



July/August 2026



Remembering God's constant love as seasons change

July's **Teatime Church Service** is taking place on Sunday 12th July, 4pm – 5:15pm. At this service, we will be reflecting on the end of the school year and thinking about exciting things ahead, remembering that God is with us at all times.

We will be exploring Ecclesiastes 3: 1-12, which is all about recognising that even though there are many changes that happen in our lives, God is a reassuring constant. It also reminds us all to embrace the present and appreciate the ordinary, everyday gifts that God provides.

Children will be able to make their own clay plant pot; create their own clock; paint a picture of a happy moment, decorate a keyring to keep as a reminder of God's constant love, and play with a summer garden-themed tuff tray.

We take a break from Teatime Church over the summer holidays, then meet again on 27th September.



Please also join us for our summer **Teddy Bears' Picnic** on Saturday 11th July, 11:30 – 1pm at The Vicarage Garden (not at the church!). Please visit <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/upcoming-childrens-events-and-services/> to book your place.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

This month, we are thinking about a particular book in the Bible.

The **Bible** is like a library made up of a number of books written by many different people over many years.

The **Old Testament** books were written before Jesus was born. They are the holy stories he would have grown up hearing and reading. There are 39 of these.

The **New Testament** tells us the stories of Jesus and his followers. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

RUTH

1 SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL

1 KINGS

2 KINGS

1 CHRONICLES

2 CHRONICLES

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

SONG OF SOLOMON

ISAIAH

JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS

1 CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1 THESSALONIANS

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TITUS

PHILEMON

HEBREWS

JAMES

1 PETER

2 PETER

1 JOHN

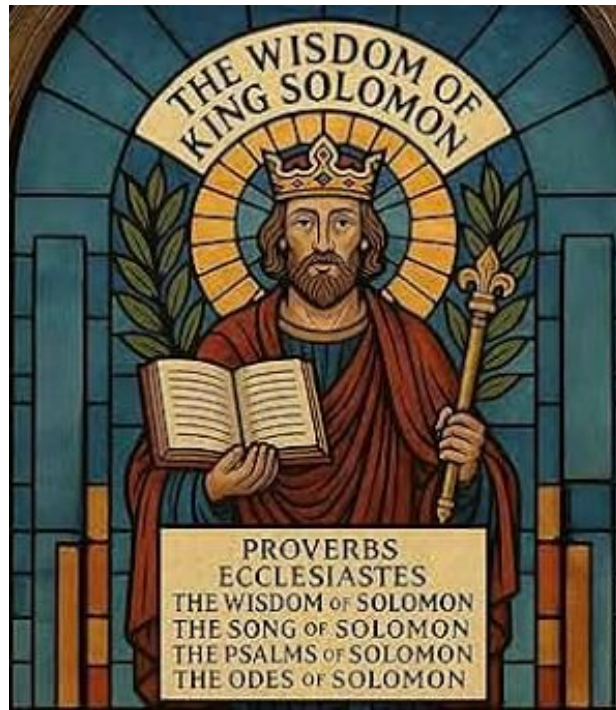
2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

REVELATION

LAW • HISTORY • POETRY & WISDOM • MAJOR PROPHETS
MINOR PROPHETS • GOSPELS • HISTORY • LETTERS OF PAUL
GENERAL LETTERS • PROPHECY



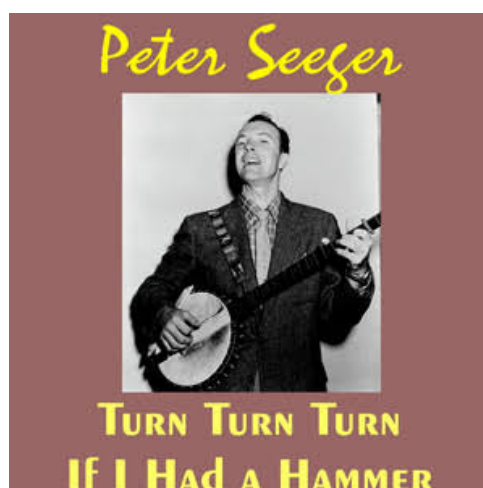
The book of Ecclesiastes is from a group of Old Testament books known as 'wisdom literature'. Wisdom literature has a collections of wise sayings to help guide the lives of the readers and to start important discussions.

The book of Ecclesiastes was most likely written by King Solomon (who was famous for his wisdom) around 940 BC.

In the book, he is encouraging us to think again about all the different times/seasons we find ourselves in – the good and the bad, the difficult and the easy – and he is reminding us that God is always with us in whatever time we find ourselves. So at the end of the school year; at the beginning of a new one, and at the start of each season, for example.

