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Sunday 22nd June 2025

1st Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Psalm 103

In this Festival Season of music and glitter, what makes your heart sing and spirit dance?

God's grace is like glitter - you can't get rid of it! Whether you recognise it or not, whether you want it or not, whether you protest against it or not! The unfailing steadfast love of God will never let us go.



Emmanuel Psalm 103

This week we're looking at Psalm 103, a heartfelt song of praise to God. Written by King David, this Psalm portrays God as the embodiment of love; a steadfast and ever merciful being, worthy of our praise.

Is that the God you recognise from other parts of the Old Testament, or even from

other parts of David's story? We'll be looking at David's relationship to the God he serves through the lens of this Psalm.



New 'Hub' At Christ Church School

Christ Church Primary have built and opened a new small centre. It will be called "The Nest" and will be a place of encouragement and nurture for a group of particular children who need that special time.

As you can see from the photos, Bishop Michael joined us for the opening and you can see the Headteacher, Kerry James, opening the doors.

It was a wonderful day and the sun shone throughout. Afterwards I joined the Bishop for a Year 4 class of "Any Questions" for the Bishop (including "what is the favourite / least favourite part of your job?"). I thought he did brilliantly - clear replies without any jargon at all!



Watch the Morning Service

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What's On This Week

Saturday 21st June

Ambassadors Mini Golf at 10am - Pirate Adventureland (for those who have signed-up)

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

Monday 23rd June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 24th June

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

Wednesday 25th June

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 26th June

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

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Thursday 19th June til Sunday 22nd June inclusive.

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Sunday 29th June and Sunday 6th July.

Verse For The Week

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; so far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us... from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all."

Psalm 103: 11-12, 17-19

Prayer Pointers

Saturday: Pray for a sociable time at the Open Garden today and give thanks for this opportunity of our two church families getting together and getting to know each other better.

Sunday: For all those leading, preaching, and organising the music for both music groups - and for all at the service and listening on line - that all will sense the presence of God and feel built up for the week ahead.

Monday: Life Group leaders meet this evening. Pray that they will inspire each other and feel a sense of togetherness.

Tuesday: From 7:45am-9am, the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast takes place on Zoom. Give thanks that so many of our MPs are Christians and may they be guided by the Holy Spirit in the complex and difficult decisions they have to make.

Wednesday: We pray for all who clean our churches and produce the floral displays - may they find it is a time of peace and quiet when they can meditate on the Lord.

Thursday: We give thanks that Tom and Chris have returned safely from their holiday and pray that they feel refreshed and ready for the summer ahead. We give thanks for the spiritual guidance and support that they give us.

Friday: This afternoon the Welcome Group at Emmanuel are having a special '80s do' as so many of the members are turning 80 this year! We pray for a fun and youthful afternoon for them.

The Diocese have recently been praying for the following...

- (1) all volunteers who serve our churches: "Faithful God, thank you for all those who serve our churches and communities in a voluntary capacity in so many different ways. Refresh your people in their loving service this week we pray. Amen"
- (2) lay ministry and those in a wide range of lay ministry roles: "Loving God, we thank you for the rich diversity of people that you call into ministry. Thank you for blessing our Celebration of Lay Ministries so that your people will feel inspired and uplifted to continue to share your love in the world. Amen"

Coffee after the Service...

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden is this Saturday, 21st June, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details.

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



Geoff Silvester's Funeral

Many of you will have known Geoff Silvester.

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

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

The funeral will be held on: Friday 4th July at 10:30am at Christ Church

All church family are invited.



Mary Armstrong - Thanksgiving Service

Many of you may know that Mary Armstrong sadly died last week. Although, more recently, she moved to be nearer her children, for much of her life she worshipped at Christ Church and was involved with so many areas of church life, including becoming the church's first female Church Warden! She was a wonderful supporter of our Primary School too.

Probably her greatest legacy was forming part of the original team (along with our previous Vicar, Geoff Hobden) in setting up Weston Hospicecare. This was an amazing role she played and we are very grateful to God for her, not least those of us who have received personal care and support from Hospicecare ourselves.

We will be holding a
Thanksgiving Service for
Mary at Christ Church—
we will advise of the
details for this in due
course.



THANK YOU....

Linda and I would like to thank everybody who sent cards and expressed sympathy personally after our sudden bereavement.

It has been a difficult time for us, but we really appreciate the kindness, comforting words, and prayers from all in this beautiful Christ Church family.

To know that we are in your thoughts and prayers is a true blessing. Thank you.

William

EMMANUEL SUMMER FETE





Refreshments Light lunches from 12noon Variety of stalls (including homemade cakes)



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