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10th Sunday after Trinity

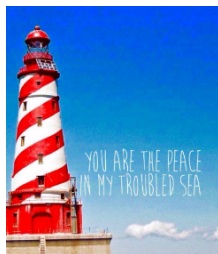
Sunday 4th August 2024



**Year 6
School
Leavers'
Service**

I had the privilege of attending the Christ Church School Year 6 Leavers Celebration last week, and I was mightily impressed. I was there to deputise for Tom in giving out a leaving gift to the children moving on to secondary school next term. The gift we, as a church, give each year is a Graphic Bible (designed for teens). I was able to briefly tell them that we wanted to give them a gift that we thought was the most important thing we had; a Bible, where they can find out about the God who helps us and cares about us always.

What I hadn't imagined beforehand was the quality of the celebration. The programme with PowerPoint was excellent and the whole thing ran like clockwork. But, more importantly, there was a wonderfully positive and affirming ethos towards those (no longer year 6) children. They really were celebrated! I even had the pleasure of joining in when they sang 'My Lighthouse'. There I was in my posh frock on the front row joining in with all the actions which I'd learned in All Together Services!



Mike and I were also in the kitchen afterwards to supply refreshments. Again, I was extremely impressed by the children as they came to fetch teas and coffees for their parents before getting their own drinks.

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Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Matthew 16: 13-20

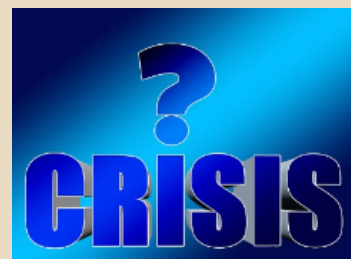
"Who Do You Say I Am?"

The Crisis Moments

There are two Greek words for time: chronos and kairos

There are three points:

1. The First Crisis Moment is Faith in Jesus
 2. The Second Crisis Moment is the Second Coming of Jesus
 3. The Third Crisis Moment is Death
- ...but, for the Christian, that is not the end!



Emmanuel
Ephesians 4: 1-16

A populist one-liner has appeal to some but, when we read St Paul, we find that many contributors make this unrealistic. Perhaps this teaches us to avoid the simple statements of social media.



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk
Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

Verse For The Week

" There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. "

Ephesians 4: 4-6

Prayer Pointers

Monday

We thank you for sport, especially at this time of the Olympic Games, with all the challenges and fellowship that it brings. We pray for all the athletes - that they will be kept safe and have right and good attitudes towards one another.

Tuesday

We pray for all school children and staff, now on holiday, that they will have rest and recuperation, preparing them for moving on into the next term or a different place of education or work. Guide them into their new future.

Wednesday

We pray for all those places in your world where there is war and discord. Please bring peace and healing and take away hate and the greed for power.

Thursday

We pray for those we know who have lost loved ones, been betrayed, or let down. For those who are struggling every day with illness, addictions, or depression. For those unable to cope with life, and uncertain as to the right way forward. May everyone for whom life is hard know your hand upon them and find in you the strength and hope they need.

Friday

We praise you for the constancy of your love, new every morning, for your handiwork in creation, the miracle of life in its infinite variety, and the beauty and wonder of the world around us. Richly you have blessed us.

Saturday

Help us truly to be holy people - reflecting your love, showing your compassion, and responding to your guidance. Renew and restore us through the love of Christ and the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Touch our hearts and strengthen our faith so that, in the week ahead, we may live and work for you.

Sunday

Open our eyes to your presence, assure us of your restoring and redeeming love, and send us out in the name of Christ to live and work for your glory.

Let's be praying for Andy Page, based in Paris, as he serves with the French Church this summer. He is mobilising worldwide prayers for France. Pray for the safety and success of the Olympics and for the many outreaches taking place during the games. See www.lovefrance.world

What's On This Week

Saturday 3rd August

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel
Ambassadors Mini Olympics at 2pm at Christ Church

Monday 5th August

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 6th August

No Parish Prayers this week
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel
Book Club at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre (*for those who have signed-up*)

Wednesday 7th August

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week **but...**
'Sing & Smile' at 10:15am in The Spire Centre

Thursday 8th August

No Craft & Chat this week
No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 10th August

Open Garden from 2:30pm (*see programme for details*)

Sunday 11th August

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Monday 5th August til Sunday 25th August inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 16th August til Tuesday 20th August inclusive.

Larissa Unavailable

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August.



Coffee after the Service...

Larissa's Licensing



Larissa's licensing will take place at 7pm on Thursday 3rd October at St Augustine's, Locking. Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Charlie will be inducting her.

Larissa would love for you to attend her licensing in her new benefice. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheets available at both Christ Church & Emmanuel. St Augustine's would like to have an idea of numbers asap so please do sign-up over the next couple of weeks or, if you are unable to do so, speak to Larissa (or Emma in the Office) to advise that you will be attending.

They'll get as many of you as possible into the church building but please be aware that Christ Church and Emmanuel folk will probably be seated in St Augustine's Church Centre (opposite the church) where the service will be viewed on a screen. You'll be able to join in the service and the choir will lead folk in the centre.

There will also be refreshments after the service and an opportunity to meet the Bishop and Archdeacon. Bishop Michael will be preaching.

Nashley House

We are re-starting our ministry to Nashley House.



William Hallworth & Chris Cole went along last month to entertain the residents there with a singalong session which was very much appreciated by those who attended. They are hoping to be able to organise another 'concert' soon. If there is anybody who feels they would like to join this ministry, even on a casual basis, please have a word with either William or Chris - they would be glad to have you on the team!

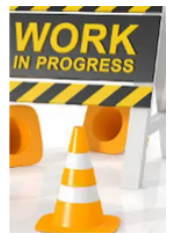


CHRIST CHURCH WORK WEEK

5TH-9TH AUGUST

PLEASE SPEAK TO JOHN HINCHLIFFE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND THINK YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH SOME JOBS AROUND THE CHURCH THIS WEEK.

THANK YOU!



Emmanuel Coffee Morning
'Coffee Morning and Sale'
at Emmanuel this weekend:
Saturday 3rd August
10:30am-12noon



OPEN GARDEN

OUR NEXT OPEN GARDEN WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON: SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST FROM 2:30PM-5PM



PLEASE SEE THE PROGRAMME FOR HOST/ADDRESS DETAILS.

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More coffee anyone...?

Families Together - Summer Special



Thank you so much for an excellent couple of days!

It was really good and the range of activities were brilliant. Snacks were great, volunteers were lovely, and the links between bible stories and activities flowed well.



I liked being put in a group as it made it easy to talk to people and build up relationships.



I liked the chat conversations at lunch.



We had such a great time at the Restoration Station - making friends, playing games, and learning more about Jesus' love for us. It's such a joy to see my children come to know Jesus more, and for all of us to be so loved and cared for by the team. Thank you for a great few days.

