

Connected

Sunday 30th July 2023

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Matthew 9: 18-26

You are just on your way out when the phone rings, or you are hurrying down the street when someone you haven't seen for some time wants to tell you something, or you don't know what to say to someone who has a problem so should you avoid them. Difficult things come along just when we're at our busiest. How do we handle those situations?

How did Jesus manage on a day full of interruptions?

Matthew tells this well known incident in a slightly different way to the dramatic story we usually read.



EMMANUEL LUKE 10: 25-37

'Oh no! Not the good Samaritan again' - that may well be your understandable reaction having heard many a sermon on the kind-hearted chap. However, as the old hymn puts it:

'Tell me the story often
For I forget so soon;
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon'

And that applies to all parts of
the gospel story.

Pray that the Holy Spirit may
touch us with something
significant for our spiritual
journey through song, prayer, Scripture, or message.



Slowing Down...

Last week, as I took my dog Alfie out for a walk, I saw a multitude of school groups on the beach (in between the showers!) all kitted-out in their high-vis jackets and playing on the sand. This week most of that is now over as we reach the school summer holidays and the beach is filled a little more with families.

The month of August is often a quieter time in church life - it's healthy to slow things down from time to time. A bit more of a break gives us time to do those things we might put aside in busier times. Time for friends and family, time for God, and time for ourselves.

Maybe over these next few weeks you can try to do one thing in each of those categories?

...and,
whatever the weather holds for us, I hope you enjoy the summer!

Tom



Verse For The Week

" My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever. "

Psalm 73: 26

Prayer Pointers

Monday: *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation*

Note that this verse is in the singular. It does not refer to a disparate bunch of individuals but a people chosen by God. Let us pray for unity within our two churches.

We give thanks for the recent Weston Church Fest and pray for more opportunities to worship and serve our One God together.

We pray for unity in the worldwide church, focussing on the things we have in common rather than our differences.

Tuesday: *God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you*

We give thanks for Tom, Larissa, and all who lead our two churches. We are grateful for everyone who plays a part in our services. We bring ourselves before God and ask how each of us can serve in the life of our church, and that each thought, word, and deed becomes an act of worship in our daily lives.

Wednesday: *Out of darkness into his wonderful light*

There are many areas of the world where there seems to be darkness. Take a moment to look at the news and pick just one or two places around the world where there are wars, natural disasters, or disorder and chaos. Let us ask God to bring his peace and light into dark situations. May we each continue to pray for these situations.

Thursday: *Once you were not a people*

Let us remember times in our past when we have either not known God or times when we have wandered from his path. Let us praise God for his redeeming love, his grace and mercy shown to us as he brought us back to himself, and also for the people who encourage us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received.

Friday: *But now you are the people of God*

We are his hands and feet, right where we live and work. Who can we pray for by name? To whom can we reach out with acts of service, words of encouragement, or quality time? Let us ask God – honestly – how we can be salt and light in the world around us. Lord, help us to be the people of God in the world, in our town, and in our friendships and families.

What's On This Week

Monday 31st July

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 1st August

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 2nd August

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week but...
'Sing & Smile' at 10:15am in The Spire Centre

Thursday 3rd August

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 5th August

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

Notices

Nicky on Sabbatical

A reminder that Nicky will be on sabbatical during August/September/October. If you need to discuss anything 'family ministry' related while she is away, please speak to Tom or Linda. Any emails sent to the family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk address will not be picked up until Nicky is back.

Tom On Camp!

Please be aware that Tom will be away - helping at the annual CPAS Camp - from Wednesday 2nd August til Wednesday 9th August inclusive.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Saturday: *Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy*

We have received an indescribably amazing gift of new life in Christ. We have received mercy, even though we haven't deserved this. Let us pray that God will strengthen us and enable us to show mercy to others, whether it be by acts or words of kindness, or by forgiving others who have trespassed against us.

Coffee after the Service...

DON NORRIS' FUNERAL

*The funeral for Don Norris will
be held on:*

*Friday 11th August at 11am
at Christ Church*

All church family are invited.



Date for your diary...

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 23rd September
8:30am - 10am

After a cooked breakfast...
"Weston Town Centre at Night"
with Street Pastors
by Dave Milsom
[a Weston Street Pastor]

Details from Paul Sodzi or Keith Hallett



Lost Property

There are a few items of jewellery in the Church Office - a blue beaded necklace and a couple of earrings (a gold stud and a 'coral' dolphin). If any of these are yours, please see Emma. There is also a small black KJV Bible under the pigeon holes in church. Please have a look if you think this might be yours.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

**BRAVE THE
SHAVE**

Samantha Evans will be shaving her head on Saturday 5th August to raise money for Macmillan's Brave The Shave.

If you would like to find out more, or would like to make a donation, please do speak to Sam or use the link to the website here:

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/samantha-evans2>

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be taking place on
Saturday 5th August
from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for further details.



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