

Connected

Sunday 13th November 2022

2nd Sunday Before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Sermon Snippets

John 13: 31-38

Remembrance Sunday is a time for giving thanks for those who have given their lives fighting for peace – indeed our World War memorials, both at Christ Church and Emmanuel, display the names of those who lived in our parish who died.

As we give thanks, we also pray for those situations of strife in our world; the closest of which is the war in Ukraine.



It seems fitting, therefore, that the 'Christmas Shoeboxes' are going to refugee families from Ukraine this year. This Sunday we will pray for those who will receive them and pray that some will respond to the accompanying booklet 'The Greatest Journey'.

As well as praying for peace in our world, we also think about what it means to deepen peace in our church community. "Love one another" was Jesus' command both to his disciples and to us in John 13.

It may sound the simplest and easiest thing to do... that is until we get involved with a church community and realise it isn't always such plain sailing! So, how do we do it? We recognise the importance of such a command but where do we find the strength to carry it out?

We'll look together at John's gospel chapter 13 where Jesus gives us the way forward.



What's On This Week

Saturday 12th November

Repair Café from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Sunday 13th November

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Families Together at 3pm in The Spire Centre
(it would be helpful if you could let Nicky know if you are planning to attend the above event)

Monday 14th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 15th November

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

Wednesday 16th November

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

Thursday 17th November

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
JaM Club at 3:30pm at Christ Church
(pre-registration is required for the above event)
Parenting for Faith at 7:30pm in The Spire Centre

Saturday 19th November

Tearfund Big Quiz Night at 7pm at Christ Church

Notices

Poppy Appeal

There is a box of poppies on the table in the lobby - please feel free to take one & leave a contribution in the charity tin alongside.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 18th November & Monday 21st November.

Larissa Away

Please note that Larissa will be away from Monday 21st November til Friday 25th November inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' "

John 13: 34-35

Prayer Pointers

Sunday - today is Remembrance Sunday and we bring before the Lord all who have lost loved ones in the Armed Forces, all who have been injured in body, mind or spirit in conflict or peace keeping exercises, and for those serving at this present time. We thank you for them and for the sacrifices they make so that others might live in freedom.

Monday - we pray for our government and governments around the world, that they might be able to negotiate ways of our living together in this world without resorting to killing, death, and destruction.

Tuesday - we pray for our neighbours that, by the way we live and act, we might draw them into Christ's heavenly kingdom so that they too will know the awesome love that Jesus Christ has for each one of us.

Wednesday - we pray for all the different Life Groups that are held through the week. We pray that they deepen our knowledge of the Bible and our faith and we give thanks for the special support they give to individual members.

Thursday - we pray for our schools that they are a place of learning, of fun, of making new friends, and a place of safety. We pray for the teachers and the support staff in the many challenges they face with reduced funding and staff.

Friday - we pray that we might all be responsible in reducing our CO2 emissions and that, as a country, we can take a lead in reducing climate change. We pray we are ready to accept and support the challenges this will bring.

Saturday - the Deaf Church met at Emmanuel last Sunday. We do pray for them and for this special time for deaf people from across the Deanery when they come together to worship, pray together, and share tea.

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...



The next Repair Café will be held this Saturday 12th November 2022 from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church. For further details please see our website (under the 'Community' heading + 'Repair Café') or click on the link below: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/repair-cafe/>

Spare Mugs!

If anyone has any spare mugs they would be greatly appreciated at The Beacon and, now we have started Winter Warmth, we use mugs for soup as well as hot drinks so get through even more!



We can collect them from Emma at the Church Office if you are unable to bring them to Emmanuel.

Many thanks, *Meg & Daphne*



3pm - 4:30pm
Sunday 13th November
in the Spire Centre

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Date: Saturday 19th November
Time: 7pm
Venue: Christ Church



Come and join a great fun evening supporting the work of Tearfund.

Teams of three or four but individuals can come along and join/form a team.

