

Connected

Sunday 28th January 2024

4th Sunday Of Epiphany

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Mark 5: 1-20

Following on from Tom opening our 'verse for the year' two weeks ago, this week we'll be focussing on being an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5: 20).

The man who says his name is 'Legion' is a surprising, yet powerful, example of what being an ambassador for Christ looks like.

When Jesus put this man's life back together, we see evidence of Jesus's work of reconciliation. This is seen in Legion returning to community life and becoming his best self through being a committed disciple.



Now that Legion is reconciled to God and his neighbours he is ready to take up the role of ambassador.

If Jesus can do this for Legion, the same can be true of us. Let's explore how we can be ambassadors for Christ too!

Emmanuel

Colossians 1: 15-23

The city of Colosse was in decline. In the past the city had been a very important trading place but was, by Paul's time, a shadow of its former self. The city may be in decline but that is no reason for faith to follow suit. What the congregation needed to hear was that their Jesus reigned supreme. That He was the head of the church.

Paul's reminder to the church was that they had been delivered from darkness to walk as children of light and should therefore walk worthy of the Cord.



Find out on Sunday at Emmanuel Church about the roles and responsibilities Jesus has been given and what our response should be today.



Christ Church Welcome Tea

You are invited to
our welcome tea

on
Sunday 11th February
at 4pm

If you have started attending Christ Church within the last year, we would love you to come along to our Welcome Tea which will be held on Sunday 11th February at 4pm.

It will be a chance to meet with others, have some sandwiches and cake, and learn more about our Church family.

If you would like to attend, please could you let Emma in the Church Office know or speak to Angie Girling.

Prayer Pointers

Pray for LOCAL PEOPLE and GLOBAL COMMUNITIES – that they may be encouraged and guided by the love of God and supported by those doing His work.

WEATHER – temperature effects of cold spells and the increasing cost of keeping warm. Effects seen across the world due to our changing climate.

As the BEREAVEMENT COURSE begins, pray for all who have lost someone dear to them recently or long ago and ask for God's blessing on them all.

CONFLICT – drug-induced violence, addicts, dealers, county-lines controls, and police officers. Conflict in Ukraine/Russia – national leaders, soldiers, homeless, injured civilians, and bereaved families.

COMMUNITY – low paid jobs or working in the gig economy plus education and training providers of essential knowledge and skills. Also child and slave labour that destroys childhoods and future aspirations.

INEQUALITY – those choosing to avoid paying taxes also those struggling to earn enough to cover essential living costs.

FAITH – for Locking Deanery, especially those preparing for the Service of Light. Also Bath & Wells Diocese and global Christian outreach, especially those being supported by our two churches.

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What's On This Week

Saturday 27th January

Men's Breakfast at 8:30am at Christ Church

Sunday 28th January

Deanery Service Of Light at 4pm in Banwell

Monday 29th January

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Bereavement Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 30th January

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

Wednesday 31st January

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
Alpha Course at 2pm in The Spire Centre

Thursday 1st February

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

Notices

Verse For The Year Bookmarks

If anyone would like a Verse For The Year bookmark but has not yet been able to get hold of one, please contact Emma in the Church Office.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Tuesday 13th til Saturday 17th February inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. "

Mark 5: 18-20

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...



Our Deanery comprises the churches in Weston and surrounding parishes. One of the joys of being in a Deanery is seeing the bigger picture of what God is doing across our area not just in our own "neck of the woods".

We meet together as congregations annually for the "Service of Light". These are really encouraging times that widen our vision - we'd love it if you join us:

Sunday 28th January at 4pm
St Andrew's Church, Banwell

Tom

A Thank You...

Last week I was very surprised to have a visit from Tom bringing me a beautiful scarf and a bowl of lovely hyacinths which were from him & my Church family, thanking me for arranging flowers and the Advent Ring for over thirty years!

I felt rather guilty receiving these gifts as I have enjoyed many hours in Church, arranging pedestals, window vases, etc - even bouquets for brides & bridesmaids.

This is a big thank you to you all for your kindness.

With my love,

Sandra Crocker



Margaret Young's Funeral

The funeral for Margaret Young will be held on:
Friday 9th February at 11:30am
at Emmanuel
All church family are invited



Rooms To Let

Fully furnished first-floor lodgings available in Weston comprising three private rooms with new fully fitted kitchen, spacious living room, and double bedroom. Bathroom shared with the owner of the property. Ideal for mature professional female or a couple. Includes WiFi and a parking bay.

Smoking not permitted. Rent £650 pcm fully inclusive of bills - no extra or hidden charges.

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a place to rent, please speak to Dina at Emmanuel or contact Emma in the Church Office.



As we reflect on 2023 and look forward to 2024, may we thank you

for another year of partnership with Churches Together. Please click [here](#) to view a report on the last year.