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Weekly Letter - 7 June 2026

Matthew 9:18-26

After Easter and Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, marking key points in Christian experience, the series of readings we usually follow returns to going through Matthew's gospel.

Here we have the story of the woman who had lived with a flow of blood for 12 years, in the middle of Jesus raising the daughter of a synagogue ruler. Both Mark (5:21-43) and Luke (8:40-56) give a lot more context and colour to their accounts. Matthew strips it back to the basics.

Neither the woman or the daughter are named, although Mark and Luke say the ruler's name is Jairus. A girl and a woman considered 'unclean' by the religious rules didn't count for much, but Jesus gave them compassion, time and healing.

The woman is crossing a boundary to even touch the fringe of Jesus' clothes, but he recognises her faith. The girl is unaware of what is happening but still responds to Jesus taking her hand: perhaps her father's faith is significant. There don't appear to be straightforward links between faith and healing.

As a church, we try to see those who are often overlooked. We look for ways of showing the compassion of Jesus. We also know our own need to touch and be touched by Jesus to restore us and help us live life in all its fulness. Please pause to pray that we can see the needs of those around us and find new life in Jesus.

Simon

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am led by Miss Sue Raad.

Bible Readings: Lamentations 3.19-26: Matthew 9.9-13 and 18-26.

Cycle of Prayer in the Region – we will pray for Hall Street, Llanelli

Prayers for every household – Brondeg nos. 2-32



Fairtrade goods will be available to buy in Church today.

Tuesday, 9th June – Tea and chat – 2-4 pm – Scams talk by Stephen Benson-Davison

Covenant Sunday

In 1975, the United Reformed Church, The Church in Wales, The Methodist Church, The Presbyterian Church of Wales and a handful of Baptist congregations, signed a covenant to commit to work together, recognise each other's ministries and work towards unity. The Sunday after Trinity Sunday was recommended as a way of celebrating the Covenant and reminding people about it.

The Commission of Covenanting Churches has worked on our behalf to make the aims of the Covenant a reality, but various schemes over the years have not got the agreement needed. There are those who say that the Covenant is not working, and other forms of working together have become more important. Please pray for wisdom for those who are involved in reviewing the situation.

Big Green Week – 6th – 14th June

The coming week is the Great Big Green Week. There are local events on (including the Environment Centre on Pier Street) but we can also mark it by appreciating creation around us, by doing something extra to reduce, re-use and recycle, or by doing something to improve our environment.

One of the simplest ideas suggested, for any of us who have a garden and would like to join in, is just to leave a corner a bit 'untidy'. Leave some grass uncut, perhaps a few weeds(!) or wildflowers and a pile of logs or sticks to create a small wild area. The idea is to encourage a variety of insects to help with pollination and provide a natural food source for garden birds. Hopefully all without too much hard work involved!

Events are happening nationwide including litter picks, repair cafes, nature walks, and many more... You can find out more at <https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/about>

Manselton Mix – 20th June, 10:30-12:30 at Christ Well

Please support our community morning this year.



The courage to be

Lectionary readings: Genesis 12.1-9 and Psalm 33.1-12: Hosea 5.15-6.6 and Psalm 50.7-15: Romans 4.13-25:
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26)

God of tenderness and truth,
we come – not just with our words,
but with complex histories we cannot always speak.

You see our hidden depths,
the needs we dare not express,
as we hide the truth of our vulnerability.

You know those places within us,
grief and toss tucked up in a corner,
self-sufficiency the veneer over unmet need.

Perfection is not what you ask of us,
only a desire to know you, and
the courage to be known in return.

Draw us close, and help us –
to drop the facade and rest easy
in the balm of your unconditional love.

May your touch temper our defences,
your tenderness draw out our truth,
and your life awaken our own.

Jennie Hill. (URC Prayer Handbook 2026)

