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Twentieth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 22nd October 2023

## Christ Church 1 Corinthians 1: 26-2: 5

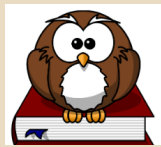
Have you ever done made a fool of yourself for a relationship? If you have you're in good company because - spoiler alert - God declared his love for humankind in what seemed to be an act of foolishness.



Godly wisdom is cross-shaped and we're called to stay close to the cross.



Paul explored foolishness and wisdom with what seemed to be the most unpromising group of people ever! This shows that, if God can use the Corinthians to tell the world about true wisdom and to spread Christianity in that culture, he can certainly use us too.

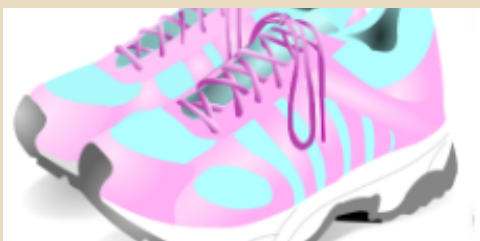


## Emmanuel 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

What picture would you choose to express what it means to live in a society where we sometimes feel pressure to compromise our faith?

What picture did the apostle Paul choose to express what it means to live as a Christian in a young church? A church still a bit selfish and making a few mistakes?

Come along on Sunday to find out!  
(the picture may give you a clue...)



## Annual Memorial Service Christ Church



Sunday 5th November at 4pm

You are warmly invited to a special service to remember and give thanks for anyone you have known and loved who has passed away.

The service will be gentle and reflective, and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

There is no need to let us know in advance if you are coming, simply join us on the day. The service will be followed by refreshments.



For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Emma, our Church Administrator:  
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As per the invite above, we will be holding our Annual Memorial Service on Sunday 5th November - giving thanks for those we have loved who have passed away, either recently or perhaps some time ago.

Maybe there is a friend who you could invite along?

It will be a gentle, reflective service.

All are very welcome.

# Prayer Pointers

## Church Family:

We pray for our Life Groups - that there will be a deeper understanding and a time for fellowship - "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." (Ephesians 3: 17-18)

We place into your hands, Lord, all those in our two Churches who are sick, suffering, or waiting for treatment.

## The Local Area:

We live in troubled days. Pray for those in our community who are struggling with debts and the consequences to daily life that arise from these.

## National Prayer:

We think of Christian Radio where faith begins for so many people - especially UCB which is funded only by donations.

## Global Prayer:

Here in the West we are able to pray and worship freely. Please take time to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for a faith we share.

We bring to the Lord the Israeli and Palestinian conflict - for all the civilians caught up in the fighting, those who are being held hostage at this time, and those left without water and electricity.

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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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# What's On This Week

## Monday 23rd October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 24th October

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

## Wednesday 25th October

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week  
No Bereavement Course this week

## Thursday 26th October

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

## Notices

### *Church Office Closed*

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday 30th October.

### *New Telephone Number...*

Jeff & Carole Morgan have a new telephone number - please see them or speak to Emma in the Church Office if you would like this.

## *Verse For The Week*

" It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.' "

*1 Corinthians 1: 30-31*

## Request For Help...!

The chairs in the church need cleaning! If anyone could spare a bit of time to help on either Monday 23rd &/or Tuesday 24th October between 10am-12noon, Angie & John would be most grateful. Thank you.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

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

