



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Queen didn't reveal what she thought about a whole host of subjects, but about her trust in Christ she has been open, clear and direct. Here are ten quotes that show something of the Queen's relationship with Christ and how that strengthened her and shaped the way she lived.

1. PUTTING HER SERVICE IN THE HANDS OF GOD

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it.' (21st birthday radio address, 1947)

2. THE ONLY WAY TO LIVE HER LIFE

'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God!' (2002)

3. WHY JESUS IS UNIQUE

'Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.' (2011)

4. WHAT SUSTAINS HER IN DIFFICULT TIMES

'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' (2000)

5. HOW CHRIST IS THE INSPIRATION IN HER LIFE

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.' (2014)

6. GOD'S GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

'The gift I would most value next year is that reconciliation should be found wherever it is needed. A reconciliation which would bring peace and security to families and neighbours at present suffering and torn apart. Remember that good spreads outwards and every little does help. Mighty things from small beginnings grow as indeed they grew from the small child of Bethlehem.' (1976)

7. JESUS GIVES US STRENGTH TO FOLLOW HIM

'Christ not only revealed to us the truth in his teachings. He lived by what he believed and gave us the strength to try to do the same - and, finally, on the cross, he showed the supreme example of physical and moral courage.' (1981)

8. HOW GOD RESTORED LOVE TO OUR LIVES THROUGH JESUS

'This is the time of year when we remember that God sent his only son 'to serve, not to be served'. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ.' (2012)



CULTIVATE

A dynamic 8-week planting course open to **everyone** in Fit for Mission.

'For Christ Church Eccleston, the timing of the Cultivate course is almost miraulous, as we seek God's purposes for our the Orchard, a course to help us do just that.'

Rev Sonya



WHY?

Why is it so urgent for us to think about new ways for people to first experience a faith community, find a place to belong, a place to contribute and in all of that, encounter Jesus?



PLANTING

How can planting worshipping communities help us live out God's justice in His world, demonstrating and telling others of the transforming nature of God's love and grace for everyone?



HERE

How can we respond together, with excitement and hope to the opportunities to increase worshipping communities and justice initiatives that emerge in every locality and network of our area?



CREATING

How can we turn our prayers, passions, skills and ideas into reality together. What will we need, how will we be supported, what do we do next?



The 8 week starter course

Week

01

Why are we here?

The church, which struggles to engage missionally with the world, is facing great change, and lay people are at the centre of this missional change. God chooses the weak and unlikely to accomplish his purposes.

Week

02

Why do we plant?

Planting offers the church a recognised way of being more missional, of engaging with those beyond our current communities of faith.

Week

03

How do we start?

Planting (and all of missional discipleship) is a journey, and the beginning of this journey is a "story of discernment", a personal call and vision. What is it, and how do we discern this for ourselves?

Week

04

What do we plant? (part 1)

New worship communities have a top 10 of key characteristics. In part 1, we look at "being missional", examining missional vision, missional culture, and the plan to make and grow disciple.

Week

05

What do we plant? (part 2)

In part 2, we look at "being church", examining the 5 Marks of a worship community: Community, Discipleship, Mission, Leadership and Worship.

Week

06

What do we plant? (part 3)

In part 3, we look at "being attentive", examining reflecting your context, the power of small, the need for leader makers, and the need to be empowered by prayer.

Week

07

How do we plant?

We look at the planting cycle, and we look at stories and examples of worship communities, local and international, and we re-visit our own call to mission.

Week

08

How do we keep going?

How do we persist in our journey of missional discipleship? We look at the power of urgency, the mystery of unfruitfulness, and the need for courage and perseverance.

'Sign up online with this link or scan the QR code, for the less techie there is a list at the back of Church.

'<https://tinyurl.com/mvf4nsfh>





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9. THE CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

'In difficult times we may be tempted to find excuses for self-indulgence and to wash our hands of responsibility. Christmas stands for the opposite... we need to go out and look for opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, even if that service demands sacrifice.' (1980)

10. WHY NO ONE IS BEYOND GOD'S LOVE

'For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflection, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive daily to become better people. The Christmas message shows us that this love is for everyone. There is no one beyond its reach.' (2013)

Article from Premier Christianity by Mark Greene
Image from the Royal Family's Press Office

Christ Church Eccleston
THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
at The Trapwood Centre

September to December 2022

2nd and 4th Thursdays

September 8th at 7 pm

Hot-pot Supper and Music by Parr family

September 22nd at 7.30

Theme for the year: Hebrews 13 v.8

Rev Bill Forster

October 13th at 7.30

A Walk along the River Weaver

David Clarkson

October 27th at 7 30

Introduction to Tai Chi. Wendy Pickering

November 11th at 7.30

Wartime Memories. Lucy Wilczek

November 25th at 7.30

Living with Change. David Leigh

December 8th

Christmas Lunch at the NALGO Club

**Eccleston Team
Ministry Celebration**

**Sun 25th Sept 2022
5pm @ St Matthews**

A celebration of our journey as a team &
an opportunity to pray for each of our parishes
as we start a season of transition.

Have we got it covered? .

As The Orchard is nearing completion, the landscaping around the building is in need of some ground cover plants. I have a beautiful silver leaved thingummybob that is squeezing out it's neighbour in my garden so I am going to split it and take some over to the Garden Gang next Thursday morning. I can't be the only one with some rampant ground cover going spare, so I'm wondering, can we make the Orchard landscape a shared collaborative community garden? If you have any to spare bring them to the Garden gang on a thursday between 9 and 11, or leave them on the vicarage doorstep.



