

Connected

6th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 12th July 2026

Christ Church Matthew 5: 1-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” sounds a funny thing to be blessed for – surely it’s “blessed are the rich in spirit”?

We’ll be trying to unpack this together on Sunday but I think it’s about the attitude which says we know we need God’s help.



Sermon Snippets

The Bible is a full of contrasts: dark and light, sin and righteousness, death and life. These contrasts highlight the choice between worldly living and living for Christ. Yet, in a time of so many differing perspectives and theological positions; both in the world and in the church, what does it look like to have our hearts set on keeping God's decrees to the very end (Psalm 119) when we don't always agree about what that looks like?

Let's think about that together on Sunday.

Emmanuel

Psalm 119: 105-112 + Romans 8: 1-11



Emmanuel's Summer Fete

Last Saturday we held our Summer Fete at Emmanuel. It was another warm, sunny day and lots of people came through the door which was wonderful.

This year Weston Street Pastors had a stand in the vestibule and people were able to chat to them about their amazing work as they arrived... and they were even offered a lollipop which the Street Pastors give out on Saturday nights!

The hall was packed full of stalls and yummy things to eat!! Because of the recent very hot weather we decided to serve a cold lunch and offered a Ploughman's (although there was so much on the plate many said it was actually a rather glorious salad!). The ploughman's lunches went down well, as did the refreshments, delicious cakes, fun on the stalls, and the bargains to be had!!

The worship space was also available throughout the morning - set up with prayer stations from the Diocesan Prayer Box - and people were free to go through and use those alongside the fete. Some of those prayer stations are now available in our prayer space for the next few weeks so do spend some time there before or after the service if you'd like to.

All in all it was a wonderful time together with our community and our huge thanks go to everyone who helped make it such a fun and special day.



Prayer Pointers

Monday: We pray for all those who are affected by conflicts and for all places in your world where peace is not reigning. Lord, bring people with the loving heart of Jesus to have agency to make change in these horrific circumstances.

Tuesday: We pray for school-aged children with no access to education (e.g. Afghanistan, Gaza, Kenya) and those kept away from knowledge by cruel adults. We particularly pray for Olive & Oak - a small local organisation that is attempting to facilitate university access throughout the world for young Gazan refugees to continue their studies.

Wednesday: We pray for all those who are affected by natural disasters as creation groans, especially in Venezuela after the recent earthquakes. Inspire those in power to build safely and respect the effects of our carbon footprint. Protect all emergency workers from harm and inspire those of us who are safe to help supply resources where they are needed.

Thursday: We pray for families in conflict due to pride, hurt feelings, selfishness, materialism, and need for power over those who feel weak and helpless. Lord, build up more mentors for young people who are struggling so that they may know how precious they are, especially to You.

Friday: Father, protect and resource all who work as missionaries to share Your Good News. Give them Holy Spirit peace when they are challenged and a deep knowledge of Your love for them.

Saturday: Lord, we thank you for all the people who seek you in our churches. Equip us to be discerning and open conduits of Your love when they enter our doors. Build our church families to be strong, bright lighthouses in Weston.

Sunday: Father, remind us constantly that You are with us; in all we think, say, and do. Thank you for the privilege of being free to worship You and the knowledge that we are children of the Creator and You do not make mistakes.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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What's On This Week

Saturday 11th July

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church
Open Garden - **POSTPONED** (see *Coffee after the Service*)

Sunday 12th July

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 13th July

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 14th July

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

Wednesday 15th July

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 16th July

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

Saturday 18th July

Ambassadors Social at 10am at Sanders Garden Centre

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Sunday 19th July.

Verse For The Week

“ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ”

Romans 8: 5-6

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Coffee after the Service...



Please note that Jolyon's Open Garden this Saturday, 11th July, is cancelled due to the forecast hot weather. The aspect of his garden and lack of shade will make it unremittingly sun-baked and hot, inside as well as outside!

However, this event has now been rescheduled to take place (weather permitting!) on Saturday 19th September and you will all be very welcome to visit then instead.

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).



KINGDOM BUILDERS



Christ Church Family Holiday Club!

KINGDOM BUILDERS NEED YOUR HELP!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US BY BRINGING IN YOUR CARDBOARD RECYCLING, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL! WE NEED THINGS LIKE CEREAL BOXES, CARDBOARD TUBES, SMALLER CARDBOARD BOXES AND PACKETS - BUT NO PLASTIC PLEASE! 😊 (ALL DONATIONS OF RECYCLING WILL BE RECEIVED WITH THANKS - BUT ONLY UP TO TUESDAY 28TH JULY! 😊)

ALSO - IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE SOME GLUE STICKS AND STICKY TAPE TOO - THAT WOULD BE FANTASTIC!

THANKS SO MUCH!

Nicky

AND DON'T FORGET...

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER. OR, ALTERNATIVELY, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON 'WHAT'S ON' / 'EVENTS'.

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

REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café is this Saturday, 11th July, from 10am-12noon at Christ Church

Emmanuel Bring & Share Lunch

The second of our two bring and share lunches will be taking place at Emmanuel next Sunday, 19th July, to welcome our new Curate, Di.



There is a sign-up sheet available at Emmanuel for this - please have a look and pop your name down if you can bring something along.

A reminder that Anthony Guy's funeral will be held at Christ Church this Wednesday, 15th July, at 10:30am should you wish to attend.