

Connected

Last Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 29th October 2023

Christ Church 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I think it was Oscar Wilde who said “I can resist anything except temptation”... I think we all know that feeling!

Temptation is something that always seems to be lurking in the corner of our lives. Is this just our modern society or has this always been the case? Can we learn from the mistakes of others and, if so, what?

On Sunday we'll look at what the apostle Paul said to the church family in Corinth. It was a church rather proud of itself – and Paul gently takes them down a peg or two!



Emmanuel 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-Christian world.



Disabled Entry Improvements

Christ Church recently had a disabled facilities survey carried out which identified a few improvements we could make. In discussion with some of our wheelchair users it was agreed that the first priority was to make the doors from the glass entrance lobby into the church push-button automatic.

We have had some estimates for this and the cost is going to be about £4,000. This has not been budgeted for so we would be very grateful if any members of the congregation would like to contribute towards it. Our wheelchair users, and several others, would be very grateful if we could make this happen.



There are marked envelopes at the back of church for cash or cheque donations or, if you would like to donate directly through the bank, click [here](#) or go to <https://ccwsm.org.uk/door/>

Thank you.



Prayer Pointers

Father God, through your power and through your people, let your kingdom come.

Church Family:

Please take some time to reflect in your prayers over the forthcoming week all those who serve our church families - for their dedication and time.

Yahweh Rophe, we come before you today to acknowledge that you are not only our Creator but the Lord who heals us. We bring before you our loved ones and those in our Church family who are sick, suffering, and in pain. We pray that you will heal us today, our body and soul, that you will transform us in ways that glorify you. Amen.

Local Area:

Spirit of God, who works among people, who moves our hearts and lives with love, we give thanks for our neighbours and places we care about. Also for all those who work tirelessly for the community and charities in the town, including the Foodbank, at this time of absolute need.

We bring before you our local community and families on the edge. As food and utility prices are rising faster than ever, people are finding it more and more difficult to buy even the basic food and to pay bills. Pray for this situation and pray for encouragement for us to come forward to help others in need.

Matthew 6: 32-33 "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

National Prayer:

We pray for the natural world as our landscapes and woodlands are feeling the impact of exploitation over generations. As a possible result of this we have experienced recent floodings where some people have lost their belongings. We give thanks to those who are helping dealing with the after effects of these floods.

Psalms 96: -13 "Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness."

Global Prayer:

Father God, we bring before you the conflict in Ukraine/Russia. We pray you will make a difference - to those who are in power, to those in government, to those who can make a change. We pray that they will have the wisdom and insight needed to make a change. Amen.

What's On This Week

Monday 30th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 31st October

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

Wednesday 1st November

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week
Bereavement Course at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Thursday 2nd November

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

Saturday 4th November

Confirmation Service at 2pm at Wells Cathedral

Sunday 5th November

Annual Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

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.

Poppy Appeal

There is a box of poppies outside the Church Office - please feel free to take one & leave a contribution in the charity tin alongside.

Verse For The Week

" For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel - not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. "

1 Corinthians 1: 17-18

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Coffee after the Service...

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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BIBLE READING NOTES

It is time to order Bible reading notes for 2024!

You can do this via the following link which takes you to our website:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/product-category/bible-notes/> where you can order and pay online. Alternatively, please contact Sandra Wilkes to place an order.



If not paying online, we would ask for payment of one year's subscription with the order. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, or card.

If you have not had Bible reading notes before, please see our website (link above) or speak to Sandra.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

Please note that the usual first-Saturday-of-the-month 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will not be taking place at the beginning of November.



The next social events at Emmanuel will be:
Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 25th November
Coffee Morning & Sale - Saturday 2nd December

Christ Church Flower Rota



The new flower rota will be drawn up at the beginning of December.

We are really in need of some new volunteers so, if you would like to join the team, please speak to Sandra Wilkes.

You do not need to be an expert flower arranger! Or a lady!



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Confirmation

Two members of our church family, Mark & Kerry, will be getting confirmed at Wells Cathedral next Saturday 4th November at 2pm.

They would greatly value your prayers as they take this next step on their journey.



& don't forget... the clocks go back this weekend!

