

Connected

Sunday 5th June 2022
Pentecost / Whit Sunday

Sermon Snippets

Mark 9: 30-37

"I declare before you all, that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service . . ."



This is a picture probably most of us recognise; that of our Queen's Coronation in 1953. But the Queen actually "became Queen" on the news of her father's death in 1952 and the words above were made at that point.

It was an awesome responsibility for a woman still in her twenties. And yet, as we look back over the 70 years of her reign, that is exactly what she has done. She has served men, women, boys and girls in our country and the whole Commonwealth by being interested in them and serving us all in so many ways.

She has overseen her Government and many, many individuals and charities in their work. She has done it with dignity and enthusiasm, day in and day out, over these years.

When she made that commitment she finished with the words "God help me to make good my vow . . ." and that has been the secret of her life of service. She has looked to God for guidance and strength in the ups and downs of the nation's and her own family life. And He has given it to her. Although "Queen" is a position of great honour, her life has not been one of drawing attention to herself but rather it has been one of service – serving following the example of Christ.

We may not be royalty – but, as Christians, we are also called to serve those around us – what might that look like in your and my life?

Tom



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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Verse For The Week

"Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.'"

Mark 9: 35

Prayer Pointers

We bring before the Lord the Queen, the Royal Family, and the Jubilee celebrations going on both here and across the country.

We pray for the Queen, that her health will allow her to enjoy the days of celebration whether in person or on screen. We give thanks for her, for her strong Christian faith, and for the duty and service she has given this country and the Commonwealth.

We pray for Prince Charles as he steps in to cover for his mother where necessary. We pray for other members of the Royal Family that the Lord will give them the grace to cope with the media as sensitive family issues may be aired in public.

We pray for our particular celebrations taking place. The indoor street party on Thursday by the Welcome Group at Emmanuel. The Friday evening meal at Christ Church when over 100 of us will be sitting down and eating together. The Coffee Morning and Family Event on Saturday. And the outside service followed by a buffet lunch on Sunday at Emmanuel. We thank the Lord for the opportunity this gives us of having fun together.

We do pray for favourable weather so that the street parties and festivities across the country can be enjoyed by all and be a time of fun and togetherness after having been under the shadow of so many restrictions.

Monday evening is the Archdeacon's Visitation when Wardens are sworn in for the coming year. We pray for our Wardens, Keith, Mary, Bev, and Angie. We give thanks for them and ask the Lord to bless and equip them for the extra duties and responsibilities they have agreed to take on. We ask the Lord to help us be aware of how we can help and support them.

Please note that there will be no 'Digging Deeper' this Sunday 5th June

What's On This Week

Monday 6th June

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 7th June

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

Wednesday 8th June

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(*please note that this event is currently full*)
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 9th June

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

Sunday 12th June

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
Healing & Wholeness Service at 6pm at Christ Church

Notices

Tom & Chris Away

Please note that Tom & Chris are on holiday from Tuesday 7th June til Tuesday 21st June inclusive.

Larissa Away

Please note that Larissa will be on holiday/retreat from Tuesday 14th June til Friday 24th June inclusive.

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Coffee after the Service...



The 2022 season of Open Gardens got off to a splendid start on May 28th, hosted by Tom and Chris Webber in the sunny and sheltered walled garden of 'The Cedar'. The weather was perfect and the cakes - as always - legendary, from that household! A good time was enjoyed by the forty or so people who came. A special thanks to Tom and Chris, at what must be a very busy time in the church calendar for them. An added bonus was the £157.50 which was found in the donations box for general church funds.

One particularly good feature of Open Gardens is the drawing together of the two churches, which are always well supported by Emmanuel members. The next one is, in fact, hosted by Meg Hill of Emmanuel on July 9th. Make sure you pick up a programme of events at either of the churches, and note the venue.

Barry

**SAVE THE DATE – OUR NEXT
'CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME'
WILL BE THIS
OCTOBER 21ST-23RD**

**LARISSA IS DUE TO BE ORDAINED
AS A PRIEST AT 10:30AM
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE
IN BATH ABBEY
ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**SHE WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE
EMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY AT 4PM ON
THAT SATURDAY AND THEN AT CHRIST
CHURCH AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE
WHERE SHE WILL BE TAKING THE HOLY
COMMUNION SERVICE
(BOTH WELCOMES WILL INVOLVE CAKE!)**

**WE ARE RAISING MONEY TO BUY HER A
"HOME COMMUNION SET"; IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE PLEASE DO THIS
VIA THE WEBSITE (UNDER "CHURCH
LIFE") / BRING A DONATION TO CHURCH
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Emmanuel is holding a Coffee Morning & Sale on Saturday 4th June 10:30am-12:00pm. Cakes, cards, books, & bric-a-brac. Come and enjoy a chat over coffee & cake.



Emmanuel is holding a Jubilee Celebration Luncheon after the service on Sunday 5th June. All are welcome.

Contributions to the buffet will be gratefully received [but not sandwiches please, as ample will be provided].

Do join us if you can. We expect to be starting to serve food about 12noon.

More coffee anyone?

NEW BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS ANNOUNCED!

Downing Street have announced that the next Bishop of Bath and Wells is to be The Right Revd Michael Beasley, currently Bishop of Hertford in the Diocese of St Albans.

Bishop Michael comes to Bath and Wells with a passion for all aspects of mission found within the diocese, and was chosen for his gifts to lead us forward. He is very much a Bath-and-Wells-shaped-bishop, excited about rural ministry, pioneering, supporting communities and working with children and young people!

Bishop Michael grew up in rural Staffordshire attending a small Church of England primary school and a country church. He studied biology and epidemiology at Imperial College, London and Oxford University. He completed his ministerial training at Cranmer Hall, Durham. He was ordained in 1999, serving his title as a self-supporting minister in Lichfield Diocese, combining his scientific work with his ordained ministry.



As a scientist he worked extensively in the area of infectious diseases in children, that are prevalent in low-income countries.

Later he became a diocesan missionary and theological educator. In 2010, he was appointed Director of Mission in the Diocese of Oxford. In 2015 he was appointed Bishop of Hertford.

In the last few years he has been called back to epidemiology, initially supporting faith groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo during the Ebola outbreak. More recently he has supported the UK government, the NHS, and the Anglican Communion during the Covid-19 pandemic and faith leaders in their launch of vaccinaid.org.



Bishop Michael is married to Lizzie, originally from a farming family in Somerset. They have two children, Charlie (10) and Connie (8).

He says that he loves being a Bishop! Most important, is the privilege of being alongside the people and parishes he serves. The stand-out line from his consecration is 'bishops know their people and their people know them'. On arrival, his priorities will be "to be present for people, communities and churches as we re-emerge from the restrictions of the COVID pandemic and re-connect with each other after a time of separation and shock." Therefore, he will encourage churches to speak afresh Jesus' message of Good News and peace in the present context of international tension and local concern about the cost of living crisis.

Larissa