

Connected

Sunday 18th June 2023

Second Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Galatians 5: 13-26

In one of Paul's earliest and most passionate letters he exhorts us, "You are Free! Now live like it! Keep in step with the Holy Spirit!".

God has saved us from everything that ties us down and weighs heavily on us in order to come and live inside us through the power of the Holy Spirit. But the flesh and Spirit are in constant conflict. Whose tune do we follow? What music do we dance along to and keep in time with?



Emmanuel Matthew 28: 16-20

This Sunday we are welcoming Archdeacon Adrian at Emmanuel. You may well remember that he led us last year at the "Church Weekend at Home" – encouraging us to think about living our "Monday – Saturday lives" for Christ and using the Sunday at Church as a springboard for that.

Out of that weekend we've been looking at different aspects of living our lives as 'salt and light' and Adrian will be speaking on a similar theme.



Healing & Wholeness Service

This Sunday we are holding another Healing and Wholeness service (6pm at Christ Church).

These gentle reflective services have been valued by those who come.

This week, we are thinking about reconciliation. We start with the knowledge that we have been reconciled to God (from 2 Corinthians 5) and we then see how that reconciliation can be the foundation of a process of being reconciled to others, and even to ourselves.

There is an opportunity for individual prayer where we read out the words we'll use for each person who comes forward. Some come for prayer for particular needs and others come forward without anything very specific but to ask God for the blessing of His presence in their lives.

If you haven't come before; why not give it a try?



Prayer Pointers

Monday - Father, we pray for our Church. We thank You for our Church family, at Emmanuel and at Christ Church, and we pray for our Church leaders: Tom and his family, Larissa and her family, the retired clergy, and the readers -that you will give them all wisdom, patience, and understanding as they seek to lead us on our Christian journey.

Tuesday - We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially those who are suffering because they bear Your name - thinking of the Christians in Syria, India, North Korea, and Nigeria. Be there, we pray, for those who seek You with heart, soul, mind, and strength. Encourage them and lift them up to know the wonder of Your love for them.

Wednesday - Father, we pray for the governments around the world, especially at this time of so many natural disasters including the floods and the fires caused by climate change. We pray for those whose decisions will affect the whole of Your wonderful creation. You gave us responsibility for all that You have made but we have betrayed that trust and allowed Your good earth to become spoilt by greed and selfishness. By Your Holy Spirit, grant the leaders wisdom and a renewed urgency to act and be faithful stewards of your creation.

Thursday - We pray for King Charles and all the Royal family. Help them to cope with the constant glare of publicity and to use their position wisely, giving inspiration and encouragement to our country.

Friday - Father, we pray for our town and the local community of which we are a part. We thank You for the opportunities You give us to serve You among the people that we meet each day and pray that You will show us where we, as Christians, are not meeting the needs of people whom You put in our path. We pray especially for Somewhere to Go at this time and for all those who need help as they are perhaps homeless or have lost their jobs.

Saturday - We pray for those today who are facing sorrow and suffering, living with constant pain or physical disabilities, struggling every day with illness, addictions, or depression; all for whom life seems a burden rather than a blessing. May everyone for whom life is hard know Your hand upon them, and find in You the strength and hope they need.

Sunday - Living God, we look forward to that day when every tongue will sing Your praises and all will rejoice in the light of your presence.

What's On This Week

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

Monday 19th June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 20th June

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

Wednesday 21st June

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

Thursday 22nd June

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

Notices

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.

Medication Blister Packs

Unfortunately, the blister packs will no longer be collected at Christ Church as the place we have been taking them no longer accepts bulk donations.

Verse For The Week

" But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Galatians 5:22-24

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...

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be taking place this Saturday:

**17th June
from 2:30pm-5pm**

Please see the Programme for host/address details. Programmes are still available to pick up at the back of church.



Turkey Earthquake Impact Report

I find great pleasure in sharing with you our Turkey Earthquake Impact Report: <https://sampur.se/turkeyreport>

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry; your support enabled us to rapidly reach tens of thousands of people that were suddenly left homeless. As our staff and local partners met the most pressing needs of displaced families, they had opportunities to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for the millions of people who have suffered so much in the aftermath of these earthquakes and for Samaritan's Purse as we seek to meet longer term needs in the country. We pray that this report provides a glimpse into the physical and spiritual relief efforts you supported as our disaster specialists and local partners ministered to the people of Turkey.

Samaritan's Purse

A 'Thank You' from Bishop Michael

I am writing to thank you for your parish share contributions in 2023 to the Common Fund that supports ministry across the Diocese of Bath and Wells and for keeping these up to date. Your generosity – and that of all our parishes - is essential if we are to pay our stipendiary clergy and fund the services that support parishes, schools and chaplaincies. I'm therefore writing in appreciation of your support. Please do pass my grateful thanks to everyone in your parish who has contributed.



Bible Notes

Bible reading notes are available at the back of church (Christ Church) for those who have ordered them.

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SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

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.