

Connected

Sunday 16th August 2026

11th Sunday After Trinity

Good News For All?

Many of you know I took a break from preaching and leading earlier this year. Inspired by last autumn's series on reading the Bible I wanted more time to look afresh at the Scriptures.

The 'good news' of the Bible has appealed to people in different ways down through history. Each generation finds

a new relevance in the big story of God's redemption, and I wanted to see what its relevance might be some thirty years after my last serious study.

I want to share with others some of the exciting things I learnt and am holding three evening sessions in the Spire Centre on Sundays 13th, 20th, and 27th September at 6pm. Each session will last about an hour with a Biblical reflection from me followed by an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Although the three weeks will make a series, each week will stand alone as we look at what might be Good News for our society, then for our community, and then how the Good News should reshape our individual lives.

So, book the dates in your diaries now!

Terry



SEPTEMBER 2026						
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Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Matthew 13: 31-32

Six centuries after the birth of Jesus, in a land approximately 3,797km away (or 2,359 miles in the old money!), the man who would become St. David preached the following in his final Sunday sermon, "Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have seen me do". I don't know which text he was preaching on, but it could very well have been the one we're looking at this week.

In the hands of Jesus, even the smallest efforts help build a huge Kingdom.



Emmanuel

Matthew 5: 1-12 + Isaiah 26: 1-4

This Sunday we will be heading back to the Beatitudes and looking at 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?



Prayer Pointers

Sunday: We bring before the Lord our worship today - that it will honour Him and build us up to walk in His ways in the week ahead.

Monday: We pray for Tom and Di as they put together the Church Weekend At Home. And that all of us who are free will sign-up for it.

Tuesday: Last Sunday was International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. We pray that, in all our diversity, we honour the fact that each and every one of us is made in the image of God.

Wednesday: We pray for the confirmation service at the Cathedral in the autumn - that anyone considering being confirmed will join the group that Tom and Di are setting-up for people to explore this new step in their faith journey.

Thursday: We pray for those away on holiday - that they have safe travelling and a bonding time together.

Friday: We pray for all emergency workers (police, ambulance drivers, doctors and nurses working in A+E, etc) - that they will be kept safe and have the skills that are needed for the many and varied situations they are called to.

Saturday: It is the Men's Breakfast this morning and an Open Garden this afternoon. We pray that both events are well-supported and a time for bonding of our two churches.

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What's On This Week

Monday 17th August

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 18th August

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 19th August

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

Thursday 20th August

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 22nd August

Men's Breakfast from 8:30am-10am at Christ Church
(for those who have signed-up)

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

Sunday 23rd August

Kingdom Builders Celebration Service at Christ Church

Notices

Di Unavailable

Please note that Di will be unavailable on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August.

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Saturday 29th August til Friday 11th September inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

Isaiah 26: 3-4

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...

Church Weekend At Home

Dates: 9th-11th October
Speaker : Bishop Mike Hill

Please see last week's Connected, the website, or the information sheets at the back of both churches for an overview of what will be happening at our next Church Weekend which will be held in October.

The weekend will start with supper on the Friday evening, run through the whole day on Saturday, and finish after the Sunday morning services.

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.

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.

For those who have already put their names on the sign-up sheet but not yet paid, please do so as per the options below...

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 Church 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 join us for a '**Builders Tea Break**' - drinks and cake - following the Kingdom Builders Holiday Club 'Celebration Service' next Sunday, 23rd August... 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 (also available at the back of Christ Church).

Thank you!



Men's Breakfast - Christ Church

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



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

Last chance to sign-up this Sunday - add your name to the sheet at Christ Church or, if you are at Emmanuel and would like to come along, please notify Paul Sodzi or contact the Office.

Open Gardens

The next Open Garden of the season will be held on Saturday 22nd August from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details



Confirmation Service

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



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