

Connected

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 5th May 2024

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Acts 16: 11-15



Lydia is a model ambassador! She traded in purple cloth. Important, rich people wore purple and she would have had business relationships with these influential people. She was likely to have been rich from her successful business.

Lydia probably had a lot! Wealth, resources, colleagues, influence, opportunities, autonomy. These things gave her a big mission field. She was an ambassador for Christ through telling people about Jesus and through extending hospitality. She threw open her house and her resources to the church family in Philippi. She gave the church in Philippi a base - that's her great legacy.

Emmanuel

Acts 10: 44-48 + John 15: 9-17

'Two Singulars & A Plural'

We are combining two Bible passages into one to look at the work of the Holy Spirit.

We will explore the connection under three headings / points:

1. The GIFT of the Spirit
2. The GIFTS of the Spirit
3. The FRUIT of the Spirit

Come and join us at Emmanuel on Sunday!



Open Gardens



The new programme for the coming season of Open Gardens is now available at both our churches. Please do take one.

Open Gardens are informal social events and are an ideal way for newcomers to meet with other church members. So please do come along and, perhaps, invite a friend to join you!

The first Open Garden will be on:

Saturday 18th May

2:30pm-5pm

(please see the programme for further details)

There will be teas, coffee, cakes, and soft drinks (under cover - if the sun fails to shine!)



Prayer Pointers

Monday - It's Bank Holiday Monday! Please pray for safety on the roads for visitors to Weston-super-Mare, the surrounding countryside, and the South West in general. Also pray for our tourist industry to thrive, bringing work to the town.

Tuesday - Give thanks for Emma; her calm and helpful nature, and the hard work she does for our churches. Bless her in her spiritual and personal life too.

Wednesday - Remember in your prayers those of our church families who have lost loved ones recently, thinking this week especially of Angie and her family. Also those who are unwell, those caring long-term, and for our medical and social services.

Thursday - Ask God to guide, strengthen, and inspire our Church Wardens and PCC members and give confidence to those newly elected. Pray particularly for John Hinchliffe who will be leading a team of deputies rather than having a fellow Warden for the next year.

Friday - Please pray for tomorrow's Repair Café at Christ Church. Ask God to prosper this enterprise which welcomes-in our community; for great relationships to continue building and, of course, loads of stuff being repaired instead of going to landfill.

Saturday - Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative launches this year on May 9th. Pray for our Life Groups who will be giving over their meetings in the following ten days to praying for our church, town, and country. And for individual people to come to know our Saviour Jesus for themselves. (If you don't belong to a Life Group, ask for one you can visit or come to a session at Emmanuel or Christ Church).

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

What's On This Week

Saturday 4th May

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

Monday 6th May

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 7th May

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 8th May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 9th May

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 11th May

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

Sunday 12th May

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 3rd May til Tuesday 7th May inclusive.

Larissa Unavailable

Please be aware that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 17th May til Sunday 19th May inclusive. (NB/ she will now be working 8th & 9th May)

Verse For The Week

" As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "

John 15: 9-11

Church Weekend At Home...

...this year will be taking place: October 18th-20th.

Please "save the date" in your diaries.

Coffee after the Service...

Ian Girling's Funeral

Many of you will have known Ian Girling.

We are sad to inform you that Ian passed away last week.

Please keep Angie and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

The funeral for Ian will be held:
Friday 24th May at 11:30am
at Christ Church

All church family are invited.



David Evans' Funeral

The funeral for David Evans will be held on:
Thursday 16th May at 11:30am



at Christ Church

All church family are invited.

'THY KINGDOM COME' PRAYER CHALLENGE



We are setting aside the days between [Ascension and Pentecost](#) this year as a special time of prayer. In recent years we have been using the resources of '[Thy Kingdom Come](#)' to seek in prayer for the extension of the Kingdom of God amongst our friends, community, and nation. This year we are using the time across our two churches to build up to [24-hours of prayer on the 18th/19th May](#) leading up to our Pentecost celebrations. We are asking all our members to sign-up and pray at home for one hour in the 24 hours but this will need a bit of preparation which will take place between 9th and 17th of May.

[Booklets](#) with a short reading and thought for the day for the period of Ascensiontide are now available - please do take one.

[Leaflets](#) with suggestions and ideas to help you pray for one hour (covering the themes of praying for others, our town, and our country as well as prayer for up to five friends or family who we would like to come to faith in Christ) are now available - please do take one.

There are [two timetables](#) in church for you to [sign-up](#) to. The first is for the hour together which you will attend with others. These meetings can be with your Life Group (if you are in one) or at meetings in one of our churches. The second is for the hour you opt to pray during our 24-hour prayer on the final Saturday through to Sunday.

If you have any queries, please speak to Terry (Christ Church) or Donna (Emmanuel).

REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café is: Saturday 11th May
from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

More coffee anyone...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel:
Saturday 4th May
10:30am-12noon
Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Ambassadors Women's Group May Walk - Saturday 18 May.

Meet at 10am near entrance to Uphill Boatyard
Those who want to walk can either walk down the path or over the hill while those who can't or don't want to walk can meet in the cafe for a coffee or tea - they sell very nice cakes! There is some outdoor seating if the weather is fine.
Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 11th May.



Emmanuel Church Family

Claire Horton, the Parish Development Advisor for our Deanery, is coming to Emmanuel on Monday 20th May to help us explore our church vision.



This is an exciting opportunity to come together, as the whole church, to pray, talk, share, and discern where God is leading us now, and in the next season, in the life of our church. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and be part of the event; to hear about Bishop Michael's vision for the Diocese and how his vision can help shape our ministry and outreach to our community at a local level.

It is likely to be a morning session followed by a shared lunch but exact details will be confirmed soon. (Please note: this event is specifically for those who attend Emmanuel or are directly involved in its ministry).

So, please put the date in your diary - it's going to be a significant time for us as we seek God's continued leading together.

Donna

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING - 5 MAY 2024

For those at Emmanuel, please do not leave boxes unattended - just give them to me or one of the Wardens.
For those at Christ Church, please let Emma have your boxes and she will pass them on to me.

The 5th May is not a hard and fast date - just bring the boxes to church as you are able. I shall return the boxes when they have been counted and let you know how much was raised.

Many thanks to all who support the Children's Society.

Carl



Eclectic Voices - Somerset would like to say a huge 'thank you'...

...to the volunteer helpers from Christ Church who worked so hard on Saturday night at the concert with the refreshments, contributing towards a wonderful evening had by all.

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