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Sunday 24th August 2025

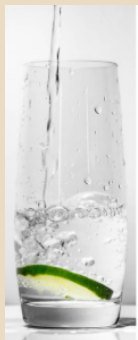
10th Sunday After Trinity

Christ Church 2 Samuel 23: 13-17

Sermon Snippets

EMMANUEL LUKE 22: 24-30

Getting a drink of water has become much more complex than it used to be. There is an ongoing debate on whether tap water or bottled water is better for us. Tap water is readily available in our country and is generally safe but does carry a higher risk of contamination from an outside sources getting into the system. Bottled water costs much more and has a far greater environmental impact from the process of delivering it. Its main advantage is it gives a choice of taste and flavour.

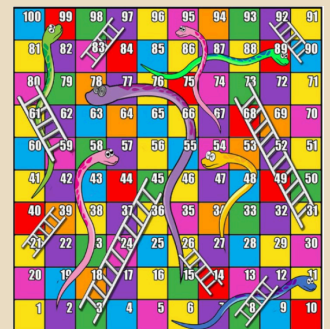


Is there a place where you preferred the water you drank to what is available now? King David grew nostalgic for the water he used to drink at home, and it led to one of the most remarkable stories told in the Bible.

But why was it included?

Surely a drink of water is not that important, is it?

EACH OF THE DISCIPLES WANTS TO BECOME TOP DOG IN A MOVEMENT THAT THEY THINK EXISTS TO FLATTER THEIR OWN EGOS. BUT, IN THIS SNAKES AND LADDERS WORLD, THE ONLY WAY TO GO UP IS TO GO DOWN.



Bible Verse 'Challenge'!

I'm asking that each of you will help take part in a very simple survey – choosing a Bible verse...

So, I'm inviting you to find a verse that you find encouraging and helpful (or maybe even challenging!) and write it on the paper which will be provided at the back of both our churches. There are detailed help sheets available suggesting possible verses you might choose; do please take one home.

We will collect together all the verses from each church and make a booklet of them all... and hear of some of the choices in our services.

I imagine this will be inspiring and fascinating! We'll be doing this over the next couple of months but, if you're not able to make it to church, please do contact Emma in the Church Office with your choice.

Thanks,

Tom

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What's On This Week

Friday 22nd August

Love Your Church Day from 10am-3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 25th August

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 26th August

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 27th August

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week but...

Sing & Smile at 10:15am in The Spire Centre

Thursday 28th August

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

Saturday 30th August

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

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky is now unavailable and will return to work on Tuesday 26th August. She will also be unavailable from Monday 1st September til Friday 5th September inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5: 10-12

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Prayer Pointers

Monday : Give thanks to God for all who serve the health of our nation: for the skills of doctors and surgeons; for the care and devotion of nurses and hospice staff; for the scientists engaged in medical research. Pray for the Lord's support and guidance in all they do.

Tuesday : In these acquisitive times many seem to be unhappy, not because they have too little but because they place too high a value on material possession. Pray for the Lord to imbue society with a proper sense of values in the light of the world to come.

Wednesday : Pray for those called to Christian leadership in countries where there is persecution. Ask that the Lord will empower them to lead their flocks wisely and that He will grant them steadfastness in times of trial.

Thursday : As summer harvesting is now underway, say a prayer of thanks for all who work tirelessly in all weathers to provide our food. Give praise to Him who sends the sun and the rain for our crops to grow.

Friday : Ask for God's blessing on all who strive for peace in the world. Pray especially for our Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, that they will do what is right in God's sight in helping to maintain co-operation between nations.

Saturday : Bring to the Lord in prayer all who will be actively involved in tomorrow's services: the ministers and those delivering God's word, the churchwardens and all who help ensure the services run smoothly, and for all who contribute to the music that so uplifts our worship.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Coffee after the Service...

Congratulations

Some church family news...

"We would like to share with our Christ Church family that our son, Jonathan, & his wife, Lauren, had a baby boy on Saturday 16 August.

Helen & Rob Evans"



Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Shirley Page. We are sad to inform you that Shirley passed away last week.

Please keep Andy & Helen and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Details of her funeral will follow in due course.

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be held on Saturday 30th August from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details.



ACTIVE MEN'S OUTING

THE NEXT OUTING FOR THE 'ACTIVE MEN' IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER - THIS WILL BE A VISIT TO THE WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY - AN ALL-DAY EVENT INCORPORATING THE TRAIN JOURNEY (STARTING AT BISHOPS LYDEARD), LUNCH IN MINEHEAD, AND (HOPEFULLY!) A TOUR OF THE MINEHEAD SHED.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS EARLY SO THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH NOW - PLEASE POP YOUR NAME ON THIS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. AND, FOR ANY FOLK AT EMMANUEL WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN, PLEASE EITHER SPEAK TO PAUL SODZI OR CONTACT EMMA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Veronica Treeby will be taking part in this year's Weston Hospicecare Moonlight Beach Walk - Friday 19th September. If you would like to sponsor Veronica please speak to or get in touch with her.

Ambassadors Christmas Lunch!

The Beachlands Hotel
Friday 5th December
12:30pm for 1pm



Christmas seems a long way off but please sign-up for our Christmas lunch as soon as possible (there will be a limit on numbers).

A deposit of £10 will be required up-front.

The full cost of the meal is £28.95.

There is also now a menu on display at both churches for information - food choices will be required in due course.

Life Group Sunday 7th September at Emmanuel



Let's remind ourselves of the Biblical principle for Life Groups, hear from Penny (our Life Group Rep), and from some people who lead and attend a Life Group...
...with the opportunity to join a Life Group too!