

Connected

Sunday 21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Romans 12: 1-8



Paul says to offer our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice, and that this is our true and proper worship.

What does this look like for us?

Emmanuel
James 3: 1-12

James, the half brother of the Lord Jesus, writes an earthy practical letter. He is out to remind people that it is all very well talking about their faith but how is their Christian life shown by their actions? All chat and no act?

This Sunday we touch down midway through the epistle where James is stressing this need in one particular direction - using our tongue. How powerful for evil or good our words can be!

‘No doctor can heal wounds inflicted by the tongue’. So ‘let your conversation be always full of grace seasoned with salt’.



Life/Home Groups

Life Groups (or Home Groups as they are sometimes referred to) continue to be a significant part of church family life. They are currently attended and led by a combination of Christ Church and Emmanuel members.

They are a place to get to know a small number of people more closely than is possible on a Sunday morning. They create a safe and nurturing space, within which we help each other in our spiritual journeys and have the opportunity to pray and care for each other. In this atmosphere it is far easier to learn from the Bible by asking questions and discussing puzzling ideas.

A little something shared from one of our groups...!

"What homegroup starts their Bible study in a car in their lounge? Ours of course!

We started with a hilarious ride and much merriment. We sang, we laughed, but also covered some very difficult subjects close to all our hearts.

We may have started with laughter and the song from the group Madness (Driving In My Car) but we ended truly knowing that God has us under the safety of His mighty wings, wherever we travel."

There is always space for more members within our Life Groups. If you would like to know more, please speak to Bev Hall (our Life Group Co-Ordinator).



What's On This Week

Saturday 20th May

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm
(see programme for further details)

Monday 22nd May

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 23rd May

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

Wednesday 24th May

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

Thursday 25th May

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)

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Sunday 21st May, and from Monday 29th May til Thursday 1st June inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that, during the week commencing 29th May, the office will be officially closed. It will still be manned at some point most days but not necessarily during 'normal office hours'.



Save the date Weston Church Fest 15th July 2023

An all day event for all ages held at three Weston churches:
Christ Church, St Peter's and Locking Castle



More details
to follow

Prayer Pointers

Sunday

Give thanks for the gospel preached today; for those who hear it within our buildings and for those who listen online. Pray for lives changed and renewed as they meet with the risen and ascended Christ today.

Monday

Remember before God Ukraine and Sudan, especially those who have lost loved ones in the fighting. Pray for God's peace to reign in many a heart today.

Tuesday

Pray for our Government in London and for those elected recently to our Town Council and County Council; for wisdom in decision making and for integrity in all their dealings.

Wednesday

Give thanks for hymn and song writers who enable us to worship each Sunday; give thanks, too, for our musicians who enable us to sing God's praise each week.

Thursday

Pray with Christians Against Poverty for lasting change for those experiencing poverty. Join them in praying for those they support to experience freedom in Jesus.

Friday

Remember before God Bishop Michael and Bishop Ruth, Archdeacon Adrian, and Area Dean Andrew - praying for God's blessings on their ministries in our Diocese.

Saturday

Remember before God those of our families and friends who are unwell or in hospital; the housebound and those who live in Care Homes.

Verse For The Week

" Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. "

Romans 12: 2

Coffee after the Service...

Katrina Sodzi &
Sam Mills'
Wedding



You are warmly invited to join us for our wedding ceremony: Monday 29th May at 11am (at Christ Church)

The service will also be live-streamed for anyone who is unable to attend in person:
<https://ccwsm.org.uk/katrina-sam/>

Quiet Day for Pentecost



Thursday 8th June
10am-3pm

with Sister Ann Morris

at Uphill Methodist Church Retreat Centre
(Uphill Road South BS23 4SD)

Cost £10 - which includes lunch and hot drinks

For more details talk to:
Meg Hill at Emmanuel or
Sue Cannock at Christ Church

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Open Garden

Our first Open Garden will be taking place this Saturday:

20th May
from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details.

Programmes are still available to pick up at the back of church.



Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for five particular people, known to them, to come to know the love of Jesus. These focused prayers take place between Ascension Day to Pentecost. Please continue to pray for your five people.

Also, a reminder that our Daily Prayers for weeks beginning 15th and 22nd May are following the reflections prepared by Church leaders, across the denominations, for the Thy Kingdom Come initiative:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/daily-prayer/>

More coffee anyone...

Christ Church School Appeal

One of the activities a Year 6 child does is prepare for secondary school in their final term. The move to secondary is a huge one – to a large school from a relatively small one. The Diocese is running “leaver days” at Bath Abbey to help children prepare for this and to know that our God “goes with them”.

School budgets are very tight and Christ Church Primary is short of approx. £400 for coach hire and the other costs of the day.

The cost per child is £16.50. Would you like to sponsor a child or two to make this possible? Or just give a general donation towards the overall cost.

You can donate via this link:

<https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/QGK0H2D6>

Or, alternatively, please speak to David (our Treasurer) if you would like to give towards this.

Thank you.

Tom



The funeral for...

Brenda White will be taking place next week.

If you would like to attend, please speak to Larissa or Emma in the Church Office who can provide you with further details.

ChristianConcern

Christian Concern are advertising some jobs (based in London). Please click on the link opposite if you are interested or know someone who might be:

<https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e=cb8311fe67&u=bed173cc9adfcad1e0e442a35&id=fc8f38e216>

Request from John...

Does anyone have any of the following which they can donate to Christ Church:

(1) non-plastic garden pots?



(2) any plants in their garden no longer wanted?

(3) any plants in their garden from which cuttings can be taken?



If so, please speak to John Hinchliffe.

Many thanks!

Locking Castle Church **Ladies Day**

Saturday 3rd June
10-3pm

'Refreshment in the Spirit'

with guest speaker

Caroline Deakin

Please see Rosemary Burden for more details on reburden23@gmail.com
£10 each, Bring a packed lunch



Venue: Locking Castle Church, Bransby Way,
BS24 7BW (01934 519888)

Contact: Rosemary Burden (reburden23@gmail.com)
or Emily Cumberbatch (07905 516624)
to reserve a space.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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