

Connected

Sunday 20th August 2023

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Matthew 15 v21-28

Do you ever find that following Jesus' teaching while being a mere human being are two things that seem to clash??

And exactly what is going on in this passage we have from the Bible today because it's not the response we normally expect from Jesus.

I can't guarantee any definitive answers but it is going to be interesting exploring the possibilities as we look at Jesus' human side.

Why not join us in person or online.



Emmanuel
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.



Tom's Week At Camp...



A week or so ago I helped lead a Christian teens "venture" near Haywards Heath in West Sussex – it's the same camp I've been doing for years.

This year it was such a delight to see Terry and Margaret Baillie's grand-daughter on the camp. When we were welcoming the young people that had slipped my mind until – to my complete surprise in the moment - there was Terry Baillie standing next to me!

What's struck me this year is how we can all encourage each other – from a 13 year old boy explaining Psalm 23 to me - which I knew but it came across afresh to me once again - and the support we give each other as leaders.

Thank you to all who prayed for the camp!

Tom

Prayer Pointers

Monday - Pray for all who feel lonely and unloved as they begin another day - ask that God will touch their lives with companionship and purpose, and guide those who are His hands and feet to enrich their lives.

Tuesday - Pray for anyone experiencing hunger or homelessness today and for those working/volunteering to support them: The Beacon / Somewhere To Go / Foodbank / CAP / Tearfund / Christian Aid and many other global organisations.

Wednesday - Pray for all who are ill and those who work so hard to treat and care for them day by day in our community and in parts of the world with very limited resources.

Thursday - Pray for all who are feeling sad - that they may know the touch of God's love enfolding and encouraging them in the days to come as they experience His hope.

Friday - Pray for every person burdened with difficulties or living in challenging circumstances - may God guide them to reach out for, and accept, the support they need.

Saturday - Pray for all who strive to make the Lord's name known across the world, and especially for those preparing for services of worship tomorrow.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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What's On This Week

Saturday 19th August

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

Monday 21st August-Friday 25th August

Christ Church Work Week (from 10am each day) - please do drop-by to help if you can!

Monday 21st August

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 22nd August

No Parish Prayers this week
No Beacon this week

Wednesday 23rd August

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

Thursday 24th August

No Craft & Chat this week
No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 26th August

Christ Church Work Day (from 10am-4pm) - please do come along to help if you can! Lunch provided.

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.



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 Centre is recruiting for an additional Volunteer CAP Debt Centre Coach

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

Verse For The Week

" Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say. "

Exodus 4: 12