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Sunday 31st August 2025

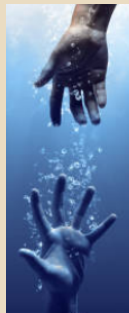
11th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Mark 4: 35-41

Have you ever felt that you were being submerged in problems and perplexities? Drowning in despair? Your feet were hardly touching solid ground? Did you bravely struggle on? Maybe you made out OK that time. But wait until you meet a real tsunami of life. Why wait? We can call out to the Lord Jesus anytime, anywhere. Trust and see.



Emmanuel

2 Samuel 23: 13-17

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.

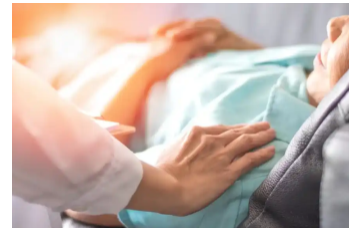
Is there a place where you preferred the water you drank to what is available now? King David grew nostalgic for the water he used to drink at home, and it led to one of the most remarkable stories told in the Bible. But why was it included? Surely a drink of water is not that important, is it?



Weston Hospicecare (Part 3)

Following a placement at Weston Hospicecare as part of my Reader (Lay Minister) training, I have volunteered on the Chaplaincy Team for a couple of years. God took me by surprise with this calling as it was not something I ever saw myself doing! But it has become a work that I am passionate about and honoured to do. I have recently finished a Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy to better equip me for this ministry.

I go into the Hospice one day a week, spending time with the patients in Day Hospice and with patients and their families in the Inpatient Unit.



In Day Hospice, a member of the Chaplaincy Team leads a time of reflection in The Haven which patients can attend if they wish.

As part of the Team, I also visit some patients or their relatives in the community when they have asked for emotional or spiritual support.

Our services are provided regardless of anyone's religious belief and the content of our conversations are guided by them. Some people want to talk about faith, others want to address different aspects of their life or talk about their fears and worries. Some just need someone outside their family and friends to talk to and express their emotions to.

I am also privileged to occasionally take funerals of patients, usually ones I have got to know in the community or during their stay as an inpatient.



If you would like to know more about my work at the Hospice, or about volunteer opportunities, please do have a chat with me.

Angeline

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

What's On This Week

Saturday 30th August

Open Garden at 2:30pm (*see programme for details*)
(also see notice in 'Coffee after the Service')

Monday 1st September

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 2nd September

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

Wednesday 3rd September

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 4th September

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

Saturday 6th September

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

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Monday 1st September til Friday 5th September inclusive.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Saturday 13th September til Saturday 20th September inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

Psalms 1:1-2

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Prayer Pointers

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said 'Here am I. Send me!' (Isaiah 6:8)

Monday: Send me Lord to pray for, and to be an active participant in, the life of our two churches. Thank you for them, for Tom and Chris, for the Ministers, Readers, and Churchwardens. Thank you for all who serve by cleaning, moving chairs, or making drinks. Thank you for all who give of their time and their talents in so many different ways. May you inspire them in their work and give them strength and encouragement.

Tuesday: Send me Lord to advocate for the earth which you so wonderfully created. We praise you for your creation which speaks so much of who you are. Help me to know what steps I can take personally to make a difference to our planet. Help us all not to be complacent but to be good stewards of our home, and to encourage others to do the same.

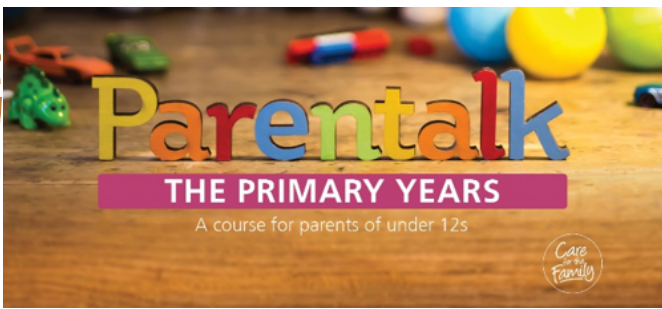
Wednesday: Send me Lord to pray for our nation, that your Word will be heard in the corridors of power, and that decisions will be made according to your perfect will and purpose. Give me the courage to speak your truth, and the wisdom to know how I personally can make a difference to the society in which we live. Help us all to be less critical of our nation's leaders but to be more diligent in our prayers for them.

