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Weekly Letter – 26 July 2026

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

You will have heard and read the parables of the extraordinary mustard seed, the treasure buried in a field, the pearl of great price, and the good and bad fish.

What is Jesus saying to us? Whenever you think about your life, its purpose, its meaning and ultimately where you are heading, it naturally means you will have to make a choice. And that whatever choice or choices you make will have everlasting consequences.

Clearly the choices Jesus is talking about are hugely significant, because he is concerned about the direction of your life. Furthermore, he will know, just as surely you and I know, that it's far from easy for us to know what's right, and what's wrong for us.

If all of the above is true, what does this mean in our daily lives. We need time to reflect on the decisions we make. Is this a good choice? Could I do better, and if so how? Who can help me to think about the direction of my life? Now let's remind ourselves to see what the parables can say to us about future choices.

The parable of the mustard seed points to be daring once again, and with the humility of the small seed, leave the future up to God. This is not a passive choice, but an active one.

The pearl of great price focuses our minds on the urgency in responding to the call to us to seek God's Kingdom.

The merchant who finds a priceless pearl reminds us that if you really believe in God's future you will give more, and more in order to just have an inkling of this priceless pearl.

The final parable reminds us that there is within ourselves and all around the coexistence of good and evil, and this needs to be faced honestly today, tomorrow and at the end of the age. That is, God will bring his plan of salvation to its climax. But, God is also asking us to be faithful to his Word.

Stephen

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Peter Noble
Bible Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52.

Cycle of Prayer in the Region – we will pray for Temple, Gowerton

Prayers for every household – Pwll y Domen

A Blessing for others

As we pray, we ask God to offer a blessing to those for whom we have concern.
O God, you know the concerns of our hearts; in naming them before you,
we consciously bring them to our attention, knowing that they are held in
your compassionate embrace.

SUMMER SALSA ACTIVITY MORNING – WEDNESDAY, 29th JULY – 11.00-12.30pm

Chat, Dance and Make, in Church hall
Fun for all ages and Refreshments

ECO CHURCH NEWS – BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT - 17TH JULY TO 9TH AUGUST 2026

Where are all the butterflies?

We are in a butterfly emergency and we need your help more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies. If you would be happy to take part in this survey please visit: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> and follow the instructions as mentioned on the web page.

If you take part in the Count, please let any member of the Eco Church team know the results of your count. It would be good to produce a church summary of our involvement in the Big Butterfly Count.

