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Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 3rd September 2023

The Bereavement Journey
A place to process grief for anyone bereaved, any time

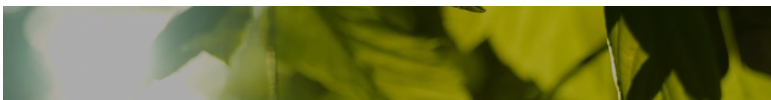
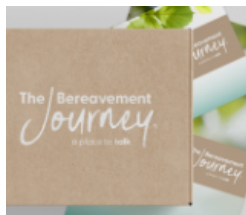
Bereavement is a difficult experience that affects us all at some point in our lives. We all experience different emotions and these don't always seem to make sense so it can be helpful to think about or talk these things through.

In the Autumn Larissa and Tom are running 'The Bereavement Journey' course for folk in both churches starting at 2:30pm on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at Christ Church for eight weeks.

The course was developed by Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) who also developed the Alpha Course.

The topics covered include:

- Attachment, separation, and loss;
- The pain and responses of grief;
- Anger and guilt;
- Coping with others' reactions;
- Delayed and suppressed grief;
- Adjusting to change;
- Moving forward healthily;
- Faith Questions (this is an optional session for those who wish to explore faith and grief).

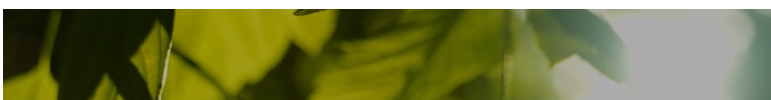


This is a gentle course suitable for anyone who would like to think about or talk about losing a loved one. This may have been recently or long ago.

Each session comprises two films followed by an opportunity for discussion in a small group with a break between. Tea, coffee, and cake will be provided.

To book please add your name to the sign-up sheets (available at both Christ Church & Emmanuel), email Larissa at curate@ccwsm.org.uk, or phone Emma in the office on 01934 641016.

If you think this might be for you but are unsure, or would like to know anything more about the course, please speak to Larissa or Tom.



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

2 Kings 7: 9-10

This Old Testament passage talks about the discovery of some treasures.

The question is, what will they do with their discovery? Will they share it or keep it for themselves...?



Emmanuel

Matthew 16: 21-27

Facing a Change of Direction...

Jesus turned towards Jerusalem and the Cross. His time as mentor and friend to the disciples was coming to an end and those closest to him could not understand it. Yet this change of direction had to happen for Jesus.

As Jesus walks on to Jerusalem, he instructs his disciples to take up their personal cross as he moves towards Calvary and takes up his.

Find out what it might mean for us to take up our cross on Sunday morning at Emmanuel Church.



What's On This Week

Saturday 2nd September

Coffee Morning at 10:30am at Emmanuel
Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm
(see programme for further details)

Monday 4th September

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 5th September

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

Wednesday 6th September

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 7th September

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

Saturday 9th September

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

Sunday 10th September

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Tom & Chris Unavailable

Please note that Tom & Chris will be unavailable from Friday 15th to Friday 22nd September inclusive.

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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Prayer Pointers

Monday - As the new school term begins, we pray all this week for the education of the young. Pray today for children embarking on life at a new school - that they will be able to overcome their fears and respond well to the new challenges they must face.

Tuesday - Pray for all CofE schools - that they may shine as beacons of light in their communities. Ask particularly for God's blessing on our own Christ Church School.

Wednesday - Pray that headteachers and school governors will use their responsibilities wisely to make decisions that enable their schools to prosper and their students achieve success, overcoming all the negative pressures young people are exposed to these days.

Thursday - Praise God that so many children around the world enjoy the benefits of an education guided by Christian values. Give thanks for the many dedicated Christian teachers in those schools. Pray for their protection from hostile authorities.

Friday - Pray for children in Christian families around the world who are unable to attend school because of poverty or persecution. Pray that they will not be deprived of opportunities to learn and develop in the Faith.

Saturday - Give thanks to the Lord for your own education - for all who helped you in achievements at school. Most of all, give thanks for all who educated you in the scriptures and helped you grow as a Christian over the years.

Verse For The Week

" Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. "

Matthew 16: 24

Coffee after the Service...



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who came along during the Christ Church work week - we are extremely grateful to all who helped with the many jobs which needed doing. Here is a sample of just some of the happy smiling folk getting stuck in...!



Emmanuel Coffee Morning.

There will be a 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel on:
Saturday 2nd September
10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.

Open Garden

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

Please see the Programme for further details...