

The Life-Giving Community of Christ

This 2026 summer sermon series is intended to be preached across all of our Sunday services, including Common Worship Order One, Family Holy Communion, Journey and Awake. Each type of service will approach the subject in their own individual way. The aim is to help our congregations understand who we are, and how we are to live, as Christ followers, and to help those on the fringes of the church community to explore what the Church of Jesus Christ is intended to look like and live like.

June 2026

1. Sunday 7th June 2026 – ‘**A Called Community**’

The church begins not with our initiative but with God’s call to service.

- **1 Peter 2:4-10**
- **Ephesians 4:1-16**
- **Mark 1:16-20**

2. Sunday 14th June 2026 – ‘**A Divine Community**’

The church is not merely a human institution — it is animated and directed by the Holy Spirit.

- **1 Corinthians 3:16-23**
- **Ephesians 2:14-22**
- **John 14:12-26**

3. Sunday 21st June 2026 – ‘**A Healing Community**’

The church is a place where Christ restores body, mind, and spirit.

- **James 5:13-18**
- **Acts 3:1-8**
- **Matthew 9:18-35**

4. Sunday 28th June 2026 - ‘**A Close Community**’

Genuine Christian fellowship is marked by a deep, sacrificial, love.

- **Acts 2:40-46**
- **Acts 4:32-37**
- **John 13:31-35**

July 2026

5. Sunday 5th July 2026 - 'A Prophetic Community'

We exist to announce the good news of Jesus Christ.

- **Romans 10:1-15**
- **Matthew 5:17-20, 38-48**
- **Luke 4:40-5:11**

6. Sunday 12th July 2026 – 'A Universal Community'

The church transcends geography, secular culture, and time.

- **Revelation 7:9-17**
- **Galatians 3:26-28**
- **Matthew 28:18-20**

7. Sunday 19th July 2026 – 'A United Community'

The lived-out unity of the church is the desire of Jesus and it enables Gospel mission.

- **John 17:20-23**
- **Ephesians 4:1-6**
- **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

8. Sunday 26th July 2026 – 'An Authentic Community'

We are called to truthfulness, integrity, and genuine discipleship.

- **Romans 12:9-21**
- **1 John 1:1-9**
- **Matthew 5:1-12**

August 2026

9. Sunday 2nd August 2026 – 'An Outward-Looking Community'

The church's daily life should plainly and simply point the world to Christ.

- **Acts 1:4-8**
- **Matthew 5:13-16**
- **John 6:22-35**

10. Sunday 9th August 2026 – **‘A Holy Community’**

The church is set apart for God’s purposes and is called to reflect his holy character.

- **1 Peter 1:13-21**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**
- **John 17:6-16**

11. Sunday 16th August 2026 – **‘A Sacramental Community’**

The church encounters Christ in the signs he gave us—baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

- **Acts 2:36-47**
- **1 Corinthians 11:17-26**
- **John 6:26-35**

12. Sunday 23rd August 2026 – **‘An Alternative Community’**

The church embodies a different and holistic way of being human—God’s design for all people.

- **Romans 12:1-2**
- **Philippians 2:12-17**
- **Luke 6:20-26**

13. Sunday 30th August 2026 – **‘A Sending Community’**

The church is gathered in order to be scattered—we are sent into the world on God’s mission.

- **John 20:19-31**
- **Isaiah 6:1-8**
- **Luke 10:1-23**

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