

Connected

Sunday 15th May 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Sermon Snippets

John 2: 1-11

Have you seen some of those strange things that happen at weddings on 'You've Been Framed'? The cake falls to the floor, or the groom faints, etc? Just imagine if the wine ran out. That is the crisis facing the newly-weds in John chapter 2.



Maybe you are facing a problem this week. Fortunately the Lord Jesus was at hand to save the wedding. Fortunately He is still at hand to be with us in any problem.



Verse For The Week

"What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."

John 2: 11

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

TOM AND CHRIS "TRY RUNNING A FARM"!

Some of you may know that, a week ago, I took a few days "study leave". It's something we're encouraged to do with good reason. Life can get busy and so time to spend properly exploring my Christian faith is welcome in an environment where I can get some space and calm. . . so the place Chris and I went was a friend's house who live a few miles away.

The "space and calm" aspect of it was interesting as they have 3 donkeys, 7 chickens, 8 ducks, 4 peacocks and a lively cocker spaniel!



Our friends were away so we were in charge of all the animals. The animals were all real characters - my favourite part of the day was letting the ducks/chickens out of their coop first thing in the morning. They were in a hurry. Do you remember at the end of school how all the pupils would pour out of the classroom at high speed?



At first I thought the clearing out of their habitats and feeding them was going to be a bit of a chore and I was looking forward to getting back to something "more spiritual". However doing the routines proved helpful and was a way of letting what I'd studied sink in and to pray.

I wonder - could you see the daily jobs and routines you do as chances to pray?



Prayer Pointers

Monday – Pray that the **PEACE** of the Lord Jesus Christ may rest in the hearts of all who touch our lives, families, church, community, country, and world.

Tuesday – **[P]** Pray for **PEOPLE** with no hope due to personal issues or wider conflicts. Pray for our **PARTNERS** in mission bringing practical relief by offering help and love in the name of Jesus.

Wednesday – **[E]** Pray for all struggling with the current **ECONOMIC** challenges. Pray for all **ENEMIES** - that we and they may come to know and show the love and compassion of Christ.

Thursday – **[A]** Pray for all in **AUTHORITY**, especially those recently elected; that they may serve with integrity and cooperation. Pray for all struggling to find, afford, and retain safe **ACCOMMODATION**.

Friday – **[C]** Pray for **COMMUNITY** activities supporting lonely, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and desperate people. Pray for yourself and place your **CONCERNS** before the Lord.

Saturday – **[E]** Pray for the **ENVIRONMENT** thanking God for the amazing world He has given us and asking for wisdom for all as we try to protect it. Pray for all involved in **EDUCATION** as learners or teachers. Especially ask for encouragement and concentration for young people taking national examinations, many for the first time.

May the **PEACE** of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. AMEN.

What's On This Week

Sunday 15th May

Mission Fair & Prayer Service at 5:30pm at Christ Church

Monday 16th May

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 17th May

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

Wednesday 18th May

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

Thursday 19th May

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

Saturday 21st May

Gardening Day at 10am at Christ Church

Sunday 22nd May

Ukraine Vigil at 6pm at Christ Church

Notices

Tom Away

Please note that Tom will be away from Tuesday 17th May until Friday 20th May inclusive.

Larissa's Day Off

Please note that Larissa will be training on Tuesday 17th May so her day off this week will be Wednesday 18th May instead.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE UKRAINE UPDATE

- Recent figures estimate that over 5 million people have fled Ukraine to date.
- Our work has developed into providing water, sanitation, and hygiene items for refugees. These programs are expanding operations to meet increasing needs throughout the country.
- In Ukraine our medical staff are seeing an average of 100 patients daily across five medical sites.
- The DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) is managing staff and developing partners. In Moldova the DART continues to distribute large amounts of food, hygiene kits, and non-food items to church partners and government centres.
- Refugee counselling and emotional support program content has been prepared and is being translated to serve the psychological condition of refugees.
- Thanks to our supporters, we have delivered aid to over 135,000 people through our response so far.
- Our short video filmed inside Ukraine takes just a few minutes to watch and gives you an idea of the kind of work we are involved in:

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW UKRAINE FILM](#)

Coffee after the Service...



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



Christ Church Baby & Toddler Group

Our group is run by a committed and loving group of people from our church family. A lot of love and effort goes into each session and we need some help.

We need some volunteers to cover when other team members cannot make it - largely in the kitchen.

If you think you could help us or you would like to be involved in the team in another way, please speak to Nicky Boardman - Family Ministry Worker.

VOLUNTEER



Wells Cathedral Visit - 24th May

For those travelling on the coach, pick up will be on Milton Road near the bottom of Montpelier at 1:15pm and on Oxford Street outside Emmanuel at 1:25pm. Please be in good time as the coach will not be able to wait.

Will those who wish to be on the coach ensure that Chris Cole or Meg Hill have their names recorded. The fares will be collected on the day or can be paid into the bank later. It will not be more than £15. We should be back in Weston between 7:15pm and 7:30pm.

For those making their own way to Wells please be at the Cathedral at 2:30pm and look for Julie Birkett.

We would like to make a donation for the tea which is being laid on - I think this can be done at the time.

It should be a very pleasant and interesting afternoon.

Chris

PLATINUM JUBILEE

On 4th June, as part of our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, we will be holding a Family Celebration Event at Christ Church (2pm-4pm)

We need volunteers to 'man' the craft and activity tables and help in the kitchen to serve cake and drinks throughout the event.

If you have current DBS clearance and are able to help, please do speak to Nicky Boardman - Family Ministry Worker or email her on family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk.

If you are able to make and/or donate cakes for this event, we would be very grateful! Do let Nicky know.

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