

Connected

19th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 6th October 2024

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church *John 2: 1-11*

I love that the first sign Jesus did, to point people to who he really was, happened at a celebration - providing something for people to enjoy - not just huge quantities but top quality!

As we gather together for two celebrations - Harvest and Tallie's baptism - it's an ideal time to remember the abundant generosity of God.



Emmanuel *John 20: 30-31*

"Life"

Life is what we experience when we're getting on with things - it's the comings and goings of what we do every day. So what does Jesus mean when he talks about having life? I mean, aren't we already living?

Come along on Sunday as we look at this - what does it mean to live in the strength of God's creative goodness?



Christ Church Harvest Service

This Sunday, 6th October, at Christ Church we will be celebrating Harvest.

During the service we will be collecting items for Weston Foodbank.

Please do bring your donations along on Sunday to our All Together Service.



Ups & Downs

As I write this (Wednesday evening) I'm very aware of the ups and downs of life. Earlier this week we celebrated the birth of another grandson, Jacob, to Alice and Noah. But, at the same time, I'm hearing news reports of the deepening crisis in the Middle East. I have no doubt that many of us will be greatly concerned at this world news.

For issues that are "beyond our practical reach" the Christian response is to pray and that is what I'm encouraging us all to do.

Our prayer meeting is being arranged for this Sunday evening - 6pm at Christ Church - do please come and join us as we pray together.

Tom



[Please see 'More coffee anyone...?' for further information about the evening]

What's On This Week

Saturday 5th October

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

Sunday 6th October

Bring & Share Lunch from 12noon at Christ Church
(to celebrate Tallie's baptism)

Evening Prayer Service at 6pm in The Spire Centre
(Theme: Prayers for the Middle East)

Monday 7th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 8th October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 9th October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 10th October

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 12th October

Ambassador's Breakfast at 9:30am at Beefeater

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

Sunday 13th October

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Office Closed

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Monday 7th October til Friday 11th October inclusive (although it will be manned on occasion during this time).

Nicky Unavailable

Please be aware that Nicky will be unavailable on Thursday 10th October.

Verse For The Week

" What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. "

John 2: 11

Prayer Pointers

SUNDAY: Father God, today's congregation rejoices with you and surrounds Tallie at her Baptism today - remembering Zach and Hezy as well. We especially pray for Darren, Sam, and the Godparents - that their spiritual joint parenting, alongside our congregational support, may bring Tallie to full stature in Christ our Saviour.

MONDAY: Lord, we support in prayer the variety of ways in which Christ Church and Emmanuel has sought to bring the riches of the Christian Gospel to those in our parish and beyond. Lord, please water the seeds being sown through your Holy Spirit - that there might be an abundant harvest with ripples of blessing going ever outwards.

TUESDAY: We pray for all retirement and care homes and the elderly in their own homes. Lord, may their friends and relatives be faithful in prayer and, through tangible expressions of inclusion in their lives, give them assurance that they still belong to a community that loves and values them.

WEDNESDAY: Through the recent efforts of our Christian family to fellowship together more through imaginative events, we pray towards the witness our friendships can give to those on the fringe of our church - that they might be drawn fully into the richness of Christian life with Jesus.

THURSDAY: Lord, we ask you to help pupils, students, and teaching staff to adjust to fresh responsibilities during new terms. We pray for our own Christ Church School, Weston College, and for the precious young lives cared for by Sarah and her team in Preschool that we value so much.

FRIDAY: We stand with all those known to us who are dealing with bereavements, terminal illnesses, or other serious health or life challenges. Lord, we pray that each one is made aware by you that they are deeply loved, have full experience of your ability to meet the most dire needs, and to know of a Saviour who can give eternal life and security.

SATURDAY: Father God, we give thanks for all those who have ministered to our two churches, including those who have given a word in season perhaps leading to our own salvation and growth. We trust that you have gone ahead of Larissa and her family, anointing her with signs following her future ministry.

Coffee after the Service...

Tellie's Baptism / Bring & Share Lunch

Following Tellie's Baptism this Sunday, 6th October, there will be a bring and share lunch at Christ Church. Sam & Darren would love it if you could join them to share in this special day.



If you can bring along a plate of something to share, that would be wonderful. It would be great if this could be dropped off before the service but, if you don't have time, after the service is fine.

They look forward to seeing you there!

Emmanuel Coffee Morning.

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be taking place this Saturday, 5th October, from 10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Ann Lee would like to thank everyone who donated to Macmillan - her coffee morning raised £735!

New Email Address!

The Vicar has a new email address!

He can now be contacted on:

revtom@ccwsm.org.uk

Please update your email address books accordingly.

(NB/ he will still receive emails to vicar@ for a while but this will eventually be closed down)



Families Together Sunday 13th October

Join us after the service in the Spire Centre (Room 3) 12noon(ish) until 1:30pm!



This month we'll be sharing some autumnal 'faith at home' activities. For lunch, Nicky will be providing pizza and drinks. If you are coming and are able to provide either some cake or fruit to share, that would be great!

Please let Nicky know if you are planning to come (email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)



Church Weekend at Home 2024

**Friday 18th -
Sunday 20th October**

The timetable for the Church Weekend is now available to view - this is displayed in both churches or, alternatively, visit: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Timetable.pdf>

If you have not signed-up yet, but would like to come along, please do pop your name on the sign-up sheet. This sheet will remain up for one more Sunday (last chance to sign-up will be Sunday 6th October).

If you have signed-up but not yet paid, this can be done via cash or card (see either David White or Emma in the Church Office) or pay online by visiting: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/product/church-weekend-at-home-2024/>

To see more information regarding our Church Weekend At Home (as well as the timetable and payments page) you can go to our website and type 'Church Weekend 2024' in the search.



More coffee anyone...?

Prayer Vigil for the Middle East

Sunday 6th October
6pm in the Spire Centre

We are asking folk to come and join us this Sunday to pray for the situation in the Middle East after the escalating events this week.

We have postponed the prayer service which was originally planned for next week until a later date as we feel we cannot wait. We need to pray with urgency this week for all that is happening in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran.

We will meet for just one hour but we will be able to pray together as churches.

We ourselves are not able to make much of a practical contribution but we can come before our great God with our concern.

Terry



Active Men's Skittles

A fun evening was had by all at the skittles last weekend...

Congratulations to Geoff for being top scorer and winning the trophy!



REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café will be held on Saturday 12th October from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Lucy's Sponsored Run

If you would like to sponsor Lucy who will be running the Bournemouth 10km next weekend (13th October), please visit:

https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Lucy_Run10k_SavingLivesAtBirth

Lightfest!
Thursday 31st October
4:30pm-6:30pm
Volunteers needed!



For a list of jobs, please take a look at the sign-up sheet and pop your name against any you can help with. Thank you!

Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Mike Hunt. We are sad to inform you that Mike passed away last weekend.

Please keep Shirley and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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