Thursday: Send me Lord as someone who will pray for peace in our world. Lay on my heart a burden for a particular area of the world where there is conflict. We pray that you will bring peace instead of hostility, stability instead of turmoil, and connection instead of division. May each of us consider how we can support agencies bringing aid to those in need.

Friday: Send me Lord onto the streets of our town, to pray for the neighbourhood in which you have placed me. Please show me if there is a particular way I can bring your light to those around me. Please help those who care for others – medically, socially, emotionally, financially, or in any other way.

Saturday: Send me Lord and give me courage to offer to help those I live next door to, work or study alongside, or know socially. Help me to have the ears to listen when people share of their innermost selves. Help me not to judge or condemn, but to encourage. Help me to reach out and to offer practical help to those in need.

Coffee after the Service...



Parentalk – The Primary Years is a six-week video-based course for parents of children under the age of 12. Suitable for all Mums and Dads, whether parenting together or alone and whatever size family you have.

Parentalk gives parents the chance to get together and talk about the realities of bringing up children. We'll be exploring the important role that parents have in their child's life and looking at some of the everyday challenges that they face.

Importantly, the content is well researched and based on what is known to be effective in building strong relationships within families. Parentalk looks at valuable principles that can be applied on a day-to-day basis and we hope that, by the end of the course, we will have discovered a range of practical strategies and helpful tips for family life.

The course will be lead by Lizzie and team – we're all parents, just trying our best too!

Come and join us on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-9pm, starting on 16th September 2025. We'll meet in the Spire Centre (Christ Church). Refreshments provided!

For more information please email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk or call: 01934 641016. Places are limited!

Bible Verse 'Challenge'!

Remember to choose a Bible verse that you find helpful and encouraging (or maybe even challenging!) and write it on the paper provided at the back of both our churches.



There are some help sheets available suggesting possible verses you might choose; do please take one.

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.

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.

Ambassadors' Outing

Cadbury Garden Centre at 10am
Saturday 20th
September



Please sign-up on the list if you would like to attend and also indicate if you could provide a lift for anyone who needs one.

For anyone at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please speak to Kathy Hinchliffe or Anne Jones (or contact Emma in the Church Office who can add you to the list).

Open Garden



Our next Open Garden is due to be held this Saturday, 30th August, from 2:30pm-5pm. However, if the weather is not suitable, this will be postponed until Saturday 6th September and a message to this effect will appear on our Facebook page, [here](#). If you do not have access to Facebook, please ring David & Angeline before attending. Thanks.

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

• IF ANYONE HAS ANY PHOTOGRAPHS (PREFERABLY DIGITAL VERSIONS) OF MARY ARMSTRONG, COULD YOU PLEASE EMAIL THESE TO EMMA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE THIS WEEK. THANKS! •

More coffee anyone...?

Christ Church Families Outing!

On Saturday 23rd August, some of our church families went on a much anticipated day out to Crealy...



...we rode the rides... some of us got a bit wet... we played and had all the fun!
It was a real blessing!

Celebration Service For Shirley Page

There will be a celebration service for Shirley Page on Monday 22nd September at 2pm at Christ Church
All church family are welcome.



Ambassadors Christmas Lunch!

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



Please sign-up for our Christmas lunch as soon as possible.

Deposit: £10
(required upfront)
Cost: £28.95

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

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

There will be a 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel on:
Saturday 6th September
10:30am-12noon

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



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to 'Love Your Church Day' at Emmanuel. There was such a crowd of us, and there's no doubt the church most definitely looks and feels loved!

It was a blessed time together.

And a special thank you to Carl for the yummy scones she baked and served, which helped keep the energy levels up for the tasks ahead!!

Thank you, everyone.

