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Sermon Snippets

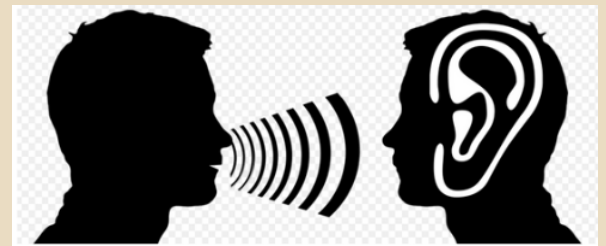
Mark 10: 35-45

You'll have heard that some of us are doing the "Pastoral Principles" course looking at how, as Christians, we are to approach areas where we may disagree. One of the aspects of this is to be aware of "who holds the power" through their role, education, character, or any other consideration. The danger is that we may listen to those holding power more than others. Although our society often operates in this way, Christ calls us to a different way of working – that of being a servant. A servant (by definition) is there to attend to the needs of others and not just put forward their point of view.

Sunday 10th July 2022

4th Sunday After Trinity

As we see in our reading this week, the disciples struggled with this idea as they were much more concerned about building their own reputation. It's not an easy call for any of us – being a servant can mean so many things – but one of those is that we listen well to all and not just the "powerful people".



Celebration of Lay Ministries

On 2nd July the Diocese held a Celebration of Lay Ministries at Wells Cathedral. It was a wonderfully joyful service, giving thanks for the gifts used by many people across the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

We heard from various people about diocesan courses or ministries they're involved in such as the Exploring Spirituality course, Street Pastors, and music ministry. I had an opportunity in the service to tell people about the new diocesan course, Exploring Faith, which I've been teaching since January, and several people expressed an interest in joining the next module in the Autumn.

One of the most moving parts of the service was when Weston-super-Mare Dance Worship Group performed a beautiful dance accompanied by Locking Castle Youth Band singing, 'So will I'. We also had a time of creative expression where each member of the congregation was asked to make something out of craft materials to lay down in a meadow of hope. The service ended with people being invited to stand to celebrate the gifts they use to serve others. Lay Pastoral Assistants, Lay Worship Assistants, students who have completed any of the Exploring courses, tutors of these courses, churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, administrators, parish magazine editors, PCC members, Deanery Synod members, parish safeguarding officers, and everyone else who offered their time and skills in the service of God and their community all stood as we gave thanks to God for the gifts that each bring.

This is an annual event and, if you serve God in the church and community as a volunteer, do try and get along to it next summer. It will be a real encouragement to you.

Angeline



What's On This Week

Saturday 9th July

Open Garden at 2:30pm at Meg Hill's

Sunday 10th July

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Pastoral Principles at 5pm at Christ Church

Monday 11th July

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 12th July

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 13th July

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

(please note that this event is currently full)

(last session before summer break)

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 14th July

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

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

(last session before summer break)

Sunday 17th July

Pastoral Principles at 5pm at Christ Church

Notices

Larissa Away

Please note that Larissa is on holiday from Monday 18th July to Sunday 24th July inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' "

Mark 10: 43-45

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

Monday - we pray for all struggling with identity issues, particularly spiritual, mental, or sexual. May we minister love and acceptance toward those contemplating or already becoming part of our church family. May we and they discover the unique image of God in each of us that God delights in.

Tuesday - Lord, inspire those you would call to the vital work of School Governor. May those retiring receive your reward and may those replacing them be given wisdom and power through the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday - Lord Jesus, following your earthly ministry towards setting captives free, we pray for all wrongly imprisoned to be freed and mercy for those justly in captivity - in the Ukraine, Russia, and in every continent. May they discover and give themselves totally to you Lord, the one who gives eternal freedom.

Thursday - we pray for all refugees who need homes and material sufficiency. May our compassion be through prayer and practical sacrificial means. Lord, we pray particularly for those facing continual bombing and other dangers and conflict. Give them your special peace, protection, and faith even in adversity.

Friday - we pray for Larissa and her family in their growing ministry. Lord we rejoice in them. We pray for Tom and Chris and all our ordained and lay leaders (especially those with serious health problems) alongside many known to us in our parishes. Lord, encourage people to use the prayer ministry that is offered after our church services.

Saturday - we thank you Father for the growing numbers of parishioners returning after long absences and for the many new faces we notice each week. May we and they grow together in love and fellowship, ministering to each other and spilling over into our communities.

Coffee after the Service...

MEMORIAL SERVICE

James Hill died suddenly at the start of Covid. James had always wanted a church service but it had to be at the Crematorium and only eight people were able to attend.

Daphne is organizing a memorial service at Emmanuel on Saturday 13th August followed by refreshments.

All who knew James are very welcome but please tell Daphne to give her an idea of numbers.



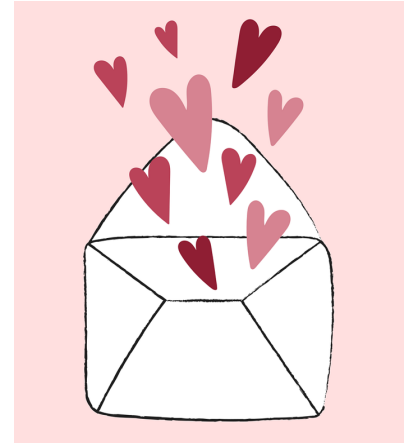
Thank you



A huge thank you to everyone at Christ Church and Emmanuel for the delicious cake at both churches and for the beautiful gift of the home communion set. I am sorry, Emmanuel Church family, that you have not been able to see it yet. I will bring it in soon so that you can admire it, with the plaque affixed!!

I am also grateful for all your kind thoughts and prayers leading up to my priesting, and to all who travelled to Bath Abbey to attend the priest ordinations, and for the many cards and messages I received.

Larissa



Open Garden at Meg Hill's Saturday 9th July 2:30pm - 5pm (see brochure for further details)

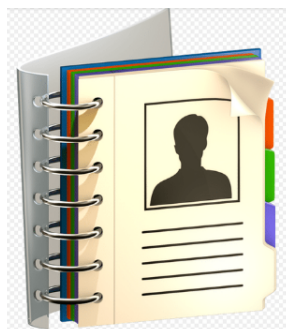


(If parking is a problem in Amberey or Sandringham Road - go up Kensington Road, turn left, and first left into Stradling Avenue where there should be parking. You can then walk down to Sandringham Court and along the path back into Sandringham Road)

Could you be a School Governor...?

We have a good relationship with Christ Church School and value our connection with them. This year, several of our church family will be stepping down as school governors due to reaching the end of their terms. This is a very important role and we would very much like to maintain a visible presence on the Board of Governors. If anyone would like to put themselves forward for this very valuable role please speak to Tom.

With the new Emmanuel Church Directory recently being completed, we are now looking to finalise the Christ Church one!



If you would like a photo (or an updated one!) to be put in the new Church Directory, please contact Douglas Halstead for a photo to be taken or send a photo to the Church Office.

The deadline for photos will be Sunday 17th July.

The 2021 Christ Church Finance Report has now been independently examined and approved - a full copy is available to view on the main noticeboard.



More coffee anyone?

Holiday Club Donations



We still need:

- Cereal Boxes (Standard Size)
- Gold Star Stickers
- Black Craft Paper (A4/A3 Sheets or Rolls)
- White or Silver Pens
- Gaffer Tape (Black or Silver)
- Gold or Silver Gift Tape

Financial donations towards the cost of running the club are still very welcome!

<https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/Q.RP2HOLM>

Celebration of Lay Ministries (Photos)



Order Of Service



Dance
Worship
Group

Meadow Of Hope



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