His advice is to remember to enjoy the moment as God has a plan for us all so we can trust in that and be satisfied.

There is a song called *Turn! Turn! Turn!* which was written in 1959. The lyrics consist of the first eight verses of the third chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes so do have a listen – and we will have a listen at Teatime Church too!



There Is a Time for Everything

3 There is a right time for everything.
Everything on earth has its special season.

² There is a time to be born
and a time to die.
There is a time to plant
and a time to pull up plants.

³ There is a time to kill
and a time to heal.
There is a time to destroy
and a time to build.

⁴ There is a time to cry
and a time to laugh.
There is a time to be sad
and a time to dance.

⁵ There is a time to throw away stones
and a time to gather them.
There is a time to hug
and a time not to hug.

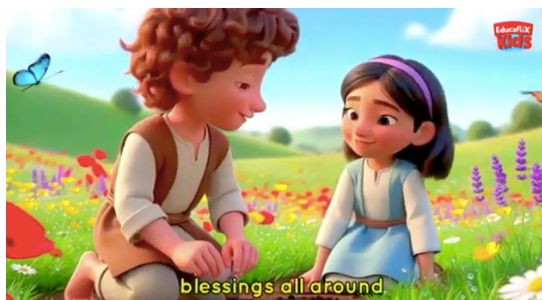
⁶ There is a time to look for something
and a time to stop looking for it.
There is a time to keep things
and a time to throw things away.

⁷ There is a time to tear apart
and a time to sew together.
There is a time to be silent
and a time to speak.

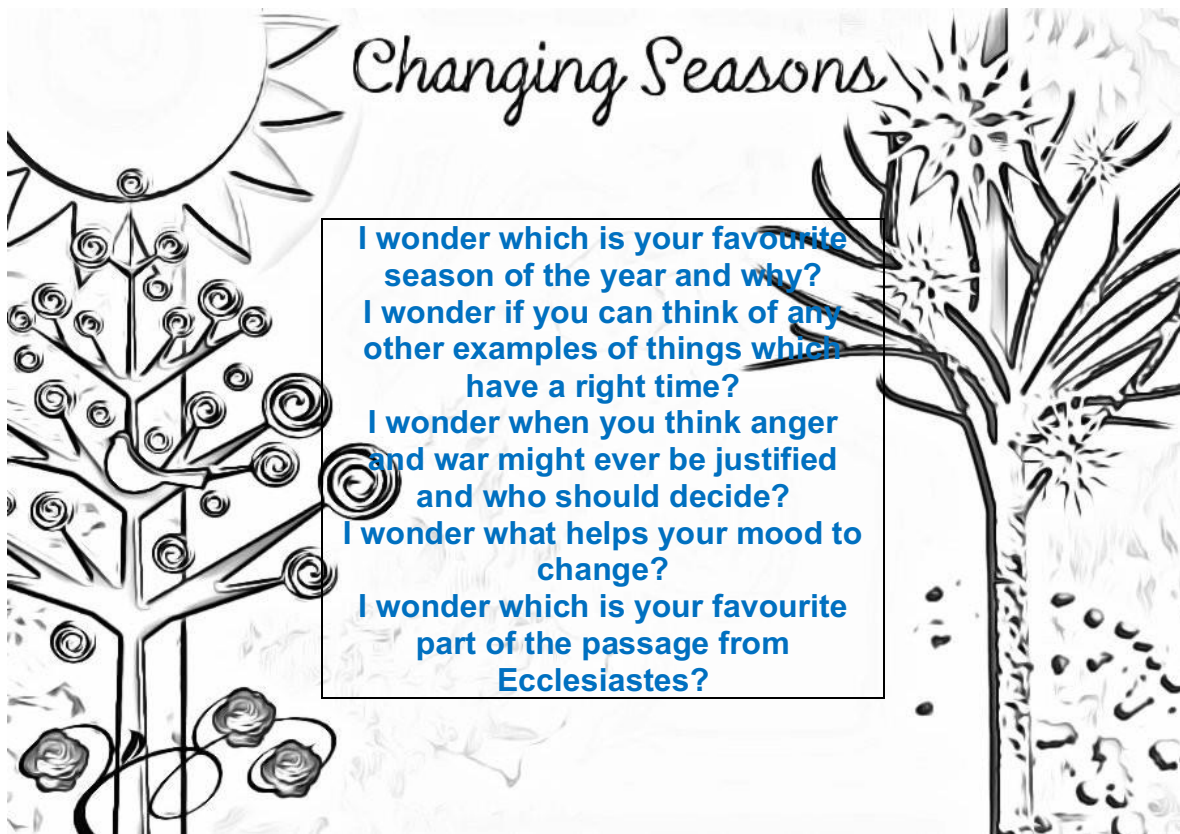
⁸ There is a time to love
and a time to hate.
There is a time for war
and a time for peace.

