words to the church in Corinth, they were anything but sentimental. They were radical. They challenged the assumptions of the ancient world. They overturned accepted ideas about status, power, wealth, and importance. How so? Please join us on Sunday to find out.



Emmanuel

Romans 6:12-23 +
Matthew 10: 40-42

- The nature of sin: Sin is fundamentally self-serving behaviour ("I" at the centre) that disregards and damages others.
- Systemic and political sin: Beyond individual actions, sin exists on a massive national, political, and social scale.
- Freedom through God's love: Christians are encouraged not to let systemic sin rule over them.
- Called to be life-givers: Followers of Jesus are called to reject the deathly pursuit of power and instead act as life-givers through simple acts of welcome and kindness.
- Welcoming the "little ones": True Christian welcome must extend to the powerless, disadvantaged, and marginalized, etc.
- God's focus on the individual: Every single person matters uniquely to God.



A Week of Prayer for Children and Young People!

During the first full week of July, the Diocese of Bath & Wells invite us all to pray for children and young people, as part of the 2026 Year of Prayer.

At Christ Church, our **All-Together Service at 10:30am on Sunday 5th July** will begin the week. This will be followed by a joint benefice **Evening Prayer Service** on the same day at **6pm** which will focus on our work with families and children, our local school, and the upcoming Kingdom Builders Family Holiday Club!

A Prayer Guide produced by the Go Team offers five daily themes, **Monday through to Friday (6th-10th July)**, encouraging us to

pray for children and young people in our churches, schools, wider communities, and at home, with the final day focusing on those who lead, teach, and support children and young people across our Diocese. There are suggestions for prayer alongside a Bible passage and a written prayer to use each day. There are a few printed copies of the guide available at both churches, but it can also be downloaded from the Bath & Wells website by following this link:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/news/week-of-prayer-for-children-and-young-people-6-10-july.php>

There will also be video prayers offered on the Go Team's Facebook page, which we will share... and you might recognise one of our own children in one of them!

Jolyon will also be leading us in our Daily Prayers on these themes during the week, with an extra day of prayer for children and young people worldwide. Daily Prayers can be accessed via Christ Church's [website](#), [Facebook page](#), or [YouTube channel](#).

Please join us in committing to praying each day for children and young people.

Nicky

Prayer Guide

Week of prayer for children and young people
6-10 July 2026

Part of our Year of Prayer
www.bathandwells.org.uk/prayer

DIocese of Bath & Wells
Living and telling the story of Jesus

Prayer Pointers

Monday.

Lord, we pray for our Archbishops and Bishops - that they will receive your guiding light to help lead us all. We also pray that you will grant wisdom to Tom, retired clergy, and readers at both Christ Church and Emmanuel as they prepare to guide us in our worship of you.

Tuesday.

Lord, we pray that you will be especially close to all those elderly and lonely people living in care homes in our town. Help them to trust in you and grant them patience.

Wednesday.

Father, we pray for our town and the local community that we are part of. We thank you for the opportunities you give us to serve you among the people that we meet each day and pray that you will show us where we, as Christians, are not meeting the needs of people whom you put in our path.

Thursday.

Lord, we pray for our country, and especially our government, in this time of unrest and turmoil. We pray that the right decisions will be made for the good of all and we trust that you will guide us through to where you want us to be as a leading influence in our world.

Friday.

Lord, we pray for our world suffering in so many ways because of changing climates. Help all countries to do the right things to help the situation but thank you that we can know that you are in charge.

Saturday.

Father, we pray for peace in our world where so many people and countries are suffering the effects of war. Grant your wisdom and compassion to leaders and rulers and may your will be done.

Sunday.

Thank you, Lord, that we can come together to worship you. Please be present with all in our services and touch our hearts.

What's On This Week

Saturday 27th June

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

Monday 29th June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 30th June

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

Wednesday 1st July

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 2nd July

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

Saturday 4th July

Emmanuel Summer Fete from 10:30am-1:30pm

Sunday 5th July

12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting after the service
(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)
Bring & Share Lunch after the service at Christ Church
Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Christ Church
(Theme: Children & Young People)

Notices

Tom Unavailable

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

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Thursday 9th July.

Verse For The Week

“ But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ”

Romans 6: 22-23

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...



Foodbank Sunday Sunday 28th June

Don't forget to bring along your Foodbank donations this Sunday, 28th June. If you are able to donate just one or two items this would be much appreciated.

There will be tables at the back of both churches for you to leave your donations on when you arrive.

Thank you, in anticipation, for any support you can give.

Reminder of items needed:

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

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Christ Church Family Holiday Club!

Dates: Wednesdays on
29th July, 5th August,
12th August, and
19th August



+Kingdom Builders
Celebration Service
on Sunday 23rd August

All from 10:30am-12noon

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

Please click [here](#) to register.
Or, alternatively, visit our
website and click on
'What's On' / 'Events'.

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

There will be a sign-up sheet available at Emmanuel shortly.



- 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.

There is no need to book and there is no cost. However, a donation on the day would be gratefully received.

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?

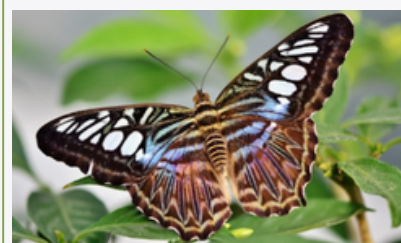
Wednesday 8th July
St Nicholas Church
Uphill Road South
BS23 4SD

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

Open Gardens

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

Please see the Programme for host/address details



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our box opening this year. The total raised was £351.35 (£43.99 more than last year) and I have sent the amount to the Society.

If anyone is interested in becoming a box holder, or donating to The Children's Society, please do not hesitate to contact me. With grateful thanks to all who contributed.

Carl

More coffee anyone...?

Mary The Mother

Lyrics by Peter Perrin & Music by Angela Lavelle of W-s-M



SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2.30 P.M.
CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
14 Ellenborough Park South
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1XW

Admission free
Retiring collection for
Weston-super-Mare
foodbank

Refreshments during the interval together
with sale of Wood Turning items
donated for the Foodbank
Further information
from Peter Perrin 01934 625788,
capricorncommunitychoir@cpbc.co.uk

EMMANUEL SUMMER FETE



OXFORD STREET

SATURDAY
4th JULY
10:30am to 1:30pm

Refreshments
Light lunches from 12noon
Variety of stalls
(including homemade cakes)



Anthony Guy's Funeral

Some of you will have
known Anthony Guy.
We are sad to inform
you that Anthony
passed away recently.
Please keep his family
in your thoughts and
prayers.

The funeral will be
held at Christ Church
on Wednesday 15th
July at 10:30am should
you wish to attend.



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

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

Date: **Wednesday 1st July 2026**

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

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

This month's theme: **Redemption**

RSVP: tavah@gertrudejames.co.uk

Please share this with your writerly friends!

Any queries, contact us on the email address above.

(We are affiliated with the Association of Christian Writers,
membership of which is not required!)



Last week, Weston
Hospicecare organised a
cream tea to thank all
the volunteers...
Hilary Emery & John
Hinchliffe were in
attendance and seemed
to enjoy themselves!!

There is still time to
donate to the Christ
Church solar panel appeal
- pick up a letter at the
back of church, see 17th
May edition of Connected,
or speak to David White.

Uphill Retreat Centre

QUIET MORNING

Thursday 2nd July

10am - 12noon

Coffee served from 9:30am

"HANDS"



hold on to God holding on to you!

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