

Connected

Second Sunday Before Advent

Sunday 19th November 2023

Safeguarding Sunday Christ Church Proverbs 31: 1-9

On Sunday we will once again mark Safeguarding Sunday, bringing this into line with Safeguarding Sunday nationally.

This Sunday's Bible passage inspired the name of the Safeguarding Charity



ThirtyOneEight. For further details of their work see: <https://thirtyoneeight.org>

If I asked you who King Lemuel was in the Bible... the answer isn't likely to be on the tip of your tongue! Pretty much the only thing we know about him is that he wasn't too powerful or arrogant to listen to advice from his mother! The King's mother did not want the power going to her son's head! Before his coronation, she warns him against abusing his power. She reminds him of his duty to uphold justice and protect the weak. A mandate that remains for Christians today.

How would King Lemuel's mother judge the church today? Sadly, throughout history, some Christian leaders have abused those weaker than themselves and betrayed their privilege. Others have smothered the voice of the weak and protected their friends. On Safeguarding Sunday we will acknowledge this sin, remembering that Jesus stands in solidarity with those who have endured abuse.

If anyone has any concerns about the Safeguarding Sunday service, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Larissa or Tom.



Emmanuel

1 Corinthians 12: 4-31

Spiritual gifts? My, that's really only for first class Christians isn't it? No! Paul declares that God "gives them to each one, just as he determines.". They are not given to show off but to strengthen the Church. Have you found your gift? Are you using it?



Paul Larcombe from the Weston Area CAP Centre will be joining us at Christ Church on Sunday to provide an update on their work.

The latest CAP newsletter can be found on our website (under 'Mission Partner News') or, alternatively, please click [here](#).

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

Monday

We pray for our archbishops and bishops, that they will receive Your guiding light to help lead us all. We also pray that You will grant wisdom to Tom, Larissa, retired clergy, and readers at Christ Church and Emmanuel as they prepare to guide us in our worship of You.

Tuesday

We pray that You will be especially close to all those elderly and lonely people living in care homes in our town. Help them to trust in You and grant them patience.

Wednesday

Father we pray for our town and the local community that we are part of. We thank You for the opportunities You give us to serve You among the people that we meet each day and pray that You will show us where we, as Christians, are not meeting the needs of people whom You put in our path.

Thursday

We pray for our country, and especially our government, in this time of unrest and turmoil. We pray that the right decisions will be made for the good of all and we trust that You will guide us through to where You want us to be as a leading influence in our world.

Friday

We pray for our world suffering in so many ways because of our changing climate. Help all countries to do the right things to help the situation but we thank You that we can know that You are in charge.

Saturday

We pray for peace in our world where so many people and countries are suffering the effects of war, especially in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine/Russia. Grant Your wisdom and compassion to leaders and rulers and may Your will be done.

Sunday

Thank You that we can come together to worship You. Please be present in all our services and touch our hearts.

What's On This Week

Saturday 18th November

Active Men's Group Outing to SS Great Britain
(for those who have signed-up)

Monday 20th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 21st November

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

Wednesday 22nd November

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(please contact Nicky if you would like to be added to the waiting list)

Thursday 23rd November

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

Saturday 25th November

Christmas Bazaar from 10:30am-2pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Folding Wheelchair Wanted

If anyone has a fold-up wheelchair they no longer need, and are willing to donate or sell, please notify Emma in the Office.

Verse For The Week

" Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you
compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him! "

Isaiah 30: 18

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Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday
25th November
10:30am til 2pm

- *Variety of Stalls*
- *Refreshments (including lunches)*
- *Homemade Cakes*

If you are able to donate any items for the gift bags please put them in the box at the back of church at Emmanuel.

Also, any good quality jewellery and bric-a-brac items. Thank you.

CAROL SERVICE **CHOIR**

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
AT 6PM



THERE ARE ONLY A FEW WEEKS UNTIL THE CAROL SERVICE SO WE HAVE STARTED REHEARSING FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CHOIR.

THE CHOIR IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE SOME NEW FACES JOIN US THIS YEAR. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXCELLENT SINGER - BUT IT HELPS IF YOU CAN SING IN TUNE, AND BE WILLING TO LEARN.

WE ARE REHEARSING ON SUNDAYS AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE - BRING ALONG A PACKED LUNCH TO EAT AFTER THE SERVICE AND THEN WE'LL START REHEARSING ABOUT 12:30PM. WE'LL BE FINISHED NO LATER THAN 2PM EACH WEEK.



PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE CHOIR SO I CAN PRINT OFF ENOUGH MUSIC:

ANGELINE.WHITE@CCWSM.ORG.UK

Angeline

Christ Church Christmas 'Fayre'

Saturday 2nd December
10am til 2pm
(light lunches will be available)

Donations needed (please bring to Church Office):

- *Books / Puzzles*
- *Craft*
- *Edibles*
- *Brand New / Nearly New Gift Items*

Volunteers needed for various tasks - please see Chris Webber if you can help in any way



Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU
to everyone who contributed to the appeal for the disabled access door.

We have now raised sufficient funds and are in the process of applying for the necessary permissions before going ahead with the work.

More coffee anyone...

Some snapshots from previous week's services...



For those who missed this month's ATS at Christ Church... Tom protesting whilst chained to a railing!

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Events at Wells Cathedral



Just a few days remaining: 'Threads through Creation' is an astonishing exhibition at Wells Cathedral.

Twelve huge silk panels retell the story of creation from Genesis. Beautiful, spectacular and inspiring. Ends Monday 27th November.

Thursday 30th November : 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Festal Eucharist on the feast of St Andrew the Apostle, to whom the Cathedral is dedicated, including the licensing of Acting Bishops.

From Remembrance Sunday

A Soldier's Conversion

Look, God, I have never spoken to You.
But now - I want to say, "how do you do."
You see, God, they told me You didn't exist.
And like a fool - I believed all of this.

Last night from a shell-hole I saw Your sky -
I figured right then, they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see the things You made,
I'd known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand.
Somehow - I feel that You will understand.
Funny, I had to come to this hellish place,
Before I had the time to see Your Face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say.
But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today.
I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here.
But I'm not afraid since I know You're near.

The signal! Well - God - I'll have to go.
I like You lots - This I want You to know.
Look, now - this will be a horrible fight.
Who knows - I may come to Your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly with You before
I wonder, God - if You'd wait at Your Door.
Look - I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I'd known You these many years.

Well, I will have to go now, God - goodbye.
Strange - since I met You - I'm not afraid to die.

Frances Angermayer -1943