⁹ Does a person really gain anything from his work? ¹⁰ I saw the hard work God has given us to do. ¹¹ God has also given us a desire to know the future. God certainly does everything at just the right time. But we can never completely understand what he is doing. ¹² So I realise that the best thing for people is to be happy. They should enjoy themselves as long as they live.

Please click on the following link for a children's song *Everything Has Its Time*, based on Ecclesiastes 3



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59qcRkDc_5Y



Our monthly prayers

Loving God, we thank you for all that it is has meant to us to be a part of school and church this year.

We give thanks for our friends, our teachers, our families, our leaders and all that we have done together.

We pray that we will each have a lovely summer and then settle happily into new school years, remembering that God is with us at every life stage.

Amen.

Dear God,

Thank you for being with me in every season.

When things change you stay the same.

I trust you in the good times and the harder times.

Thank you that you are consistent in everything that you say and do, and that I can root myself in you as my solid rock.

I love you Jesus!

Amen

God of joy,

Help us to find joy and happiness in all we do,

And to share our joy in you with everyone around us.

We give our praise and thanks to you.

Amen

*For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear;
I will help you. Isaiah 41:13*

Community information

Toddlers Together: Our parent and toddler group



Toddlers Together, our parent and toddler group held at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church Hall, runs every Thursday 10-11:15am during term time. All are very welcome! Details can be found on our website <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-and-family/parents-and-toddlers/>. This term runs until from 4th June until 16th July. Toddlers Together then starts back after the summer holidays on 10th September.



A Messy Church event is being held at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church Hall on 6th August, 10.30 - 12.30. Please e-mail Marion marioncollis@ymail.com to book your place.

A colorful poster for a Messy Church Recycling event. The background is light green with a dark green wavy border at the top. The Messy Church logo is in the top left. The text "Westbury -on-Trym Methodist Church" is in the top right. The main title "MESSY CHURCH RECYCLING" is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, the date and time "6th August 10:30 - 12:30" are in a black box. To the left of the date is a recycling symbol. Below the date are four boxes: "Free Family Fun", "Creative crafts", "Worship and songs", and "Messy Play". Below these are two more boxes: "Lunch" and "Tea, coffee and squash". At the bottom, there is contact information for Marion and the church address. The poster is decorated with illustrations of children, a recycling bin, a plastic bottle, and a bag of groceries.

