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Sunday 6th September 2026

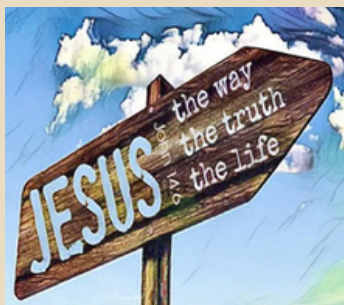
14th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

John 14: 1-6 (ICB)

Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away but that their hearts shouldn't be troubled. They had been with Jesus for a few years by now, but they were confused and didn't understand what Jesus meant by all this. Jesus reassures them that He is 'the way, the truth, and the life' and points them to His Father. He promises that they will go on to do greater things because He is going to the Father, and that the Holy Spirit will help them and be with them forever!



Sometimes we feel lost or unsure, just like the disciples did. How can we follow Jesus and know Him as the way, the truth, and the life in our lives here today?

Come along and find out!

Emmanuel

Romans 13: 8-14 + Matthew 18: 15-20

Ministering to others is often about allowing them to minister to us. When we think we can teach, we need to be prepared to learn.



Good News For All



The theologian Paula Gooder said that the exciting thing about studying the Bible is that there are always new things to

find no matter how many times you read it. I can echo that from the time I took off earlier in the year to do some more serious study. The Bible speaks to each generation in different ways and I want to share some of what I have been discovering as I looked at the Bible afresh from contemporary Britain.

Starting next Sunday, 13th September, I am giving three talks in the Spire Centre each week at 6pm. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion after each talk, but each evening is planned to last an hour.

Anyone can come and I hope you will be excited afresh like me.

Terry

Verse For The Week

"And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."

Romans 13: 11-12, 14

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: Please pray for all children and young people starting the new term, asking for them to settle in well, especially those moving away to college or university. Pray also for all the teachers, tutors, and assistants. We particularly pray for Nicky's team, Christ Church PreSchool, and Christ Church Primary.

Tuesday: Please cry out to God for the victims of the floods in Nepal and the USA. We ask that God's special grace be given to rescue workers all over the world as they put their own lives at risk to help others.

Wednesday: Remember in your prayers those who are unwell, those who are grieving, and any who are struggling with life's challenges - they all need the Father's touch.

Thursday: Ask God to inspire and lead the team organising and preparing for the Church Weekend At Home.

Friday: Please pray for Donna Pilgrim in her new role with Christians Against Poverty. Pray for the group setting up all the necessary documentation and finances.

Saturday: Lift up everyone who will be taking part in tomorrow's services, asking God to encourage them. Also pray that God will give them exactly the right words and open eyes to see where a smile or a prayer or a welcome is needed.

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What's On This Week

Saturday 5th September

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel
Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm
(see programme for details)

Sunday 6th September

12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting after the service
(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)

Monday 7th September

No Ladies Together this week - CANCELLED

Tuesday 8th September

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

Wednesday 9th September

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 10th September

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

Saturday 12th September

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church
Wedding Blessing at 3pm at Christ Church
(see 'More coffee anyone...')

Sunday 13th September

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
'Good News For All?' at 6pm in The Spire Centre

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky is now unavailable - she will be back to work on Sunday 13th September.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office is now closed and will re-open at 9:30am on Wednesday 9th September.

Please also note that the Church Office will be closed from Monday 21st September until Friday 25th September inclusive.

Di Unavailable

Please note that Di will be unavailable from Monday 7th September until Sunday 13th September inclusive.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Friday 18th September until Friday 25th September inclusive.

Coffee after the Service...

Open Gardens

The final Open Garden of the season will be held this Saturday, 5th September, from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details.

Please note that this week's Open Garden will go ahead even if the weather is wet as the hosts are happy for people to be inside if needed.



Jolyon's postponed Open Garden (from 11th July), which was due to take place on 19th September, has now been cancelled.

However, he plans to offer his garden again next year and looks forward to hosting many visitors then!

A huge thank you to those of you who opened up your gardens again this year - they are always much appreciated by those who attend.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday 20th September we will be celebrating Harvest Sunday at Emmanuel followed by a bring a share lunch.

More details to follow next week...

Our Family Ministry Work

You will all know the amazing job Nicky does with our families at Christ Church. She works tirelessly and with such enthusiasm!

You may or may not know that there is a separate fund which supports her and her work. A number of members of our church family give regularly into this fund as well as to our general fund.

If you do not already do so, we would be grateful if you could consider donating to it to support Nicky and our work with children and families. Or, if you already donate to this fund, perhaps you could consider increasing your giving?

You'll find the information under 'Donate' on our website... or click this link <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/01A601339>



...or scan the QR code ...or speak to our Treasurer, David White.



Active Men's Group Oakham Treasures Saturday 3rd October at 10am



If we get 20+ folk signed-up then the cost will be £9.50 each. Otherwise the pricings will be £10 for seniors and £11 for adults. This will be payable on the day.

After the visit to the museum, we will share lunch together at the Priory (at 12:30pm).

If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of Christ Church or, for those at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Church Office.



Emmanuel Coffee Morning

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

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

More coffee anyone...?

Ambassadors Ladies' Group

Breakfast at Revo
Saturday 19th
September at
9:30am



Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of Christ Church if you would like to attend. Or, for anyone at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please speak to Elaine Fairs (or Emma in the Church Office).

Ladies Together

Please note that, due to the work on the solar panels, and the uncertainty of car park space over the next couple of weeks, Ladies Together will now be starting back on **Monday 14th September** instead of 7th.



Wedding Blessing Saturday 12th September 3pm at Christ Church

A reminder that Keith & Jill's granddaughter's wedding blessing will be taking place next Saturday (12th). They would love to have their Church family join them to witness this special occasion, followed by some light refreshments. If you would like to attend but haven't yet let Keith & Jill know, please do so this weekend (for catering purposes). Many thanks.



Songs Of Praise

The Songs Of Praise recording which took place in Bridgwater a few weeks ago is due to be broadcast on the BBC on Sunday 20th September (at 1:15pm)

- a number of folk from the Weston area attended this so you might spot someone you know!



Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Providing Relief After Deadly Flooding in Nepal

Devastating flash flooding has killed hundreds of people in Nepal. Thousands more remain missing. An untold number of Nepali families are in need.

Samaritan's Purse has a team of disaster relief specialists on the ground in Nepal working with trusted Christian partners. They are already distributing emergency items including tarps, hygiene kits, kitchen kits, and more. Their cargo plane departed for Nepal on 31st August packed with many tons of relief.

Please join with us to pray... for the people of Nepal - the injured, the grieving, the homeless - and the rescue/relief teams. And, if you would also like to donate, please click [here](#).