Christ Church and Emmanuel, Weston-super-Mare

Connected

8th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 26th July 2026

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Matthew 5: 1-12

This Sunday concludes our 3-week look at the Beatitudes and why Jesus took time to share these ideals with the disciples as He begins to teach on what the Kingdom of God will be like.

As then, and now, where power tries to triumph, what does it mean to live in this counter-cultural way? We will be focusing-in on what it means to be peacemakers and becoming the children of God. How do we, as Christians, make a difference in our homes and communities, as well as the wider world, as we seek to share God's peace in a hurting world?

Emmanuel

Psalm 93: 3-5 + Matthew 13: 47-52

As we celebrate 'Seaside Sunday' this week at Emmanuel we will be...
(1) considering the awe of creation and what it tells us about the Creator;
(2) thinking about where we feel most at one with God;
(3) reflecting on "The Kingdom of Heaven". Is it now, or later, or both? And what is it/ what will it be like? What is required of us to participate in, and enjoy, the Kingdom of Heaven?

Connected Survey

Connected was launched in 2020 and has remained in its current format since then. With a few logistical things changing recently, and it having now been in circulation for six years, we felt it was a good time to review it. We believe that it is a great way of (as the name suggests!) everyone staying 'Connected', and ensuring that information is disseminated appropriately, but we would like to hear your feedback/opinions as the people who are regularly receiving it!

You will be handed a form on arrival at church this Sunday – if you could please complete the survey and then pop it in the box provided that would be great. The forms will continue to be available at both churches for a couple of weeks so that, if you happen to not be at church this Sunday but would like to fill one out, you are able to.

For those who are still very much part of our congregations but are unable to make it to a Sunday service, you should receive a copy via email which you can print off, complete, and return. If you don't get an email, or if you would prefer to receive a printed copy, please contact the office and we will arrange for one to get to you. It is not compulsory for everyone to fill one of these in but we would like as many people as possible to do so in order that we get a good selection of responses.

We would ask people to please fill this in honestly. The surveys are anonymous so we won't know how people have responded (although you are welcome to add your name if you wish!).

After a couple of weeks, the responses will be analysed and this should give us an idea of perhaps what is or isn't working and will allow us to make some decisions going forwards.

Thank you!

Prayer Pointers

Church Family:

"Lord, the one you love is sick" (John 11:3)

We lift up to you Lord our loved ones, those in our Church family who are sick, suffering, lonely, frightened, hurting, or bereaved - we pray that they may know your presence amidst their pain.

The Local Area:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1)

We live in troubled days. Pray for those in our community who are struggling with debts and the consequences to daily life that arise from these. We think of the Foodbank and all the volunteers involved. We think of CAP at this time and pray that this charity may spring-up once more and come to flourish in this place. We think of child poverty in the community - for the impact on stability in their lives, and for the right care for these children. We pray for our Deanery Synod members - for wisdom and God's guidance for the future.

National Prayer:

"Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling" (Psalm 2:10-11)

Take a moment and pause for a prayerful thought for the new Prime Minister, all the changes to come, and the party leaders. Pray that God will bring forth the people he wants to be in these positions, asking for His heavenly wisdom, and for the Holy Spirit to guide and prompt them. May we also take the time to pray and ask God to make a breakthrough to encourage the Prime Minister to listen and be willing to be led by Him.

Global Prayer:

"Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling" (Psalm 2:10-11)

Let's bring before the Lord the issues that face the world - the ongoing situation between Russia and Ukraine, the issues in the Strait of Hormuz, the conflicts around the Middle East, and the impact these are all having around the world. We pray for those who have been displaced and for the handling of the situation by those in power on all sides.

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 25th July
Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm
(see programme for details)

Monday 27th July
No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 28th July
Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 29th July
Kingdom Builders, 10:30am-12noon, at Christ Church
(for those who have registered)

Thursday 30th July
No Craft & Chat this week
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 1st August
Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

Sunday 2nd August
12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting after the service
(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)

Notices

Free Concordances At Christ Church

Most of the donated books went to good homes last week but we still have two Concordances left - if anyone wants these they will be on a table at the back.

Verse For The Week

" The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. "

Matthew 13: 44

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Coffee after the Service...

Open Gardens

The next Open Garden of the season will be held this Saturday, 25th July, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details

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.

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Christ Church Family Holiday Club!

PLEASE NOTE - there will be a meeting for all available Kingdom Builders Team after the morning service this 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!

Printed copies of the full plans can be collected from Nicky.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be on Saturday 1st August from 10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.

Wedding Blessing
Saturday 12th September
3pm at Christ Church

Keith & Jill's granddaughter is being married in Gran Canaria on Friday 11th September but Keith will be blessing their marriage in a service at Christ Church on the Saturday. They would love to have their Church family join them to witness this special occasion, followed by some light refreshments.

If you plan to come along, please let Keith & Jill know.

Anne Baxter's Funeral

Anne Baxter's funeral is now due to take place at Emmanuel Church on Friday 14th August at 2pm.

All church family are invited to attend.

Ambassadors Christmas Lunch!

The Beachlands Hotel
Friday 4th December
12:30pm (for 1pm)
Cost £30

Christmas seems a long way off but please do sign-up for our Christmas lunch as soon as possible (there will be a limit on numbers) and give your deposit of £10 to Kathy Hinchliffe.

For those at Emmanuel who would like to attend, please either contact Kathy directly or speak to Emma in the Church Office.