

Connected

Sunday 4th September 2022
12th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

John 14: 1-8

When We Don't Understand

I once asked a friend how to do a repair to something that was wrong with my car. "It's easy", he said, and rattled off the instructions. The first thing I had to do was undo the securing bolt but all my spanners failed to reach into the bolt or were the wrong size. So I couldn't get started. Apparently you needed a special tool designed just for that purpose. "Everyone knows that", he said - except I didn't and, of course, I didn't have one! His answer was accurate but I couldn't fully understand enough.



Sometimes, when we ask questions of God, we don't fully understand the answer we get. But that shouldn't stop us asking more questions because it's only by asking questions that we can grow in understanding. And we may still find there is more to learn.

Looking Forward... To Autumn...



We've now had our final Bank Holiday of the summer (and wasn't the weather wonderful?) so now our thoughts turn to the autumn...

There's lots happening this coming season - the first of which is celebrating the seaside community at a "Seaside Sunday" service at Emmanuel next Sunday. And, at the end of October, there's another "Church Weekend at Home" - do sign up for what promises to be a great time together.

At this time of year I'm conscious there are so many things to do and prepare for and this reminds me of the Bible's passage we heard at Christ Church last week. It was on the opening lines of the Lord's Prayer. Often, when we come to pray, we want to quickly move to our requests but, interestingly, the Lord's Prayer doesn't begin with something like "Give us this day our daily bread..." rather it begins with looking to God and His character first. It's a great reminder to us to look up to God - especially as we begin a busier season.

Could I challenge you, for this month, to pause at the beginning of when you say your prayers and spend a few moments thinking about the God to whom you are praying?

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name..."

Tom



Prayer Pointers

Monday

As our Life Groups re-start, pray that we will understand more of our loving Father from our discussions together.

Tuesday

Give thanks and pray for our family mission - for all the families they regularly engage with and relationships created and built.

Wednesday

Pray for our Queen and the family members supporting her. Give thanks for the stability she has given this country throughout her reign.

Thursday

Give thanks for Weston's Street Pastors continuing with their remit of listening, caring, and helping people on Saturday nights. Pray for more volunteers to join.

Friday

Pray that all people will come to know the love of our loving God, who longs to pour out His love to those who are lost.

Saturday

Continue to pray for an end to the hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, and that President Putin will have a change of mind.

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Verse For The Week

" Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' "

John 14: 5-7

What's On This Week

Tuesday 6th September

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

Thursday 8th September

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

Saturday 10th September

Coffee Morning at 10:30am at Emmanuel
Open Garden at 2:30pm at Paul & Rosanne Sodzi's

Sunday 11th September

'Seaside Sunday' Service at 10:30am at Emmanuel
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)
Evening Prayer Service at 6:30pm at Emmanuel

Notices

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'.

Tom Away

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

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...

Our Church Weekend at Home : from Friday 21st-Sunday 23rd October

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

Church weekend
at home

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

*Coffee Morning
Emmanuel Church Hall
Saturday 10th September
10:30am - 2pm*



There will be no table sale this month but the church will be open for Heritage Open Day and there will be an exhibition of our church's history. So I do hope you can join us for coffee, fellowship, and to find out all about Emmanuel's past.

Keith

Christ Church Directory

The final draft of the new Christ Church Directory is now available to view at the back of Church.

This will be going to final print in a few weeks' time so please check your details thoroughly and advise Emma in the Church Office if any additions/alterations/omissions are required.

If you are unable to get to Church over the next few weeks but would like to check your entry, please contact Emma (office@ccwsm.org.uk / 01934 641016) to discuss alternative options.

Seaside Sunday
Emmanuel Church
Sunday 11th September
10:30am

Please join us for a service to celebrate the seaside community in Weston



Congratulations to...

**Joel Sodzi
Tim Page
Tia Pilgrim
Lucy Boardman
Guy Boardman
Zion Chen
Natalie Page**

on their exam/course results this summer. Pray for them as they start work, go on to further study, or take a gap year.

Pray also for our younger children starting school for the first time (and their parents!):

Zach, Jessica, and Rupert as well as Claire and Zachary from our Seedlings Parent & Toddler Group