

Connected

Sunday 8th May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Snippets

John 15: 1-17



Have you ever seen a vine at harvest time? It may have been either on holiday or maybe you've seen pictures on the TV . . . and you'll have seen the vine laden with rich, juicy bunches of grapes.

In our reading on Sunday, we'll see that Jesus is using this as a picture of what our lives can become – fruitful. A fruitful life would be one of joy and care and compassion known within and also shown to others. It is a wonderful picture; “but” we may wonder “how is this possible”? The secret we'll discover is not in ourselves but is in something Jesus himself can bring us.

So how does that work and where do we start? Well, we'll look together at John 15 to uncover the way that Jesus himself shows us

Verse For The Week

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you"

John 15: 16

Please come along & join us for our Mission Fair & Prayer Service

Sunday 15th May
5:30pm-7pm

We will start the evening from 5:30pm when refreshments will be served and you can wander round the 'stalls' displayed by our Mission Partners. During this time you can view the information provided and have a chat with them to find out more about their work.

We will then move into a time of prayer - each Mission Partner will advise of several specific prayer requests for guidance.



Our Current Mission Partners:

Andy Page - Crosswinds / IPC / Prayer Alert
Helen Morrissey - Friends International
Lucy Monk - Interserve
The Potter Family - Project Pag-asa
Christians Against Poverty (Debt Help)
CITA (Secretarial/Computer Training)

And our Home Mission:
Families, Youth & Children's Ministry
(including Seedlings, JaM Club,
Holiday Club & more!)

What's On This Week

Saturday 7th May

Coffee Morning & Sale at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Sunday 8th May

Families Together at 3pm at Christ Church
(it would be helpful if you could let Nicky know if you are planning to attend the above event)
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 9th May

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 10th May

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

Wednesday 11th May

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 12th May

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
JaM Club at 3:30pm at Christ Church
(pre-registration is required for the above event)

Notices

Church Office Closed

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

Ukraine Update

We have now given all the money that has come in for Ukraine totalling £4,227.60.

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Prayer Pointers

Be encouraged this week to pray and ask God how you can spread the Good News.

Church Family:

“Lord, the one you love is sick.” (John 11:3 NIV)
We lift up to You, Lord, our loved ones and those in our church family who are sick, suffering, lonely, frightened, hurting, or bereaved. We pray that they may know God’s presence amidst their pain. You are an amazing God and we thank You for all You do for us. We pray for those in our church family who are waiting for medical treatment of some kind and pray that You, Lord, will help find a way when there seems to be no way forward.

The Local Area:

As the pandemic situation changes, most of us have recently had a taste of feeling “harassed” by circumstances, helpless to change them and to make life work as we’d like it to. Pray that as post-crisis life goes back to normal for most people, that they would not revert to feeling self-sufficient but would have their eyes opened to their spiritual need.

National Prayer:

We live in troubled days. Pray for those who are struggling with unmanageable debts and the consequences to daily life that arise from this. And for those where their own families offer no support. Pray for the Christians Against Poverty charity (CAP) and the Foodbanks - that people will approach these charities, should they need help, without feeling too ashamed of their situation. Pray for all those involved in CAP and the Foodbanks and let us praise God for the many volunteers dedicated to helping the vulnerable.

Global Prayer:

Let us pray about the situation between Russia and the Ukraine - the impact this is having around the world, for the displaced, all those whose lives have been turned upside down, all who work around the borders of Ukraine, all who have been trying to keep safe in the underground bunkers, and all who have been caught up in this evil war.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Coffee after the Service...

Reflections on Spring Harvest

It was apt that the theme was Renew, Restore, Rebuild.

As it was the first Spring Harvest in person since lockdown, it was natural that much emphasis was laid on new beginnings. The Bible study on Nehemiah threw down a challenge to us:

To renew our strength and our hope in God;
To restore us to a new relationship with God - re-aligning ourselves with His vision for our church, our community, and the wider world;
To rebuild but not to be satisfied to go back to how it was.



We heard about the persecuted church in Iraq, how they were instructed by the Bishop to rebuild, not as before but to be Centres of Hope.

Zechariah 2: 3-4 says :

"While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him and said to him: 'Run, tell that young man, "Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. And I myself will be a wall of fire around it," declares the Lord, "and I will be its glory within.'"

The challenge thrown down is to rebuild forwards, not backwards. A church that is utterly dependent on Jesus. A church that is more for those outside than inside.



We have heard so often about the new normal. We believe God is calling us to do something extraordinary.

Would you like to go to Spring Harvest at Minehead next year?
Chat to Jill or Keith Hallett.
Bookings will be made online on 8th June.

There is a shortage of rented accommodation in North Somerset.

KeySteps Deposit Bond Scheme Housing Charity (tel. 01934 617617) needs more private landlords prepared to accept local low-income singles or couples without dependent children in housing need.

North Somerset Council Lettings Team (tel. 01934 426483) urgently requires more landlords for families and others on its housing list.

Please pray for this issue and pass the word on to anyone in a position to help. See poster on the noticeboard for further info.

Thank you from June Morgan,
KeySteps Trustee & Emmanuel member.



Christ Church Gardening Day

Saturday
21st May
10am til 4pm

Last year we started to tackle the back garden and we would like to continue with this.

All help would be appreciated.

Lunch provided.

I just hope it will be a fine day weather-wise!

Angie

**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.