

Connected

9th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Christ Church

Matthew 4: 18-22 (ICB)

Sermon Snippets

Emmanuel

Isaiah 55: 1-5 + Matthew 14: 13-21

(Anglican Communion presided over by URC Minister)

During our August services we will be joining the Kingdom Builders and exploring the Kingdom of God through passages in Matthew's Gospel.

This week we hear the story of the calling of the first disciples and we'll be thinking about our own reactions to the call from Jesus to 'come as we are' and follow him.



If you're a fan of TV's Sewing Bee, you will know that one of the weekly challenges is to repurpose 'old' garments to make something new and trendy. Each contestant has to look at what's on offer and create something from, well, not exactly nothing, but not very much!

In this week's readings, we see God's creative work in the world - welcoming God's beloved children into a world of plenty - and then we move on to see how Jesus interprets that by transforming a simple packed lunch into an abundant feast.



Seaside Sunday At Emmanuel

families could come and worship. They lived in shacks between the church and the sea and, by some 'old-timers', is still known as 'the donkey church'. One of the 'donkey boys' brought a donkey up from the beach and we would have our service outside sitting under the tree. However, donkeys are herd animals and it seemed unfair to get one to stand on its own while we sang hymns etc. so we now have our service in the church (minus a donkey!) but, each year, find a different theme.

We celebrated Seaside Sunday last Sunday with a special service based on creation and the wonders of the world that God had created. Rev Will spoke to us of the majesty of the seafront and the nightly sunsets over the sea that were so beautiful and wondrous that he felt compelled to go down to see them and marvel at God's creation. And I interviewed Karen who had been born in one of the houses at the bottom of Ashcombe Park; one day her father wanted to do some maintenance and took the floor up in the cupboard under the stairs to find the tide was going in and out under their house!

We had special prayers and sang hymns such as 'Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean' and 'Eternal Father Strong To Save'. We also used an offertory prayer for Seaside Sunday and ended the service with a special blessing for Creation.

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Prayer Pointers

Father God, we praise you for
your constant faithfulness in this
ever-changing world.

Church Family:

We give praise and thanks for our youth ministry team as they bring Kingdom Builders to Christ Church during this summer break. We pray for this ministry within our church; for strength and efforts of all those who are taking part as they work tirelessly to sow His seed and make this fabulous event happen. We pray that this event will bear fruit in the lives of those who attend.

National Prayer:

A young person has been found at a Funeral Directors - the family thought that the body had been cremated two years ago. Please pray for the family and their friends; for justice, truth, and peace to prevail. We pray for the new medication which has been designed to help with MS symptoms and for the decisions made by those involved in the research of this product, using their God-given gifts.

Global Prayer:

We pray for the earthquake in Japan - people are trapped in a shopping centre. Pray for the emergency services involved with sifting through the rubble for bodies and survivors. We also think of the fires around the continent at this time - with temperatures reaching around 40 degrees Celsius, these fire are spreading at an incredible rate. We pray for those who have lost their homes, for peace for the families affected, for the impact on the environment that these fires are causing, and for the safety of those who are fighting the fires.

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What's On This Week

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)

Monday 3rd August

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 4th August

No Parish Prayers this week
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 5th August

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

Thursday 6th August

No Craft & Chat this week
No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 8th August

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

Sunday 9th August

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Monthly Prayer Diaries

If you would like an updated Monthly Prayer Diary, these are still available to pick-up from both churches.

Church Weekend At Home

Bookings for our Church Weekend At Home (9th-11th October) will open next week... full details will follow in next week's Connected...

Verse For The Week

"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number - living things both large and small."

Psalms 104: 24-25

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...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning



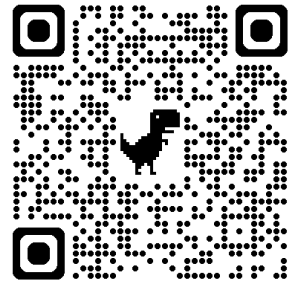
The next
'Coffee Morning
and Sale' at
Emmanuel is this
Saturday, 1st
August, from
10:30am-12noon

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

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Christ Church Family Holiday Club!

If you would like to
donate towards our
Kingdom Builders
Family Holiday Club please click [here](#)
or scan the QR code shown (also
available at the back of Christ Church)



Open Gardens

The next Open
Garden of the
season will be
held on Saturday
8th August, from
2:30pm-5pm



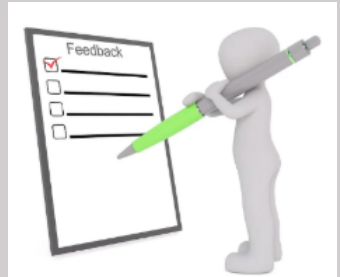
Please see the Programme for
host/address details

Connected Survey

Please see last week's Connected for more
information regarding this.

If you did not get to fill one of these surveys
in last Sunday, please do ask for one when
you arrive at church this week - there will be
a handful of these available for you to have your say. Please complete this
(honestly!) and, once done, place it in the box provided.

And, as stated last week, if you would like to fill one of these in but are
unable to get to church (&/or have not received a copy via email), please do
contact Emma in the Church Office and she will ensure you get one.



Men's Breakfast Christ Church

**Saturday
22nd
August
8:30am-
10am
COST: £5**

A cooked breakfast together
followed by a talk from Chris Cole -
hearing all about his trip to Nepal.

If you would like to attend, please
add your name to the sign-up sheet
at Christ Church.

Or, if you are
at Emmanuel
and would like
to come along,
please notify
Paul Sodzi or
contact the
Church Office.



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.

Anne Baxter's Funeral

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

All church family are invited to attend.



More coffee anyone...?



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.

Venue: Uphill Methodist Church

4 Uphill Rd S, WsM BS23 4SD

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

When: First Wednesday of each month

Aug 5th Bring an object to inspire writing

Sept 2nd About Publishing

RSVP: tavah@gertrudejames.co.uk



Please share this with any 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!)



Christian Retreat Centre

Uphill Methodist Church

Uphill Road South, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, N. Somerset BS23 4SD

QUIET DAY

Thurs - 6th August

10AM - 12NOON

KNOWN TO GOD

Led by

The Rev Karen Murphy

A time of Reflection

**In these days of challenge and change
To seek the peace and presence of
God**



Come And Sing With BBC Songs of Praise!

Saturday 15th August 2026

13:30 - 17:30

Doors open at 12:30

30 minute tea break included!

Holy Trinity Church

Hamp St, Bridgwater, TA6 6AR

Tickets are free!

Scan the QR code or go to:

<https://forms.office.com/e/A7n21qsDVK>



To book a place, scan the QR code
(available at both churches) or click [here](#)



**'Celebration of Creation
Care' at 10am on
9th September at
Flourish House, Wells**

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

Wedding Blessing

Saturday 12th September

3pm at Christ Church

If you would like to attend Keith
& Jill's granddaughter's wedding
blessing, please let them know.

They would love to have their Church family join
them to witness this special occasion, followed
by some light refreshments.

