

Connected

7th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 19th July 2026



Firstly, I would like to thank you so much for your generosity towards my involvement in the Arrow Leadership Programme - this was very much appreciated.

In the middle of June, I took six days away for the first residential, up in Northampton. I had a hugely enriching time with twenty-four other Christian leaders (mainly ordained ministers) considering what it means to be "led by Jesus, lead more like Jesus, and lead more to Jesus" (the strapline for the Arrow programme). We had a day focussed on each aspect, as well as a few other things besides. It's hard to summarise in a few words all the different things I learned or grew in, but briefly:

- On the day looking at "be led by Jesus" it was good to reflect on the place of prayer in the life of a leader and to think of ways to grow in my prayer life.
- During the day on "lead more like Jesus" I found the distinction between 'leadership' and 'ministry' really helpful in clarifying my experience of the work I do. I also enjoyed reflecting on the different metaphors of leader including 'visionary', 'conductor', 'host' and 'tree'.
- We all finished the day on "lead more to Jesus" excited to do more to share the gospel, and I've enjoyed the boost this has given me in lots of areas of my personal and work evangelism.
- I also met one-to-one with an employment psychologist who had some helpful insights into strengths I have and areas for growth in the future.

This was the first of four residentials I will partake in between now and the end of 2027, as well as several online seminars, monthly mentoring sessions and two one-day events that Mike will also attend.

I'm excited for all the ways in which this programme is going to grow and stretch me so I can serve well now and in the years ahead.

Helen



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Matthew 5: 1-12

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted...

This sermon will not be about my experience or human ideas but about Jesus' unbelievable love and clear promise to those who walk with him. His presence in our lives offers the opportunity to change everything, especially his promise of assurance to be with us in this life and the one to come. But the choice is ours.



Emmanuel

Matthew 5: 1-12 + Romans 8: 12-25

"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.



Prayer Pointers

Monday - We pray for all affected by the extreme heat and weather recently, especially those who grieve for loved ones who have died or been traumatised in weather-related disasters such as the fires in Spain and floods in Asia.

Tuesday - We pray for all who are involved in summer festivals and for opportunities for the Good News to be heard in communities where people are sharing space with strangers. We also pray for all who have graduated from University and College after years of study. Lord, bless their choices about the future and bring them opportunities to connect with Christians.

Wednesday - We pray for anyone affected by crime or violence – that they may receive the best care. Equip people, with your heart Lord, to support them and those who give the care required. Lord, may we all bring your presence into experiences that are difficult and challenging, so that others can experience your love and peace.

Thursday - We pray for teachers and school staff who need rest and re-energising at the end of the school year, and for children who have a stretch of holiday weeks ahead – may they be safe and nurtured. We also pray for Holiday Clubs in churches – that your love, Lord, is spread wide to all connected and may there be an expectation that your Holy Spirit will inspire and impact everyone.

Friday - We pray for all who are struggling in mind, body, or spirit – that they may be supported appropriately and have connection to the right resources. May Your Kingdom come, Lord, for all who need knowledge of your peace beyond understanding.

Saturday - We pray for the tourists who visit our lovely town – that they are treated well and that they have a real sense that the community is underpinned by our reliance on, and connection with, you Lord. Give us all opportunities to chat with strangers about our faith, safely and appropriately.

Sunday - We pray for all who are working today instead of being free to spend time in worship with church family and friends. Lord, give them discernment to make the right choices in their working relationships and moments to reflect on their ability to make a positive difference in their space.

What's On This Week

Saturday 18th July

Ambassadors Social at 10am at Sanders Garden Centre

Monday 20th July

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 21st July

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 22nd July

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 23rd July

No Craft & Chat this week

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 25th July

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm

(see programme for details)

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

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

Verse For The Week

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father’.”

Romans 8: 14-15

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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Coffee after the Service...

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

+ **PLEASE NOTE** - there will be a meeting for all available **Kingdom Builders Team** after the morning service on **Sunday 26th July** in the Spire Centre. Nicky will run through the sessions, team expectations, and safeguarding. It shouldn't take too long but bring your lunch with you if you like!

Full plans for the team will be sent out by email this week and those that need printed copies can collect them from Nicky.

Monthly Prayer Diaries



Our Monthly Prayer Diaries (both for Christ Church and Emmanuel) have been slightly revised - if you would like an updated copy, please do take one - there will be a number of these available at both churches.



We featured in the Bath & Wells Diocesan Bulletin this past week as follows...



"The Prayer Boxes have been out and about again this month. This time, the church community in Weston-super-Mare shared their photos with us. They used the box as inspiration to explore prayer with pupils from Christ Church CofE Primary School.

By the end of their day focusing on prayer, seven classes and their staff had visited the church, including children of other faiths. More than 200 heart prayers covered the wall and nearly 100 prayers hung on the prayer tree.

The children prayed for different countries in the world, lit candles as they prayed for people who need God's help, prayed with play dough and pebbles, thanked God for making them special and unique, made pipe-cleaner figures of the people they were praying for, and prayed around the Lord's Prayer circle.

And a young member of their church community was one of those who shared a prayer with us as part of our Week of Prayer for Children and Young People." (click [here](#) to view this!)

THANK YOU!

And a big 'thank you' to Nicky & Angeline who organised all this with the school and headed-up the day - thank you!

More coffee anyone...?

Christ Church Lending Library



Do take a look at our Christ Church Lending Library when you get the chance. Most of the books on the display shelves are currently biographies or testimonies of Christians. Some of them are quite well known, like Brother Andrew who smuggled Bibles into communist countries. Others you may never have heard of. But they all have a story to tell of the adventure of living a life of faith.

You can borrow a book for as long as you wish – just put it in the 'Returns' tray when you bring it back.

And, if you wish to donate a book, please put it in the 'Donate' tray – thank you.

Bev

tearfund



Emergency Appeal

Tearfund still have their emergency appeal open 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](#).

Open Gardens

Our next Open Garden will be held on Saturday 25th July, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details



There will be a 'Celebration of Creation Care' at 10am on 9th September at Flourish House, Wells.

This will be a time of reflection, celebration, and sharing all that has been achieved as well as acknowledging the challenges.

Last year, some of you were able to support with the event and we would love to ask for your support again – whether that's joining participants, sharing how your role connects with this work, offering prayers, something to read or helping with activities on the day.

To book your place please click [here](#)



There will be a table at the back of Christ Church for the next couple of weeks with various Bibles, Study Bibles, Concordances, Commentaries, etc on. Please do have a look and take anything you might be interested in.

Anything which has not been taken by the end of the month will either be donated to Life Bookshop or disposed of.