

Connected

Sunday 9th July 2023

Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 4

You'll have heard me use the phrase "Living God's love" ...but what does this love look like?

Is it reserved for a few with particular problems or for everybody just finding life difficult? And how much does God really care?

Well, this Sunday, we'll be looking at Jesus' compassion for the crowds being one of very deep care. But the passage doesn't end there - it finishes with the role that all of us have as another generation of Jesus' disciples to be "living God's love" for ourselves.



Emmanuel
Matthew 10: 5-15

This Sunday, we will pick up where we left off last week. We will continue to think about what it means to live as 'sent people' in our ministry of 'walking about' that Ian has spoken to us about.

Are there ways we can be more intentional in the everyday, ordinary lives we already live that would enable those we meet to more easily see Jesus?

Jesus gives very clear instructions in this Sunday's passage, as he sends the disciples out, that are also for us in our lives today, saying 'As you go, proclaim this message: "The Kingdom of heaven has come near."



So, as we gather together this Sunday, let's consider what that might actually look like in the reality of our lives each day.

THINGS TO DO ON SATURDAY 15TH JULY...!

There is a lot going on next Saturday 15th July but we would love you to attend as much as possible:

9am-11am Weston Church Fest Breakfast at Christ Church



1pm-3pm Weston Church Fest 'Drop-In' Lunch at St Peters (this is a less structured event so you can come & go as you please)



2:30pm-5pm Open Garden at Julie & Nigel's (see the Programme for further details) Come and enjoy tea & cake with the Christ Church/Emmanuel Family



5pm-7pm Weston Church Fest 'Pudding Party' at Locking Castle

Although we would encourage you to come to all of these events, if you can only make one or two or three that's fine!

The morning at Christ Church and the evening at Locking Castle are more structured events so, if you are thinking of attending either of these, you would probably want to stay for the whole time. St Peters is much more a drop-in and stay as long as you'd like type of thing.

We look forward to seeing you everywhere or somewhere next Saturday!

Prayer Pointers

Monday - This month is Plastic Free July. Visit www.tearfund.org/rubbishchallenge for suggestions to take action as well as praying for global plastic pollution to end, and for communities whose health is directly damaged by plastic waste.

Tuesday - Thank God for our emergency services: Fire, Ambulance, Police, and Coastguard. And for the NHS, Social Services, and Weston Hospicecare. Let's appreciate how much pressure they are all under and ask God to give them strength and tenacity.

Wednesday - Please pray for clergy who have made our churches a spiritual home during their retirement. Also thank God for the hundreds of acts of voluntary service given in love by all our members - in church and in our communities.

Thursday - Remember in your prayers anyone who is unwell or hurt in any way, for those who are grieving, and for those who need direction or purpose.

Friday - Our Life Groups are a valuable part of our church life and Christian walk. Please pray for new leaders to emerge.

Saturday - Pray for chaplains like Julie Birkett and Ian Girling (there are several more) who take the love of God into local institutions such as the college, residential homes, and the British Legion.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

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What's On This Week

Saturday 8th July

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

Sunday 9th July

Families Together Lunch at 12pm in The Spire Centre
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 10th July

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 11th July

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

Wednesday 12th July

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(please note that this event is currently full)
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 13th July

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

Saturday 15th July

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

Notices

Larissa Unavailable

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable from Monday 10th July til Sunday 23rd July inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Wednesday 12th July.

Church WiFi

Please be aware that the Church's internet provider changed on 5th July - if you need to connect to the WiFi you will require the new password (available from the Church Office).

Verse For The Week

" Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. "

Matthew 9: 35-36

Coffee after the Service...

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be taking place on Saturday:

**15th July
from 2:30pm-5pm**

Please see the Programme for host/address details.

Programmes are available from the Church Office if you haven't yet picked one up.



Sunday 9th July

Join us after the morning service in the Spire Centre (pre-school room) 12noon(ish) until 1:30pm!

Bring your lunch and we'll provide the cake and drinks!

An opportunity to get together with other families in church - play, chat, learn about, and share life with God together.

Let Nicky know if you can come!
email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk



The next Repair Café:
Saturday 8th July from
10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

How to be an Eco-Warrior...

Welcome to an occasional series on 'How to be an Eco-Warrior!'

Our first issue is about **Sustainable Transport**. If we can do anything to reduce our transport footprint it all helps the planet. We may take small steps but they all add up.

Easy/cheap:

- Walk or cycle as much as you can. No fossil fuels used, fresh air, good exercise for your body and mind - win, win, win 😊!
- Car share and take turns. One car on the road is better than two or three. Less emissions, less congestion, less money to fork out for fuel.

Takes a bit of effort/cash:

Use public transport.

- If, like me, you have a bus pass then it's free on any 'local' bus, anywhere in the country.
- If you often travel around the country, it's worth buying a Railcard to get one-third off all journeys.

Remember bus passes and railcards are off peak only. The downside is that buses and trains are not door-to-door and timetables can be tricky. North Somerset is putting extra effort into improving bus services, even though they can't control drivers being absent!

X1 to Bristol is now every 15mins, Monday to Friday.

X5 now takes in Locking Castle on its way to Portishead, including Saturday.

There is a price cap of £2 (£1 for a child) on tickets until the end of October.

Harder/more expensive:

- If you've got the ability, you could invest in an electric bike or car.
- Change your energy supplier to a Green provider. Christ Church buys electricity from Ecotricity which is 100% green. It may cost a bit more but you are, in effect, supporting the sustainable energy industry.
- Reduce your air travel to a minimum. If you have to fly, look for ways to off-set your carbon footprint through environmental charities.

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