All images courtesy of Mike Horton

Churchyard chat, with Mike Horton

The hedgerows around the Church field have yielded an amazing amount of blackberries (and a few raspberries) this year. So many people have taken advantage of this free harvest to collect the berries and turn them into delicious pies and crumbles. It makes so much sense to forage this delicious food supply made available on our doorstep. As the berries gradually disappear, the 'crab apple' tree -pictured left - in the Churchyard is absolutely heaving with tiny apples. Such a pity that they aren't edible - unless anyone knows of a way of using them. Any suggested recipes are very welcome!

Last but definitely not least - meet James (right) - the youngest member the Church gardening team by a considerable margin! During the school holidays, young James come down to help along with his Grandma Sue Brooks. James does a fantastic job removing all the twigs and braches from the grassed areas, which if not moved can cause damage to the lawnmowers and strimmers.

It's so nice seeing a young person taking such an interest in the Church and local community. His family should be so proud of him! Thanks James.



Somewhere over the rainbow with Jennie Platt

Rainbows have been a special treat throughout the summer, as Mike Horton's amazing photographs of rainbows recently over the Church field (below) show. Wikipedia describes rainbows rather formally as a 'meteorological phenomena that is caused by reflection, refraction and dispersion of light in water droplets resulting in a spectrum of light appearing in the sky'. Sometimes we are privileged to see a double rainbow and the order of the colours are reversed. Most of us learn the colours as- Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain - red/orange/yellow/green/blue/indigo and violet. In 1994, Archbishop Tutu and President Nelson Mandela called the new democratic post-apartheid South Africa the rainbow nations. For Christians, the rainbow represents a sign of God's covenant to never destroy all life on earth with a flood again. This is recorded in Genesis chapter 9 as part of the description of Noah and the flood. Perhaps recall this promise the next time you see a rainbow and reflect on the words from the second collect of evening prayer, 'give unto thy servants that peace that the world cannot give'.



Jennie's words above were written before the death of Her Majesty the Queen and before the incredible pictures of rainbows over Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace. Sometimes God gives us glimpses of glory and I am inspired both by the timing of Jennie's words and by the poignancy of Psalm 116 being appointed for evening prayer on the day the Queen died.

Rev Sonya



Funerals

Molly Davies
Pam Dickinson
Brenda Owen

Special Moments **with Jennie Platt**

Autumn creeps up on us and signs of fruit and nuts have been evident throughout August. We have had very hot or very wet days in the Lake District and I have tried to capture the changing scenery. I sent Mike Horton a photo across Morecambe Bay to Grange-over-Sands and he replied that you could hear the silence. A very perceptive comment which I thought suited several of my photos. I captured a bee on a delicate, blue thistle, a deer observing me and gentle, early morning cobwebs. A more energetic activity was a jay that visited the bird feeder collected a nut in its beak, moved to perch on a fence before transferring the nut to its feet to peck and eat.

September is the time when many students return to education. We all have our favourite ways to learn. I often add a phrase or word to remind me of features of animals that I might confuse. For example, a coot is recalled by WC - white beak is a coot not to be confused with the red beak of a moorhen. So, how did I get this wrong in the last magazine when I called a coot a moorhen? Clearly, not a reliable method to be followed. My granddaughter is having more success with her learning as can be seen in this exact copy of her writing which reflects our love of the beauty of the world.

The sun was drifting to the land. and the moon was drifting to the stars
The wind was blowing to the leaves on the trees, the wolves were howling to the moon.
the nature doing its thing
The bees were flying all over the land.
The berries were falling from the trees.
the nature doing its things.

Wren Platt age 6.

Best wishes
Jennie Platt





Noah finds favor

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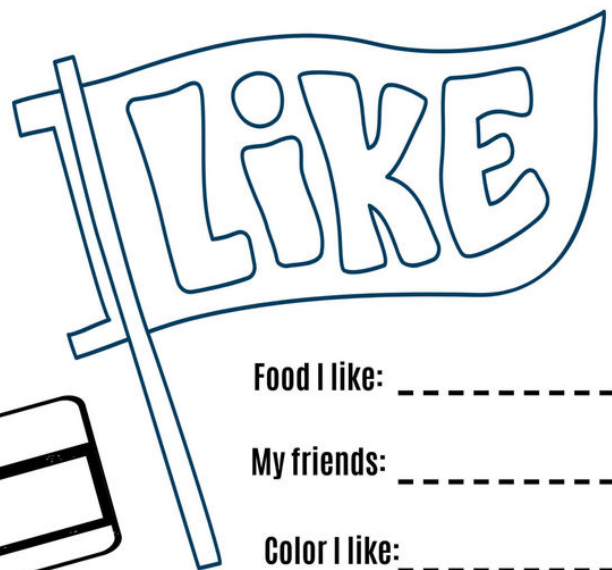
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- FILTHY
- SORRY
- TWOS
- PROMISE
- HAM
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- FLOOD
- LOOKED
- FORTY DAYS

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3173/>

This month's wordsearch is about Noah's ark - inspired by Jennie's coverage of rainbows in the magazine! And to celebrate going back to school, our activity celebrates your new year in a new class!



My name is: _____



Food I like: _____

My friends: _____

Color I like: _____