

Connected

5th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 5th July 2026

Di's Ordination Service

The Ordination of Deacons at Wells Cathedral by Bishop Michael & Bishop Fiona last Sunday was such a joy-filled occasion, with an overwhelming sense of the Lord's presence among us. All the study and formation, along with many prayers, have led to this time and I am delighted to now begin serving here at Christ Church and Emmanuel.



Thank you all for the warm welcome. I can't wait to join you in sharing God's love for our churches and our communities.

Please do come and say 'hi'!

Much love in Jesus, *Di*



EMMANUEL SUMMER FETE



OXFORD STREET

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

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



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Philippians 4: 4-9 (ICB)

This Sunday we begin a week of prayer for children and young people. Join us as we revisit some foundations of our prayer life in Philippians 4: rejoice in the Lord, humbly draw near to him, replace anxiety with thanksgiving, and receive his remarkable peace as his answer to our requests!

Join us / tune in on Sunday!



Emmanuel

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 + Romans 7: 15-25a

(Anglican Communion presided over by URC Minister)

I'm sure you will have heard the expression, "there's no pleasing some people." This is the situation Jesus appears to be facing in this section from Matthew's Gospel. The people want a Messiah - but not this one! They want a god formed in their own image, or rather, a god formed from their own expectations. Jesus points to the truth, the God who made us in His image, loves us, and calls us into a Kingdom that has more to offer than we can imagine.



Prayer Pointers

This coming week is the **Diocesan Week Of Prayer For Children & Young People**. Please do follow the prayers each day (Monday-Friday) contained within the **Prayer Guide** (which can be found [here](#)). And, in addition, incorporate the following in your prayers:

Monday: We pray for Kingdom Builders as they plan the Holiday Club at Christ Church – that it will draw in new families and give them the opportunity of learning of the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday: We pray for Julie Birkett in her role as Chaplain to the College. Pray that she is blessed with the qualities she needs as she supports young people there.

Wednesday: We pray for the Toddler Group at Christ Church, and all the toddler groups around the town – that they are a place of safety and fun for the toddlers and joy for the parents and volunteers.

Thursday: We pray for Christ Church School and its relationship with the church – that they may be a blessing to each other. And for Walliscote School – that ways can be found to draw them closer to Emmanuel.

Friday: We pray for children who have difficult family relationships – that in some miraculous way they can know that, however difficult their home life, they are unique and loved by God.

Saturday: We pray for Street Pastors as they go out each Saturday night, watching over the young people as they go in and out of the pubs and clubs – listening to them, helping them, and praying for them.

Sunday: We pray for all young people and children as they worship today – that they will come to know the love of God. And we pray for inspiration for those who lead them.

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

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)

Monday 6th July

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Diocesan Prayer Box from 4pm-6pm at Christ Church

Tuesday 7th July

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 8th July

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 9th July

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 11th July

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm

(see programme for details)

Sunday 12th July

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

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 and Sunday 19th July.

Verse For The Week

“ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ”

Philippians 4: 8

Coffee after the Service...

A Week of Prayer for Children and Young People!

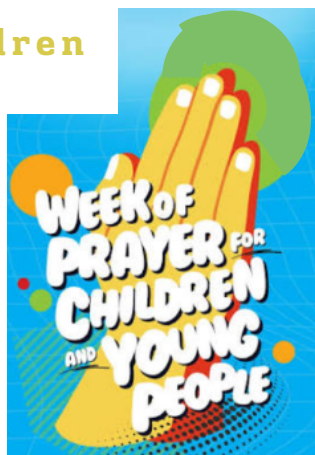
This coming week, the Diocese of Bath & Wells invite us all to pray for children and young people as part of the 2026 Year of Prayer.

To assist you with this:

- Make use of the Prayer Guide which you can either pick up at church or download [here](#);
- Tune-in to our own Daily Prayers for the coming week;
- Check-out the video prayers offered on the Go Team's Facebook page (which we will share);
- Use our Connected Prayer Pointers (page 2).

And please do join us at one or both of the following services which will be taking place this Sunday (5th July) at Christ Church:

All-Together Service at 10:30am
Joint Benefice Evening Prayer Service at 6pm



Bring & Share Lunches!

We will be having the first of two bring and share lunches this Sunday (at Christ Church) to welcome our new Curate, Di. If you have put your name down to provide something, please bring it along with you on Sunday morning.

The second bring and share lunch will be at Emmanuel on Sunday 19th July - a sign-up sheet will be available on Sunday for this - please have a look and pop your name down if you can bring something along.



Exploring the Diocesan Prayer Box!

As part of the Diocesan Year Of Prayer, a team at the Diocese has created a set of Prayer Boxes that are travelling around all the Deaneries and individual churches. These contain resources and ideas for creating prayer spaces in a variety of contexts. We did briefly have this box earlier in the year but now have further opportunities to engage with it...



At Emmanuel:

We will be using ideas from the prayer box in the prayer space at Emmanuel and will launch this new prayer space this Saturday when the church will be open alongside our Summer Fete. It will be full of interesting ideas, resources, and prayer stations to help us explore ways to pray.

Why not join us for coffee and cake, lots of stalls, and an opportunity to spend some time exploring the many ways we can pray and connect with the Father. We hope to see lots of you on Saturday at Emmanuel!

At Christ Church:

We have it on Monday 6th July. Between 9am-3pm children from Christ Church Primary School will be coming up in class groups and, after hearing a little about what prayer is, they will be able to explore the prayer stations. Then, between 4pm-6pm, the church will be open for anyone who would like to come in and use the prayer stations for themselves. Please do come and spend a quiet moment at the end of the day talking with God.

12 New Disciples In 27

For those of you who are part of the '12 New Disciples In 27' prayer group, please meet in Room 3 in The Spire Centre immediately after the service - we will have a brief 15min meeting/update before the bring & share lunch commences.



Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Anne Baxter. We are sad to inform you that Anne passed away last week.

We believe that her funeral is going to be a private service but please do keep Ian (her son) and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

More coffee anyone...?

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'.

Open Gardens

Our next Open Garden will be held on Saturday 11th July, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details



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Ambassadors Ladies' Group

The next event for the Ambassadors is on **Saturday 18th July from 10am-12noon at Sanders Garden Centre**



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 Kathy Hinchliffe or Anne Jones (or Emma in the Church Office).

Anthony Guy's Funeral

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



tearfund

Emergency Appeal

Tearfund have launched an emergency appeal with regard to the earthquakes in Venezuela. They are asking for support in prayer and, if you feel you are able, in giving. If you would like to donate to this appeal please click [here](#).

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.

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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