

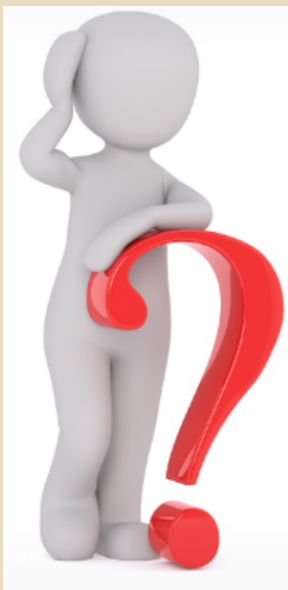
# Connected

Sunday 8th October 2023

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

## Christ Church 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Living in a multi-cultural society



Why do some people find our Christian faith so hard to understand?

Why might they think that God doesn't care for them or that they are unacceptable to God?

Why do we harp on about Jesus' death and resurrection so much?

And do we ever compromise our beliefs to fit in with the world?

The Church in Corinth struggled with all these questions.

We'll look this morning at how Paul tackles our relationship with a non-Christan world.

## Emmanuel

1 Corinthians 1:25-2:5

Forbid it  
Lord that  
I should  
boast save  
in the  
cross of  
Christ my  
Lord.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

For many years we have participated in the Operation Christmas Child project and would like to give the opportunity to do so again this year.



Unfortunately we are not able to put together "joint" boxes this year but would very much encourage anyone who would like to, to send a complete shoebox themselves. This year there are three ways you can contribute:

- 1) Go to the Samaritan's Purse website (Operation Christmas Child) and click on "Shoebox Online" or click [here](#). Each box costs £20. You can choose items to go in your box and an age of child to send it to.
- 2) Pack your own complete shoebox. Leaflets explaining what to put in a box will be available and there are spare empty boxes at both churches.
- 3) Make a financial gift.

For further information and relevant links click [here](#) or go to:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/>

The boxes, including those packed online, will be dedicated during our Sunday service on November 12th.

Each child who receives a box will also have the opportunity to learn about God's love for them through the Bible story "The Greatest Journey".

# What's On This Week

## Saturday 7th October

Coffee Morning at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Sunday 8th October

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 9th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 10th October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 11th October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

*(please note that this event is currently full)*

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Bereavement Course at 2:30pm at Christ Church

## Thursday 12th October

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 14th October

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

## Notices

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October inclusive.

## *Verse For The Week*

" For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. "

*1 Corinthians 1: 25*

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## *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*

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# Prayer Pointers

## Sunday

Give thanks for the ministry of the Holy Spirit amongst us. Pray for an outpouring of the spirit in our church communities today.

## Monday

Remember before God the children and teachers at Pre-school in Christ Church and our links with Christ Church School.

## Tuesday

Pray for those who attend The Beacon and for those who prepare food and share in the Christian talk afterwards. Pray for receptive hearts and minds.

## Wednesday

Give thanks for our Deanery Synod who meet in Clarence House this evening - praying that our witness as a Deanery may grow in and around our town.

## Thursday

Pray with the Church Mission Society for the troubled and suffering in our world: for the war-torn, those experiencing famine, states where there is political unrest, and places where the Christian Gospel meets with persecution.

## Friday

Remember before God family members and friends who live abroad and those that we may not see very often. Pray that God will keep them in his tender care.

## Saturday

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us commit to living and telling the story of Jesus; pray for conversations that build and lives that flow with the grace of God.

# Coffee after the Service...

## Harvest At Emmanuel



The amount raised at Emmanuel for The Ripple Effect in Zambia was **£519.30**.

This will provide a hand up, rather than a hand out to those who benefit.

A big thank you to all who donated.

## Emmanuel Coffee Morning

Don't forget the 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel this Saturday, 7th October 10:30am-12noon



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

## Christ Church Crash Team

The Christ Church "Crash Team" exists to provide lifts for members of our church family who need to get to medical appointments, including hospital visits.



If you are able to give lifts occasionally for this, please speak to Chris Cole.

## FREE DISABILITY AIDS

If anyone could make use of some disability aids (free of charge), please speak to Emma in the Office.

Some of the items available are as follows:

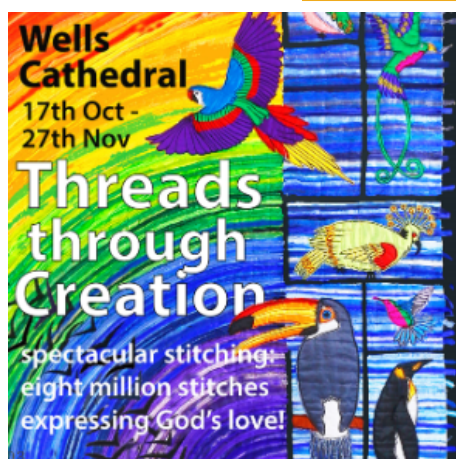
3-wheel shopping walker / wheelchair poncho / slippers / walking frames & sticks / bath seat / socks / wheelchair

For more information click [here](#) &/or [here](#) or visit:

<https://www.wells cathedral.org.uk/archives/22968294>

&/or

<https://www.jacqui-textile.com/creation/>



## Christian Retreat Centre Uphill Methodist Church

### Quiet Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

LED BY  
**THE REV JUDITH LINCOLN**  
*On the theme*

*Fruits of Autumn*

**10.00 – 3.00**

£10 – payable on the day - but  
Please book a place with  
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