

Connected

Sunday 1st May 2022
3rd Sunday of Easter

Sermon Snippets

John 5: 1-9a, 14

In our first Sunday series we're thinking about obstacles which might keep us from Jesus. We have an interesting one this month with a story of a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. He wanted to be well and thought he was looking in the right place for help but he wasn't. It took a meeting with Jesus for his life to change.

Where do you look for help in your life?

Verse For The Week

"Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.' At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked."

John 5: 8-9a

Do you know what your greatest need is and who is the one who can help you?

Read the passage and join us on Sunday, if you're able, to find out more.



Families Together - Sunday 8th May

On Sunday 8th May, between 3pm and 4:30pm, we will be holding another of our 'Families Together' gatherings in Christ Church. We started these sessions at the end of last year and hope that they will now become a regular monthly event.

Families with young children are invited to come and spend time together hearing a story or doing some crafts or activities, all based around a theme. In previous sessions we've been looking at key elements of our church services and finding ways to help our young children engage with and understand the things we say and do each week. At our last session we explored the Apostles Creed; we learned actions and made some beautiful discs to keep in our Family Boxes to help us during each service.

Each gathering is always rounded off with time to chat and play and, of course, cake!

If you and your young children would like to come along, get in touch with Nicky (Family Ministry Worker) by email at family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk.



What's On This Week

Monday 2nd May

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 3rd May

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 4th May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(please note that this event is currently full)

Thursday 5th May

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in the Spire Centre

Saturday 7th May

Coffee Morning & Sale at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Notices

Tom's Study Leave

Tom is on Study Leave from Thursday 28th April through til Friday 6th May.

Larissa's Day Off

Larissa's day off this week will be Friday 6th May instead of Tuesday 3rd May.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 6th May & Monday 9th May.

Newsletter from Rosemary Aldis

If you would like to read the latest newsletter from Rosemary Aldis, there are a few copies in the slots next to the Mission Board at the back of church.

More can be printed if required (or emailed) - if there are none left in the slots please ask Emma in the Church Office if you would like one.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page.

Prayer Pointers

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples (Psalm 96: 1-3)

Church Family:

Please take some time to reflect in your prayers over the forthcoming week all those who serve our church families, for their dedication and time.

Yahweh Rophe, we come before You today, to acknowledge that You are not only our Creator but the Lord that heals us. We bring before You our loved ones, those in our Church family who are sick, suffering and in pain. We pray that You will heal us today, our body and soul, that You will transform us in ways that glorify You. Amen.

The Local Area:

We bring before the Lord the street we live in, our local town and community, families on the edge. As supermarket prices rise faster than ever, over the last eleven years people are finding it more difficult than ever to buy even the basic food. Pray for this situation and pray for encouragement for us to come forward to help others in need.

Matthew 6: 32-34: "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

National Prayer:

We pray for the natural world as our landscapes and woodlands are feeling the impact of exploitation over generations. The wild animals have decreased in population by 60% since the 1970s.

Psalm 96: 13: "Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for He comes, He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness."

We continue to pray for our Prime Minister and his Cabinet, for the decisions to be made day by day, and ask for your influence Lord in these decisions.

Global Prayer:

We lift to our Lord, all those in crisis around the world, thinking of Lebanon, Afghanistan, Africa, & Ukraine.

Coffee after the Service...



EMMANUEL IS
HOLDING A
COFFEE MORNING
& SALE ON
SATURDAY 7TH MAY
10:30AM-12:00PM

Cakes, cards, books
and bric-a-brac.

Come and enjoy a
chat over coffee and
cake.



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ANNUAL BOX OPENING AT EMMANUEL

Our annual box opening will be on 1 May and, as in previous years, we won't open the boxes in church - we just need to collect them in.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BOX ON A
TABLE UNATTENDED.

If it is easier, you can bring the box to church on Sunday 8 May. Or I would be happy to collect your box - just give me a ring (01934 820766).

The box will be returned to you when the money has been counted.

If you are able to Gift Aid the money in your box please let me know so that the Children's Society can arrange for the tax to be collected on your giving.

Perhaps you are able to consider becoming an annual box holder?

The Children's Society are always looking for new supporters, and I have spare boxes looking for good homes so just have a word with me!

Thanks.

Carl Evans

What Did You Do During Lockdown...??

Did you take on a hobby...?

Put your hand to a craft...?

Or start something new...?

If so, perhaps you could let us know about it?

If you would like to write a short article (up to 250 words), and possibly include a picture, please email Emma in the Church Office and we will endeavour to incorporate these into Connected editions over the coming weeks/months.

OPEN GARDENS 2022

The new programme for the coming season of Open Gardens is now available from the table at the entrance door at Christ Church, and at Emmanuel. Please make sure that you take one, and perhaps another to give to a friend.

Open Gardens are informal, social events and are an ideal way for newcomers to meet with other church members.

There are also teas, coffee, cakes, and soft drinks!

Under cover - if the sun fails to shine!



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More coffee anyone...?

NEWS FROM STREET PASTORS



Caring, Listening, Helping

The Coronavirus restrictions have hit many areas of our lives and Weston Street Pastors are no different. We have not been able to patrol since March 2020. However, the good news is that we are now ready to return and will be patrolling the streets from 10:00pm til 04:00am as from this week - Saturday/Sunday 30th April/1st May.

We have recently been advised by the local police and Community Support Officers that Street Pastors are very much needed again in Weston as there is, and has been, a lot of anti-social behaviour over the last year. There are major concerns over rising drug and alcohol abuse, often amongst those who are 18 or under.

We are looking forward to helping the people of Weston again this weekend and are asking if you would pray for us this week as we return for the first time. This is vital for our safety and for God to intervene and provide at the right moment as he has done so many times. We need your prayers. They really do make a difference.

Due to the pandemic we have lost a lot of our regular Street Pastors. Before Covid, we were patrolling the streets of Weston once a week. At the moment, we don't have enough on our team so we are only able to patrol twice a month.

If you are interested in helping others - particularly the vulnerable, the homeless, those with mental health issues, and young people sampling club life for the first time, then we would love to hear from you. If you would like to come and observe what we do then please get in touch via our website (click link below):

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/weston-super-mare/>

or via our Facebook page, or via email: westonsupermare@streetpastors.org.uk.

If you have any further questions or wish to speak with someone then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We want to thank you for your support over the last fourteen years and hope that you can continue to support us in the months ahead.

Thanks again for your prayers,
Weston-super-Mare Street Pastors

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding, of our children and young people and of vulnerable adults, is a responsibility that we all share - not just the vicar and other leaders.

All volunteers who work with children and young people and vulnerable adults need to have a current DBS Certificate and, along with PCC members, are required to keep their safeguarding training up to date, which means renewing the training every three years.

All the training courses are now online and easy to access in the comfort of your own home (or that of a relative or friend if you don't have internet access at home).

It's easy to log onto the Safeguarding Training Portal, scroll down and click on "create an account" and follow the instructions - please make a note of the user name and password you use for future use (click link below):

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Please complete the Safeguarding Awareness (C0) course first (this takes about 45 minutes), then complete the Safeguarding Foundation (C1) which takes about an hour.

PCC members are also required to complete the Domestic Abuse Awareness course. You don't have to do them on the same day but please forward me the email you get sent after completing each course, and also the Certificates (you can print them off and give to me or email them to me to print off for our records).

You only have to do the Safeguarding Awareness course once, but the Safeguarding Foundation course will need to be renewed every three years if you are still volunteering.

If you have any questions, please contact me.
Thanks very much!

Anne Jones