Messy Church

Westbury -on-Trym
Methodist Church

**MESSY CHURCH
RECYCLING**

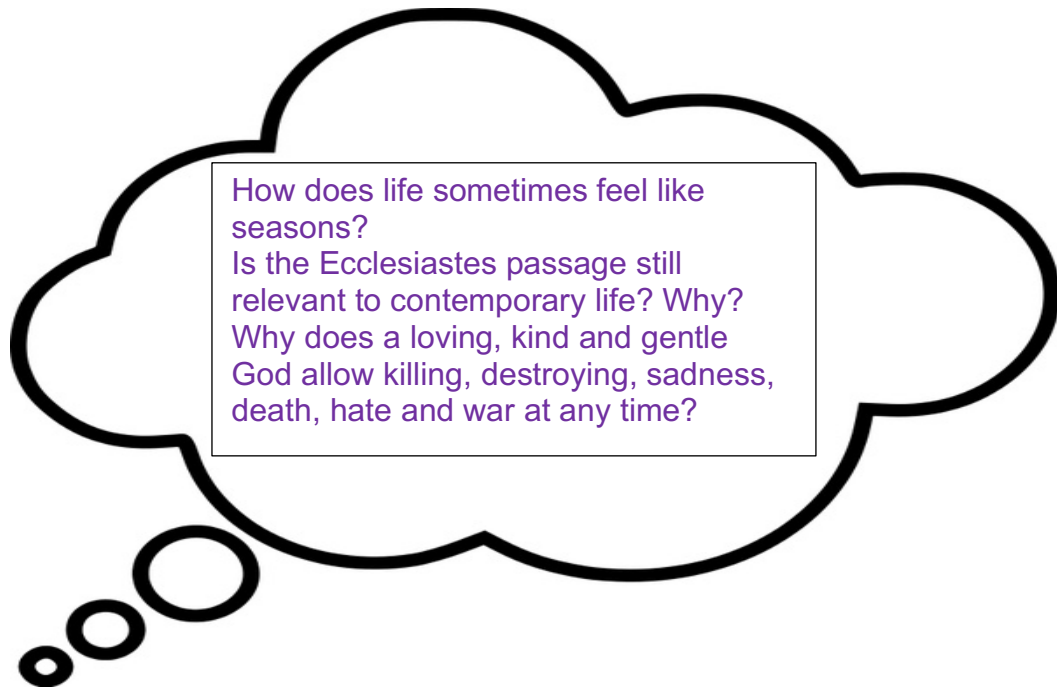
**6th August
10:30 - 12:30**

Free Family Fun Creative crafts
Worship and songs Messy Play
Lunch Tea, coffee and squash

For booking and information contact
Marion marioncollis@ymail.com

Westbury-on-Trym
Methodist Church,
46 Westbury Hill, BS9 3AA

Some questions for the whole family to think about at home...please do come to Teatime Church with any questions that you have.



Please click on the following link if you would like to donate to Westbury on Trym PCC to support the work and mission of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury-on-Trym. Thank you
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/westbury-on-trym-holy-trinity-bristol/>

From Georgie and the Teatime Church Team
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HOLY TRINITY
WESTBURY ON TRYM - BRISTOL

TEATIME CHURCH DATES 2026



Teatime Church is our monthly Sunday Service for children and families. It is a very relaxed service with a range of crafts, toys, LEGO corner, baby area, interactive songs, story and prayer. This is followed by supper for all the children and refreshments for the adults. There is plenty of opportunity to move around the church and make some noise whilst learning about God's love for everyone. All are very welcome!

Teatime Church is held at the back of Holy Trinity Church in Westbury-on-Trym from 4 - 5:15pm but you are welcome to join us during any part of the service.

Please visit our website for more details about specific services.

The dates for 2026 are:

11th January
15th February
8th March
3rd April: Good Friday Crafts
17th May
21st June
12th July
27th September
4th October: At the Harvest Festival
15th November
6th December

<https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/teatime-church/>

Email Georgie at familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

Volunteers needed for our work with children and families



All of our children's services and events have started the new year with great success and we are always looking for volunteers to support us with our work in this area. We always need volunteers to help us with the following:

Monthly Teatime Church Service (helping with crafts or with supper)

Toddlers Together (helping with crafts or in the kitchen)

Open the Book (a storytelling project where Bible stories are shared in school assemblies in a fun, interactive and memorable way)

Barton Camp Annual Trip

For all volunteer roles in the church it is a PCC requirement that new volunteers go through a safe recruitment process. The safe recruitment process ensures that everyone is properly equipped to carry out their role. As well as safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, it helps to protect both the volunteer and the church. The process involves reading and signing a Volunteer Role Description, undergoing a DBS check and undertaking Safeguarding Training. Church Leaders will be able to guide you through this process if support is needed.

We are also looking for members of the 10am congregation to attend Baptism Services. The Baptism Supporters will make promises on behalf of the church congregation and hand out the special Baptism Bears. Baptisms take place roughly once a month on Sundays, starting at 12.15pm.

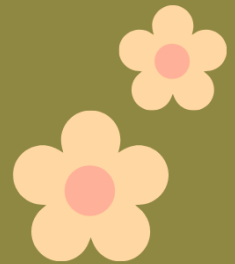
Please email Georgie in the first instance if you would like more information about volunteering at our children's services or groups or becoming a Baptism Supporter familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk

PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



Saturday 11th July, 11:30 to 1pm
The Vicarage Garden



A chance to gather, chat, play and thank those who volunteer at our children's groups and services.

Please bring your own baptism bear along with you if you have one or your own teddy bear!
Please bring your own picnic and blanket.

For more information and to book your place visit <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/upcoming-childrens-events-and-services/>



HOLY TRINITY
WESTBURY ON TRYM - BRISTOL



Do you love to sing? JOIN OUR JUNIOR CHOIR

Develop singing and performance skills
Free musical training following the *Voice for Life*
scheme of skills, including sight-singing, music
theory, reading music and vocal tuition

Modern and traditional songs

Enjoy music and making friendships

Free to attend

No singing experience necessary

Led by professional musicians who are fully DBS-
checked

To register your interest please contact
familyworker@westbury-parish-church.org.uk



Starting September 2026
For girls and boys aged 7+ (Y3 - Y8)
Held at Holy Trinity Church, BS9 3EQ
Mondays at 4:45 to 5:30pm with a break for
refreshments

<https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/choirs/>