





## **Summer Term 2023 at Christ Church Clifton**

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# John McGinley's book *The Church of Tomorrow* is such a timely book that it has been selected for the first ever Big New Wine Read this Summer

At Christ Church we will be basing our Summer Term weekly teaching on the chapters of the book. We are encouraging everyone to get hold of a copy of the book and read it alongside the weekly teaching. If you haven't yet ordered a copy of the book, you can do so at ccweb.org.uk/bigread

#### 30th April - Session 1 - The Church of Tomorrow

**Introduction - Matthew 16:1-20.** What does it mean to be the Church in this generation and cultural moment, and to have a vision for renewal?

#### 7th May - Session 2 - Jesus is Lord

**Chapter 1 - Ephesians 1:19b-23.** What does it mean to be the Church in a Post-Christendom society where the prevailing culture can often be opposed to the Gospel and where other false gods compete for lordship of our lives?

#### 14th May - Session 3 - Dependent on the Holy Spirit

**Chapter 2 - Ephesians 1:17-20.** What might it look like for the Church to not only believe the teachings of Jesus, but to actually do the things He commanded us to do?

#### 21st May - Annual Church Family Meeting

### 28th May - Session 4 - Confidence in the Gospel

**Chapter 3 - Ephesians 2:1-5.** Why do we all seem to find sharing Jesus such a struggle? How can we regain confidence in the Gospel?

#### 4th June - All In Gathering - Child Baptisms

#### 11th June - Session 5 - A Disciple-Making Community

Chapter 4 - Ephesians 4:1-5 & 14-16. How can the Church live once again in the calling of the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations?

John McGinley will be speaking this week

#### 18th June - Session 6 - Churches That Plant Churches

**Chapter 5 - Acts 19:1-10.** How do we understand the Church as a missionary movement, open to the new thing that the Spirit is doing in bringing renewal and reaching the lost?

#### 25th June - Session 7 - A Diverse Leadership

**Chapter 6 - Ephesians 2:11-22.** What challenges does the New Testament give us in terms of how the Church is to understand 'ministry' and 'leadership', break the stranglehold of clericalism and embrace the Biblical model of 'every-memberministry?

#### 2nd July - Session 8 - A Holy People

**Chapter 7 - Ephesians 5:1-20.** How do Christians live in our calling to be 'in the world but not of the world?' How do we remain engaged and connected, yet holy and pure?

#### 9th July - Session 9 - Prioritising Prayer

**Chapter 8 - Ephesians 6:10-17.** How might we reclaim the reality of the spiritual battle we live in and commit ourselves to the ancient disciplines of prayer that have lain dormant?

#### 16th July - Session 10 - Conclusion

How can we be the Church of Tomorrow?

#### 23rd July - Testimonies

#### 26th - 30th July - New Wine United week A

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