

Connected

Sunday 11th June 2023

First Sunday After Trinity

Cruising Up The Danube...

As probably many of you know - Chris and I have both reached the age of 60. The surprise party at the beginning of the year made sure the "cat was well out of the bag"!

As a further celebration we were joined by two good friends of ours on a river cruise up the Danube which we've just returned from.

There are many, many things to say; but one thing that struck me was the Orthodox churches we saw behind what was the "Iron Curtain" in what was communist eastern Europe. As I entered some of these lovely buildings (see, for example, the interior of this church in Belgrade), I became aware of faith lived out in hard times. People living under oppression and relative poverty were seeking to live out their lives under the guidance of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

It can be encouraging to know that when we face challenging times there are many Christians who walk that journey with us who have themselves had difficult lives.

Tom



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Matthew 28: 16-20

Someone's final words are often especially important and this would be true for Jesus' final words in Matthew's gospel. He tells them - as they go about their lives - to seek to make disciples. And, as these new disciples were recruited, so they also follow the same command - as they also go about their lives - they should also seek to make disciples.

That sounds to us to be a "big ask". So how is it possible...?

Well, at the end of the verse - the final part of his final words - Jesus gives us the answer.



Come along on Sunday to find out!

Emmanuel
1 Peter 2: 4-12

The Development Of The Priesthood

Our key word is 'development' - the Bible is a progressive revelation / developing story.

Three points:

- (1) The Old Testament Priest;
- (2) JESUS The Priest;
- (3) The New Testament Priesthood.



We are ALL Priests today.

Prayer Pointers

MONDAY - We pray for our childrens' and young peoples' ministry - including our responsibility to Christ Church School, it's Head Teacher, staff, and pupils. We include the Governors in their important roles. Make us faithful in prayer toward them all - that Jesus may become real to each one - and that our church (especially through our vicar, Tom's, leadership) may influence them all against anti-Christian values and lifestyles.

TUESDAY - We pray that through our various social interactions - such as Life Groups, Alpha input, garden visits, coffee mornings, and other events - that we may practise the life of Jesus (who was very much in the world but not of it) so that we may be people good to be with, drawing many to the Lord.

WEDNESDAY - In praying for the many in our lives who are challenged by serious illness, may we, on their behalf, practise scripture's exhortation to speak forth your promises and claim them, expecting your perfect answers according to your will.

THURSDAY - Father God, we pray for the media in all its forms which is seemingly captured by the kingdom of darkness. Lord, shed your light into every part so that all sin and falsehood might be revealed and turned away from as your truth is revealed.

FRIDAY - Lord, we pray for the victims of the recent train crash in India and other tragedies such as death from drowning accidents and animals out of control. Lord, bring comfort, healing, and peace to victims and loved ones.

SATURDAY - Father, we pray for those weighed down by debt - perhaps by unwise decisions or by gambling or other life choices. We thank you for CAP and other charities ministering practical help to many. Lord, may all needs be met and victims find peace.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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What's On This Week

Saturday 10th June

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

Sunday 11th June

NB/ Canceled - Families Together Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 12th June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 13th June

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

Wednesday 14th June

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

Thursday 15th June

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)

Saturday 17th June

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

Sunday 18th June

Healing & Wholeness Service at 6pm at Christ Church

Notices

Church Office Closing Early

Please be aware that the Church Office may close slightly earlier than normal on Thursday 15th June.

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Thursday 22nd June til Sunday 25th June inclusive.

Larissa Unavailable

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 23rd June til Sunday 25th June inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. "

Matthew 28: 19-20

Coffee after the Service...



Thank you



I would like to thank all in my church family for the many cards, phone calls, hugs, kindness, and most of all prayers following the death of my eldest daughter, Sue. It has been very much appreciated. With love,
Pam Waters



Thank you to everyone who donated towards Christ Church School's 'leaver day' at Bath Abbey - we raised over £300 which is very encouraging.

This will really enable these children to prepare for their move to secondary school.

Healing & Wholeness Service

Our Evening Prayer Service this month will be a Healing & Wholeness Service



Christ Church
18th June at 6pm



Do come & join us

For your thoughts & prayers...

Sadly, Rosanne's Mum passed away last week. She would like to thank those who have been praying for her over the last month.

She and the family would appreciate your ongoing prayers, especially for her Dad (they were married for 63 years).



Toss it? No way!

The next Repair Café will be held
Saturday 10th June from
10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Anne & Martyn Jones would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards, and prayers following the death of Anne's Mum, Joan Parker.

The funeral will be on Friday 23rd June at Weston Crematorium at 1:30pm, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Christ Church, Montpelier at 3pm.

