

Connected

10th Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 9th August 2026

Church Weekend At Home

"The church you've always wanted - living in the extravagance of God's blessings"

From **9th-11th October** we will be holding our fourth **"Church Weekend At Home"**. It's a time to enjoy each other's company, have some great teaching from Bishop Mike, worship, eat together... and also, at the end of the day, go back to our own beds!

We've held a few of these before and they've been a great success. It is for both our church families and will be based at Christ Church.

The weekend will include supper on the Friday evening. On both Saturday and Sunday our time together will start with tea/coffee and pastries. On Saturday morning **Bishop Mike Hill** will be looking at the **book of Ephesians** with us (see his strapline above!). We are planning a group for children during part of the morning. Then there will be lunch and, after this, an optional gentle walk. The evening will include a fish and chip supper (or you can order other chip shop



alternatives) with music and fun! On the Sunday, there will be themed services (with Bishop Mike at Christ Church and with John Birkett at Emmanuel) to finish the weekend. Although it would be wonderful if you can make all the sessions, you don't have to come to every one.

The cost of the weekend is **£30 per adult** (children come free) which will include all the food. If you wish to miss the Saturday evening the cost is £22.

We have kept the price the same as two years ago meaning costs will be tight but, if you might be able to pay a bit extra to help with the finances (including a gift for Bishop Mike), that would be greatly appreciated! Also, if you would love to come but are having difficulty finding all the money, do please have a word with Tom.

For details on how to 'book' and make payment, please see 'Coffee after the Service' (page 3)...

We look forward to joining you on what will be a great weekend!

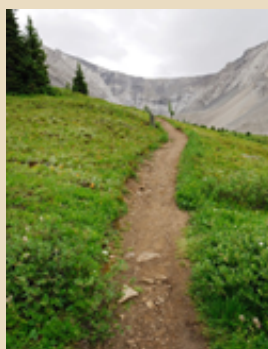
Tom & Di

Christ Church

Matthew 7: 13-14

My brother-in-law is seeking to buy a house. He was saying there will be all sorts of pros and cons attached to any house but, at the end of the day, he will have to make a simple choice – to buy it or not.

In our reading, Jesus also talks about a simple choice if we want to be part of His Kingdom – are we going to make him our 'King' or not... come along / tune in as we look at this together.



Sermon Snippets

Emmanuel

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 + Matthew 14: 22-33

Man and Superman...

Humans are highly intelligent, creative, and innovative yet there are limits to our ability. There is a lower limit of not using our ability fully because of laziness or lack of self-esteem etc. There is also an upper limit of overreaching ourselves by thinking we can do more than is possible - the hubris of pride, arrogance, or dangerous overconfidence.

Our readings this morning focus on how despair can be turned to hope and what rescues us from foolishness.



Prayer Pointers

Saturday

We pray for Alan and Maureen's Open Garden - that it will be a good time of fellowship for our two churches.

Sunday

We pray for the Deaf Church which takes place at Emmanuel every second Sunday of the month - for those who lead it and for those who attend.

Monday

We give thanks for Nicky and her team leading Kingdom Builders over the summer - that more children and their families will want to know more of the Bible stories which they have been looking at.

Tuesday

We give thanks that, each Tuesday, the Lord puts his hand on the lunch being cooked at Emmanuel for those who come into The Beacon. Whatever the numbers it always goes round. And we pray for the volunteers, that the Lord will give them the right words to say to those who come in, and for Jeff as he leads the Bible study.

Wednesday

Today is the monthly 1662 Communion Service at Emmanuel. We pray that the rich wording that is used helps those who are there to draw closer to God.

Thursday

We pray for rain - that it will help put out the wildfires that are devastating so many peoples' lives.

Friday

Today is Anne Baxter's funeral. We pray for Tom as he takes it and for Ian, her son. May Ian feel supported by all who are there.

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What's On This Week

Saturday 8th August

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

Sunday 9th August

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 10th August

Ladies Together Afternoon Tea, 2:30pm, Christ Church

Tuesday 11th August

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

Wednesday 12th August

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

Thursday 13th August

No Craft & Chat this week
No Welcome Group this week

Notices

Monthly Prayer Diaries

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

Verse For The Week

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 7: 13-14

On Friday 7th August the Diocese is praying for church musicians using the following prayer from the monthly Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

Lord, bless our church musicians and all granted the gift of music through voice, instruments, and composing in music and lyrics. May every note and lyric reflect your glory and sing your praise. Amen

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

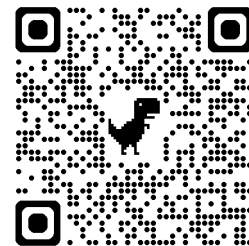
Coffee after the Service...



To book... please pop your name on the sign-up sheet (available at both churches). And, at the same time, if you are planning to be around on the Saturday evening, please also select your choice for the fish & chip supper.

To pay...

- (1) please click [here](#); or
- (2) visit the Christ Church website and click on 'Church Life' / 'Church Weekend At Home 2026'; or
- (3) scan the QR code; or
- (4) pay by cash or card (see either David White at Christ Church/Carl Evans at Emmanuel or Emma in the Office).



If paying online, you will see the three options available at the bottom of the webpage. If you are able to make an additional donation towards costs, please select the option for your 'tickets' and also the option for paying an 'extra donation'. Then, when in your basket, you can increase both as desired.

Example: if you were booking for the whole weekend for two people, plus able to pay an additional £5 towards costs, this is what your basket should look like:

	Product	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
✖	 Church Weekend At Home 2026: All Sessions	£30.00	2	£60.00
✖	 Church Weekend At Home 2026: Extra Donation	£1.00	5	£5.00

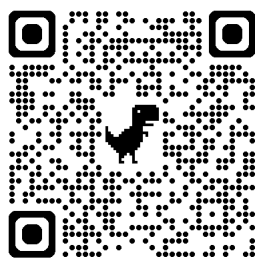


KINGDOM BUILDERS

Please do join us for our Kingdom Builders Holiday Club 'Celebration Service'

on Sunday 23rd August at 10:30am ... and stay afterwards for a 'Builders Tea Break' of drinks and cake! Everyone is welcome!

And, 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). Thank you!



Men's Breakfast - Christ Church

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

A cooked breakfast together followed by a talk by 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.



Open Gardens

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

Please see the Programme for host/address details



Connected Survey

Last chance this weekend to complete a survey...!



There are still a few of these available at both churches. If you haven't yet filled one in but would like to, please do grab one, complete it, and pop it in the box provided on Sunday.

Ladies Together Afternoon Tea

Monday 10th August at 2:30pm



Ladies, please do join us on Monday for afternoon tea!

More coffee anyone...?



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>



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

'Celebration of Creation Care'

9th September at 10am 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](#).

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.

Confirmation Service

There is going to be a Confirmation Service taking place at Wells Cathedral on 7th November at 2pm.



If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please speak to Tom or Di.



ANNE BAXTER'S FUNERAL

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WILL BE AT 2PM AT
EMMANUEL CHURCH ON
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST
(FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS)

ALL CHURCH FAMILY ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND.



Wedding Blessing
Saturday 12th
September at 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 light refreshments.