

Connected

Sunday 30th October 2022
4th Sunday Before Advent

Sermon Snippets

Romans 5: 6-11

The question we're looking at this week is "God, do you get disappointed?".

I guess we all know that feeling when our hopes are not met - whether it's a rained-off picnic or something more serious. But is that God's attitude to us when He sees us as we really are?

We will look at that together and hopefully find out why the Christian faith is one of such good news.



Verse For The Week

"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5: 7-8



Annual
Memorial
Service
Christ Church

Sunday 6th November at 4pm

You are warmly invited to a special service to remember and give thanks for anyone you have known and loved who has passed away.

The service will be gentle and reflective, and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

There is no need to let us know in advance if you are coming, simply join us on the day. The service will be followed by refreshments.



As per the invite above, we will be holding our Annual Memorial Service next week - giving thanks for those we have loved who have passed away, either recently or perhaps some time ago.

Maybe there is a friend who you could invite along?

It will be a gentle, reflective service.

All are very welcome.



What's On This Week

Sunday 30th October

Pastoral Principles at 12:30pm at Emmanuel

Monday 31st October

Ladies Together at 2pm in The Spire Centre
Lightfest at 4:30pm at Christ Church

Tuesday 1st November

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

Wednesday 2nd November

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 3rd November

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

Sunday 6th November

Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

Notices

Poppy Appeal

There is a box of poppies outside the Church Office - please feel free to take one & leave a contribution in the charity tin alongside.

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Babies and Toddlers –

Nurturing your child's spiritual life

Using short videos, chat and a brilliant little book by Rachel Turner – parents and carers can find simple, everyday ways to nurture the spiritual part of our children that is already there and help them to connect with the God who knows them and loves them.

- An easy, 'bite size' 5-week course for parents, grandparents and carers.
- Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Spire Centre
- 10th November – 8th December

Snacks and drinks provided!

Speak to Nleky Boardman – Family Ministry Worker if you would like to attend – or email to family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

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Prayer Pointers

Sunday: Pray this morning, by name if you know them, for all those who will be taking part in Christ Church and Emmanuel services today. Also for any other churches you have contact with, in this country or abroad, that the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached in an increasingly secular and hostile world.

Monday: Halloween is now promoted with as much publicity as Christmas or Easter. Whole supermarket aisles are given over to it. Let us remember that this is not a harmless bit of fun but an evil influence to be avoided. Pray for those churches – including Christ Church – which are holding a Festival of Light as a Christian alternative.

Tuesday: Continue to pray for an end to the terrible war in Ukraine. For the Ukrainian people - that their morale may remain unbroken despite the deliberate targeting of residential areas and the widespread destruction of their historical and cultural heritage. Pray especially for rescue workers searching for trapped victims in the ruins and for those trying to maintain electricity, water supplies, and transport.

Wednesday: This year's Shoeboxes from the UK are designated for the children of the Ukraine. As you fill their boxes, try to envisage the boy or girl who will be receiving their gift, who may be traumatised by the war and uncertainty of the future. Pray that the boxes may be delivered intact and contain only those things which are permitted.

Thursday: Pray for our Government in these difficult times, especially for the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer - that they may have the humility to recognise mistakes and promote policies which are helpful to those in real need.

Friday: Consider our lovely planet, spinning like a jewel against a dark background. Thank God for giving us such a lovely place to live and one which could provide for the needs of all of us if we weren't so foolish as to foul it up with our selfishness. Ask God to help us do all we can to look after the world we live in.

Saturday: The Weekend at Home has come and gone but let us pray that the various events may prove to be of lasting benefit to many in the church who experienced the times of teaching and fellowship. Pray that the time will come when a suitable venue may be found to resume going away together again.

Coffee after the Service...



Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to contribute you can find details on the Church website (ccwsm.org.uk/shoebox-appeal-2022/) or on posters in our Churches. Alternatively please talk to Chris Webber, Liz Butt, or Emma in the Church Office.

All donations need to be in Church by 30th October or, for complete boxes, Sunday 6th November. Thank you!

John & Kathy's Adventures Part 3...

Hello Church Family,

As you have been enjoying your 'Church Weekend at Home' (which we have been able to follow online), we have visited Adelaide Zoo and were really fortunate to be able to spend some time enjoying the antics of Wang Wang the male giant panda. A real thrill. Fabulous. My favourite animal. The female might possibly be pregnant so she was out of sight. We also saw Komodo dragons amongst other animals. The zoo was really well set out.

We went on to visit the Victorian Arcade being renowned as the first to be illuminated by electricity. With various alterations over the years it still retains its original aura. Adelaide was low rise, clean, felt safe, and surrounded by parkland - altogether a lovely city.

After a short flight (punctuated by thunder and lightening) we landed in Melbourne to be greeted by torrential rain. This continued into the next morning when John took part in the Park Run around the Albert Park Formula One course. The rain dissipated so we took the free tram and hopped off at The Shrine of Remembrance built to honour the men and women of Victoria who served in WWI but now serves as a memorial to all Australians who have served in any war. Very, very impressive and nothing like it in the UK.

After a brief walk through the Botanical Gardens we returned to the hotel and enjoyed a locally sourced Italian meal. The following day we managed a City & River Cruise as well as visiting Queen Victoria Market which incorporates everything from meat and fish to socks and boomerangs. Next instalment coming soon...



"WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH"

I'm sure this is something we would want everyone to experience as they come to church - not simply that the noticeboard says "All welcome"!

The important thing is that all of us in the church family are responsible for this - although at Christ Church we have a few folk who prioritise 'welcoming' each week, all of us are part of this.

It may be worth considering:-

- How often do I say "hello" to someone who is new?
- Do I try to speak to different people in church or always the same few?
- Have I ever introduced a new person to someone with whom they might enjoy a chat?



More coffee anyone...

CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME

Things we enjoyed & appreciated...

All the wonderful food that was prepared & produced for us



Getting to know people better

Revisiting a story we know so well & thinking about how that applies to us today



Sharing our children with our Church family



Playing with my friends & going out to have fun with Nicky, Elaine, & Linda

Learning that we are all equal & have one Father



Being refreshed in order to go out & live our lives in the world



Watch the Morning Service

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