

Connected

Sunday 28th August 2022

11th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Luke 11: 1-8



What phrase does this picture illustrate...?

Yes, you may well have guessed it - tunnel vision. And I would imagine it happens to all of us from time to time. We have things to do and issues on our mind and our whole lives become about those things. And thinking this way can mean we get everything else out of proportion and these few things dominate to the exclusion of everything else. Have you ever been there - probably, like me, many times!

Today's reading helps us to focus on the right things that means everything else has the right perspective.

We're going to be looking at the first lines of the Lord's Prayer. Probably most of us are familiar with them but I hope that, by looking at them again and learning to pray them with meaning and depth, it will help us put everything else in our lives in the right setting. In terms of this picture - to properly see the landscape and not just the sides of the tunnel!

Reasons To Read The Bible

Take a look below at just some of the reasons why it is so important for us to try & read the Bible daily. Perhaps you could pick out two of these reasons every day this week (or one every day for a fortnight), read the verse which accompanies it (or, even better, the whole chapter in which the verse appears!), & ask God to reveal something to you from His Word?

1. To spend time with the Lord (James 4: 8a).
2. To do God's will: it helps you obey God and not sin (Psalm 40:8).
3. To guard yourself from false teachings and false teachers (1 John 4:1).
4. To be convicted of sin (Hebrews 4:12).
5. To know more about Jesus (John 5:39).
6. To give us encouragement (Joshua 1:9).
7. To know God better (Ephesians 1:17).
8. To defend the faith (2 Corinthians 10:5).
9. To defend against Satan (Ephesians 6:11).
10. To hear God's voice: His Word gives us direction (Psalm 119:105).
11. To help us to grow as believers (Hebrews 6:1).
12. To help us serve God better (Colossians 3:23).
13. To use our time wisely (Ephesians 5:15).
14. For spiritual discipline (Hebrews 12:11).



Prayer Pointers

Sunday - Give thanks for those who bring the Word of God to us today and pray for lives changed and for the congregations to be built up and encouraged in their faith as the gospel is preached.

Monday - Remember before God those of our families and friends who are unwell or in hospital; the housebound and those who live in care homes.

Tuesday - Pray with the Intercontinental Church Society for their witness in English speaking churches in tourist areas throughout Europe as they seek to tell out the love of God to holidaymakers from around the world.

Wednesday - Remember before God the work of Christians Against Poverty, the Foodbank, and the Counselling Service based in Emmanuel Church.

Thursday - Give thanks for all the blessings of this life but most of all for our salvation found in Christ.

Friday - Remember before God Church Mission Society Pioneer Minister, Fiona Mayne, as she helps plant a new church in Hayward Village here in Weston-super-Mare.

Saturday - As a new school year approaches we remember before God our link with Christ Church School - praying for teachers, children, governors, and admin staff.

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Verse For The Week

" He said to them, 'When you pray, say: ' "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." ' "

Luke 11: 2-4

What's On This Week

Saturday 27th August

Open Garden at 2:30pm at Bev & Mike Hall's

Tuesday 30th August

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Thursday 1st September

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

Notices

Larissa Off

Please note that Larissa is unavailable on 27th & 28th August.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

Please note that the next Coffee Morning at Emmanuel will be held on Saturday 10th September.

Tom Away

Please note that Tom will be away from Friday 16th September til Friday 23rd September inclusive.

Church Office 'Closed'

Please note that, during the week commencing 5th September, the office will be manned daily but not necessarily during 'normal office hours'.

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...



Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and love we have received on the birth of Hezekiah Micah Paul Crockett. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful Church family. God's blessings to you all from Darren, Sam, Zach, and Hezy

Donna's Licensing Service

Donna is being licensed on Saturday 1st October in Wells Cathedral at 2pm.

If you would like to join her in Wells for the Licensing Service, Chris Cole will be organising a coach if there are sufficient numbers. There will be a cost (probably around £15) depending on how many wish to go.

There are sign up sheets at the back of both churches so, if you wish to come and join the celebrations and would like to travel by coach, please sign up by the end of August so Chris can make the arrangements.

The service will be at 2pm followed by refreshments so Chris will update us regarding departure times in due course.



Pastoral Principles Course

We have recently run the Church of England's Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together course and had an accompanying sermon series around these issues.

As the conversation continues there has been some interest in having another opportunity to take part in this discussion centering around how we live well together as the different and diverse people we are. Exploring, as a community, how we can grow in sharing and hearing our often differing views better, including those around LGBTQ+ issues.

The course will be running at Emmanuel Church over five Sundays in September and October, from 12:30pm-2pm. So why not bring a sandwich and join in the conversation?

The five dates are:
4th, 18th and 25th September
16th and 30th October

There are some small flyers at the back of both churches with a list of dates and further information.

If you wish to attend, or have further questions, please contact Donna Pilgrim. Her contact details are on the flyers or available from Emma in the Church Office.

Church weekend
at home

Our Church Weekend at Home is taking place from Friday 21st til Sunday 23rd October.

See the website for further information at: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/?s=weekend>

or pick up a booking form from Church.

Bookings/payment can either be made online or by completing the section at the bottom of the form & returning it with payment to Emma at the Church Office.

Bible Reading Notes

Bible Reading Notes (Inspiring Women and Every Day With Jesus) are now available at the back of Church for those who have ordered them.