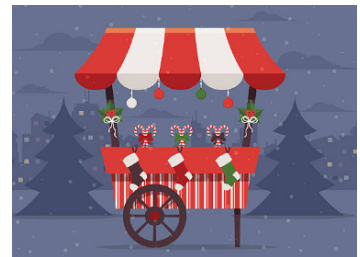
The quiz will include a broad range of topical questions. At half time, drinks & delicious puddings will be served.

Suggested donation of £5 per person. A sign-up list will be in both churches. For more details speak to Liz or Chris Cole.

Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 26th November
10:30am til 2pm

- Variety of Stalls
- Refreshments (including lunches)
- Homemade Cakes



Christ Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday, 3rd December
10am til 1pm

In what can be a busy time, come and relax with us with a cup of coffee and cake or mince pie!

Children's Corner
Book & Puzzle Stall
Cakes, Chutneys & Edibles
Crafts



HELP NEEDED - from time-to-time members of our church family need lifts to medical appointments. We need to update our list of volunteer drivers who are willing to offer that service. Could you please let Liz Cole know if you are willing to offer this help. It may be some are happy to drive only within the Weston area but others may be happy to go to Bristol or Taunton - please specify which. If you have previously been on the list please confirm if you are able to continue - we won't make any assumptions. Thank you.

More coffee anyone...

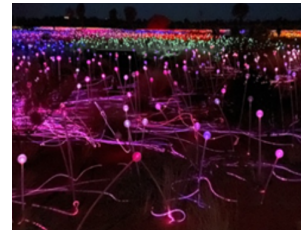
John & Kathy's Adventures Part 5..

From Sydney to Ayers Rock (Uluru) and the Red Centre - very aptly named as the earth is red.

We arrived and were upgraded to a lovely apartment (probably due to tourist numbers being down since COVID). The first evening we enjoyed a Field of Light dinner in the desert (definitely not warm if that is what you were all thinking). Great conversations with fellow travellers and a walk through the Field of Light - designed and installed by fellow Briton Bruce Munro.

Very different vegetation and flora.

After so much travelling, the next day we swam, read, shopped and chilled.



We had a stop-over in Sydney before travelling up to Cairns to a beautiful hotel with a balcony looking out over the Coral Sea. We loved Kuranda and the cable car which took us over the tropical rainforest for more than 4 kilometres with stops for photos. We came back down on the Kuranda Scenic Railway having visited a small wildlife park to meet koalas, kangaroos, and with a special talk on salt water crocodiles which was fascinating. Also managed to fit in a WWII Duck Tour through the rainforest. We liked Cairns a lot.

John ran the Park Run - the man-made lagoon was fabulous as was the Esplanade with free BBQ facilities and lawns and terrific play areas for children. Wish Zachy could have played there! Signing off till the next time...!

BISHOP MICHAEL TO GET OUT & ABOUT ON THE MORNING OF HIS INSTALLATION!

In a special service at Wells Cathedral on Saturday, 12 November the Right Reverend Michael Beasley will become the 80th Bishop of Bath and Wells, but before that he plans a busy morning meeting people on the route between the two cities, using different modes of transport along the way.

A phrase that has stuck with Bishop Michael from the service when he became a bishop is 'bishops know their people and their people know them'.

As he seeks to live out that sentiment, rather than make a conventional car journey home from attending Morning Prayer at Bath Abbey, Bishop Michael will be taking a different approach.

From the Abbey he will set out on foot to catch the bus to Odd Down Park & Ride. From there he will travel by car to Peasedown St John before swapping to an electric bike to ride through the village to the Hive Community Centre.

After meeting members of the local community the local PCSO will give Bishop Michael a lift in his police car to the White Post, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, where he'll swap to a tractor to take him to meet staff at the Mulberry factory in Chilcompton. For the final leg of the journey, local haulage firm Massey Wilcox will provide a vintage lorry to drop him back down to Wells in time to prepare for the service.

