

# Connected

Sunday 13th August 2023

Tenth Sunday After Trinity



The latest CAP newsletter can be found on our website (under 'Mission Partner News') or via this link:

[Newsletter about the Weston Area CAP Centre \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.mailchi.mp).

The Weston Area CAP Debt Centre is **recruiting** for an additional **Volunteer CAP Debt Centre Coach**

They are looking for a 'people person' who can engage with the local community and provide the first line of support for families who are struggling under the weight of unmanageable debt.

Click on [this link](#) for further details or see the poster displayed at both Christ Church & Emmanuel.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Larcombe, Debt Centre Manager, for an application pack ([paullarcombe@capuk.org](mailto:paullarcombe@capuk.org) or 07563 880577).

Applications need to be submitted by Friday 8 September 2023 with initial interviews being conducted the week commencing 18 September 2023.

## Sermon Snippets

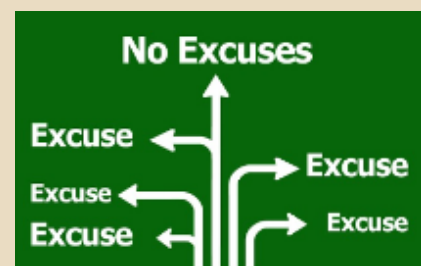
### Christ Church

Exodus 4: 1-13

Excuses, excuses! I guess at times we all make them and at times we all receive them. It's a very human thing to do.

This morning we're thinking about a man who made all sorts of excuses to God including my favourite "Lord, please send someone else"!

This was Moses and we learn, despite his misgivings, he trusted God. Today we think about God's call on our lives - and that we can trust him even when we're not completely sure and can find a thousand excuses for why we shouldn't do the very thing he calls us to.



### Emmanuel

Matthew 14: 22-36



These two remarkable miracles come just after Jesus has received the shocking news of the tragic death of his cousin John the Baptist and his wish to be somewhere quiet on his own.

The feeding of the five thousand has echoes of God providing manna to the children of Israel as they journey through the wilderness.

In spite of his own personal need for quiet, in his grief Jesus responds to the needs of the people who are depriving him of this quiet.

This miracle of compassion sits alongside Jesus' provision and challenges us to trust that same Jesus to deal with us with compassion and provision when we set out on our individual faith journeys with Him.

When have you sensed that Jesus was saying 'come' to you BUT your lack of faith in his provision kept you in the boat?

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

Pray for peace on earth and for unstable countries - the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and Iraq.

## Tuesday

Pray for those living in conflict - hotspots such as Gaza, Israel, and Yemen.

## Wednesday

Pray for persecuted Christians in Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, and Pakistan.

## Thursday

Pray for Ukraine and for all those displaced by the conflict.

## Friday

Pray for all refugees worldwide.

## Saturday and Sunday

For Christians forced to flee. May they find Christian sanctuary and safety.

## Church Work Day/Week

During August, we will be doing some jobs around Christ Church. **The week of the 21st to the 26th August** is when we invite you to join us.

**SATURDAY 26th** will be a **CHURCH WORK DAY** for all those able to come but, on most days that week, help would be very much appreciated.

Tea/coffee will be available during the week and lunch provided on the Saturday.

A list of jobs will be in church this Sunday for you to put your name against.

Thank you in advance. *Angie & John*



# What's On This Week

## Sunday 13th August

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 14th August

No Ladies Together this week

## Tuesday 15th August

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 16th August

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

## Thursday 17th August

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

## Saturday 19th August

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

## Notices

### *Church Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Friday 18th August til Monday 28th August inclusive (although it will be manned on occasion during this time).

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August.

## *Verse For The Week*

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

*Isaiah 43: 1b*

## *Watch the Morning Service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

# Coffee after the Service...

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**BEAVE THE  
SHAVE**

**WELL DONE SAMANTHA!**



I am so overwhelmed by the amount of support I have received from this. I am very grateful to everyone who has donated. Thank you. Samantha.

If you would like to see the video of Samantha 'braving the shave' (as shown in church last Sunday!) please [click here](#)

## Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be taking place on **Saturday 19th August** from **2:30pm-5pm**

Please see the Programme for further details.



## Good News!

Following our prayers last Sunday, Christ Church have donated a table, two chairs, and cutlery to a mother and two children from Kiev who are resettling in Weston.

Amen!

*Karen Lee-Roberts*

**tearfund**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your church's gift to Tearfund's Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Thanks to our faithful supporters, we've been able to respond to the crisis, bringing help and relief to those in need.

Watch this thank you message from our team in Syria: [click here](#)

Following on from last Sunday's Paddington-themed service at Christ Church...

Zach thought you might like to see a photo of him sitting with the famous bear at Paddington Station...



## Contact Details

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# More coffee anyone...

## Pilgrimage to Taizé

Having recently returned from Taizé on a very special week long pilgrimage with a small group from the Diocese I wanted to share with you a glimpse of our time together with two thousand others from across the world.

### **What is Taizé all about?**

Taizé was founded out of the conflict of WWII and is an extraordinary place to visit. Each week it offers several thousand young people from around the world time and space to breathe, to listen, to think and to live for a while to the beat of heaven. People that go to Taizé often describe it as a “thin place”, where heaven draws close to earth, and say it’s an experience that’s changed their lives. Many we met have been coming regularly for several years, since they were small children.

### **What happens at Taizé?**

Three times a day everyone gathers with the Taizé community in the church for prayer with songs, a scripture reading, and silence. The worship uses the Taizé community’s chants. Singing them alongside three thousand other people from all around Europe and in different languages is a very moving experience.

Each day, the brothers of the community introduce a biblical reflection organised by language, followed by a time of discussion in small groups. This is an extraordinary opportunity to encounter the thinking, insights, and perspectives of people from many different traditions and from all around the world. In my group of eight there were people from Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, England, and Vietnam. Needless to say our conversation was in English which they all spoke fluently.



The meetings at Taizé are about searching, listening, thinking about what it means to be a human being, and how we can do something to bring justice, peace, and hope to our world. They provide a space where young adults can meet people their age from other countries and talk about important things. But, at the same time, it is also possible at Taizé to discover how to be on your own.

In the afternoon each day there are workshops which explore themes of faith and life touching on work, society, art and culture, social justice, and world peace.

Between meals and times of prayer there’s plenty of free time. In the evening there is a great time of socialising at ‘Oyak’ where, over refreshments, there is singing, dancing, and all kinds of spontaneous entertainment in the midst of the crowd. And the church is always open for those looking for quiet.

Nothing is compulsory about Taizé. The wonderful sense of freedom there makes the times of prayer and meeting tremendously compelling.

Taizé’s particular vocation is to young people aged between 16 and 30, of all faiths and none, and their work continues throughout the year. For certain weeks in the summer it does devote itself particularly to schools.

Taizé offers a gap year to work in the inclusive community supporting the brothers. All are welcome.

Do have a chat with me if you know of any 18-30 year olds who would be interested in joining me next year.

With my love and prayers,

*Julie*