

Connected

20th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th October 2024



'Being With Jesus'

I am very excited to have the opportunity to be speaking at this year's Church Weekend At Home.



However, although I am the designated speaker, the reality is I'm sure we are all becoming MUCH, MUCH more excited to hear what the Lord has for us - both as individuals and collectively - I know I am!!

As Tom and I have prayed and talked about the weekend together, we have a tried to hold the whole event lightly and design it to allow for it to evolve into something fresh and personal to us all as we meet, pray, laugh, eat, and share together in so many different ways across the three days.

The Church Weekend is a time of invitation - to come and 'Be With Jesus' and with each other. As one Christian writer puts it: 'The first and most important goal of apprenticeship to Jesus is to be with him. To cultivate a with-ness to Jesus as the baseline for our entire lives.' And while all of us will be trying our best to do this already, I'm sure, like any relationship that is important to us, we also need to carve out times when we set aside other things for a short while and intentionally give that specific relationship our undivided focus and energy - that's true in our friendships, our marriages, our relationships with family, and it's true in our relationship with Jesus.

So it is our prayer that, as we set aside other things for a short time, to come to the Church Weekend At Home, we will all grow in the joy and the intimacy of our with-ness to Jesus and our with-ness to each other.

See you there!

Donna



Sermon Snippets

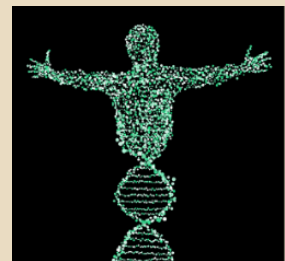
Christ Church

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



Emmanuel

John 10:22-30

We have got used to the idea of 'fake news' - things reported that are not real even if doctored pictures appear to say otherwise. However, some strange facts do prove true!

Social media, as well as some news outlets, report as 'news' some things that are just not true. Some are easy to disprove while others are harder and can cause real mischief.

The Jewish leaders, steeped in a tradition that read scripture only one way, were also sceptical about Jesus and his claims. Was it an early example of 'fake news'? How does John record Jesus' response in this morning's reading? And how does that help us live amidst the maelstrom of communications that are both true and false?



What's On This Week

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

Monday 14th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 15th October

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

Wednesday 16th October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 17th October

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

Friday 18th-Sunday 20th October

Church Weekend At Home

(see timetable for what's happening when!)

Notices

Church Weekend At Home

With regard our Church Weekend At Home please click [here](#) for more information, click [here](#) for the timetable, and click [here](#) to pay online. If you haven't yet paid but would prefer to do so by cash or card, please see David White or Emma in the Church Office.

Verse For The Week

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John 20: 30-31

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 Israel and all the nations of the Middle East. Lord, we pray that our own nation might continue its obligation to be an ally to Israel and to hold them to be an instrument of democratic peace and justice. Lord, once again, show your mighty power in releasing all the hostages held by Hamas and that Jew and Arab may be drawn to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

TUESDAY

We pray for our new government. Lord, you are not a God of confusion. We pray against the present confusion amongst our political leaders. Lord, sift out all self interest, protect from corrupt practices, and protect particularly the poor which you have said are always with us and so are our obligations to them.

WEDNESDAY

Lord, give us wisdom, compassion, and zeal in our obligations to your world - especially in our treatment of all its resources which are affected by our daily behaviour. Lord, continue to supply all the needs of those suffering the effects of inclement weather or natural disasters. May we, as Christians, be in the forefront of giving aid to all victims.

THURSDAY

We pray for our Church Weekend At Home beginning tomorrow. Lord, bless Donna and all others who contribute to the teaching or leadership. We pray that the fellowship together may be "special". May Godly seeds be sown leading to an abundant Harvest over the years to come.

FRIDAY

Father, we pray for all forms of media - newspapers, TV, radio, and social media. We pray that a growing number of Christians may be drawn to the industry bringing truth and balance, countering falsehood and distortion. We pray for all Christians who are unashamed to stand for Christianity.

SATURDAY

We pray for every Christian denomination and all ministers and lay people who lead worship and share the Gospel this weekend. We pray, especially, that Larissa may be settling in. Lord, may our congregations multiply weekly and effect the communities in which we live.

Coffee after the Service...



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)



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

We still need some team to sit at craft tables and activities and chat
 with families. If you are able to help with these, please add your
 name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

There will also be a donations bucket at the back of church for the
 next couple of Sundays. Donations requested are as follows:

- Clean Jam Jars – no lids, and labels removed please
- Sweets for Goody Bags – such as... fun-sized chocolate bars, mini
 bags of Haribo, wrapped chews, wrapped lollies, wrapped chocolates
- Packets of individually wrapped cakes – for the packed tea
- Tea Light Candles & Battery Tea Light Candles

For more information and registration, please see the Events page
 on our website: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/events/>

Mike Hunt's Funeral

The funeral for Mike Hunt
 will be held on:

Friday 8th November
 at 2:30pm at Christ Church
 All church family are invited.



Threads Through Revelation

If anyone is
 interested to
 go and see this
 exhibition, this
 weekend is
 the last chance
 to see it.

Active Men's Group!

The Active Men's Skittles
 Evening held a couple of weeks
 ago was a great success! A total
 of twenty-six people were able
 to attend. Team B was declared
 the winning team after four
 rounds of very competitive and
 good humoured play! And, as
 you will see from last week's
 Connected, Geoff was awarded
 the trophy for being the top
 scorer! Well done Geoff!

Feedback from the evening was
 positive including... 'Very
 enjoyable to meet folks
 socially...' and 'Thanks for
 organising the skittles evening -
 it went very well and all
 seemed to enjoy it.'

Thank you to everyone who
 participated!

Details of other Active Men's
 events will be published soon...



Evening of Worship

Saturday 12th October 2024

*Praise and worship night at St
 Paul's Church - there are still a few
 tickets left. Doors open from 7pm.*

*For more information, and to buy
 a ticket, please click [here](#).*

REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café is
 being held this Saturday,
 12th October,
 from 10am-12:30pm
 at Christ Church

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