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Sunday 3rd April 2022
5th Sunday of Lent

Sermon Snippets

John 4: 1-26



During our first Sunday services, we've been looking at different people who met Jesus in John's gospel. In particular we've looked at the barrier each of them had and how that barrier was overcome. Earlier examples of these impediments were prejudice ("does anything good come from Nazareth?" someone wondered on hearing of Jesus) and also status (where Nicodemus overcomes the knowledge that he was a religious expert and asks a question of Jesus, who had no formal training).

Today we hear of a woman who ventured out into the public arena at a time when she hoped no one else would be around. She knew she was unpopular and yet doesn't avoid a conversation with the one man who was also there – Jesus. We'll hear more about what might have stopped her on Sunday, but if you want to find out more – have a read of John 4.

Verse For The Week

"Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

John 4: 13-14



Farewell from Phil...

Well, this feels like the end of an era for me. I have been the Church Administrator for our two churches for five years and I have really enjoyed so many aspects of the role. It has been a real joy and privilege to serve God in this way and to have played a part in the life of Christ Church and Emmanuel.

I've had lots of support over the years, particularly from Jane Lamond, Pat Hurst and Rosemary Hyde who have helped enormously in the office in practical ways. I have also had lots of encouragement from so many people which I have really appreciated. I'm sure you will continue to support Emma as she gets to grips with the many different aspects of the job.

Phil

Churches Together

Join with Christians from churches across our town to celebrate the Easter message:

Good Friday 15th April at 11:15am
Open Air Worship Service
Worle High Street

Easter Sunday 17th April at 06:30am
Sunrise Service + Breakfast
Weston Sea Front (opp Carlton Street)

Prayer Pointers

Sunday – Pray today for the Anglican Church in Kyiv. Give thanks for their ministry to the city and pray for their protection in the midst of the war zone.

Monday – We pray for our National Government, the Cabinet and their advisors and ask for wisdom in decision making.

Tuesday – We give thanks for the relief effort for those fleeing Ukraine and pray for the families who have left husbands and elderly relatives behind.

Wednesday – Give thanks for the Life Groups, remember before God the leaders, hosts and each member that we may grow in Christ week by week.

Thursday – Remember before God our families and friends. Name them as you pray and ask for God's peace and blessing in their hearts as they go about their day today.

Friday – Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty. In this time of financial pressures many families are finding difficulty heating or eating. Pray for good conversations and good outcomes for those in debt and in need.

Saturday – Remember before God those who are not well, especially thinking of those we are aware of within our own congregations who are suffering at this present time.

CHRIST CHURCH FINANCES

Over the last few years costs have crept up, but very understandably over the pandemic, giving has not quite kept up.

This year the PCC have agreed a budget where we expect to have a deficit of £8,800, so far, we are on track to achieve this.

We appreciate there are many stresses and strains on personal finances at the moment - and we would want to thank you all very much for your giving.

Tom David

What's On This Week

Saturday 2nd April

Emmanuel Church Coffee Morning at 10.30 (til 12.00)

Monday 4th April

Ladies Together at 2.30pm in the Spire Centre
(last session before Easter)

Tuesday 5th April

Parish Prayers at 09.30 at Emmanuel Church
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel Church

Wednesday 6th April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10.15 at Christ Church

(last session before Easter)

(please note that this event is currently full)

Thursday 7th April

Welcome Group at 2.30pm at Emmanuel Church

Craft & Chat at 2.30pm in the Spire Centre
(last session before Easter)

Notices

Change to Office Opening Hours

Please note that, as from the 1st April, the Church Office opening hours will be 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Reminder - Church Guidelines about Covid

Since the release of all Government restrictions, we'd advise the following about how we behave as a church family with Covid.

- In Sunday services it is up to you whether or not to wear a mask – both are perfectly OK
- If you test positive for Covid, or have symptoms which could be Covid, please stay away from church activities
- If you subsequently test positive for Covid, please inform any church folk you have been near to in the last couple of days.

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...



Christ Church Baby & Toddler Group

Our group is run by a committed and loving group of people from our church family. A lot of love and effort goes into each session and we need some help.

We need someone to come at the end of our sessions on Wednesday mornings (term time only) at 11:45am and wipe down tables and high chairs whilst we clear away toys and then Hoover.

If you think you could help us or you would like to be involved in the team in another way, please speak to Nicky Boardman – Family Ministry Worker.

New Church Directories

A new Church Directory for each of our two churches will be out soon. The directories will include photographs, but only if you would like to include one!

At Emmanuel, Pat has been busy taking photos. At Christ Church, Doug took photos of many of you a couple of years ago, and will be catching up with others over the next couple of weeks.

It's perfectly ok if you don't want your photo taken, but if you do please see one of the Church Wardens or contact the Church Office.

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Holiday Club 2022



This year Christ Church Holiday Club will be live in the building!

Wednesday 27th July – Sunday 31st July
Save the dates!!

Come and join our film crew at HC Studios as we look at the greatest story ever told and meet Jesus - the star of the show!

Sign up in church to be on team!!

Production Crew need current DBS clearance and Safeguarding Training
See Nicky or Angeline for more information



Ukraine Crisis Response Update

- Samaritan's Purse has 163 specialists on the ground.
- We deployed an Emergency Field Hospital to Ukraine that opened for patients on 14th March.
- We have three additional medical facilities in Ukraine.
- Using our DC-8 cargo plane, we deployed our fifth airlift to the region on 23rd March carrying more than 19 tonnes of relief.
- We are distributing water, food, hygiene items, blankets and winter clothing to people in transit.
- We have delivered aid to over 43,000 people through our response so far.

Prayer Labyrinth



A labyrinth is not a maze to get lost in, it is a single wandering pathway. Labyrinths have been used for centuries as a way of encouraging Christian reflection, meditation, and prayer. We are constructing a simple indoor Labyrinth in Christ Church for Holy Week where the various places to pause will help focus our minds on the 'I am...' sayings of Jesus that we have been hearing about over the past weeks.



Each 'station' will have an explanation and some suggestions for prayers some involving simple acts to help us focus. You go round the labyrinth for self-directed private prayer and the average time it takes should be about 40 minutes but there will be various places where you can quit the labyrinth if you need to. There will be some simple resources for children as well if families would like to give it a go.

We shall launch the Labyrinth on **Sunday 10th April** at 5.00pm where we invite people to gather for an explanation of the journey. Refreshments will be served then until 6.30pm to allow us to let people round in small numbers to prevent congestion.

It will then be open during the next few days from **Monday 11th until Wednesday 13th** at both 9.30am to 12 noon and 6.00pm until 8.00pm each day.

We could still do with some volunteers to act as stewards at these times so that the Labyrinth remains attended. Contact Terry Baillie if you can help for an hour or two.

VISIT TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Our two Churches have been invited to an afternoon at Wells Cathedral.

It will be on **Tuesday 24th May**.

The planned programme is as follows:

2:30pm Arrival where the Dean will welcome us

3pm Tour of the Cathedral

4pm Tea

5:15pm Choral Evensong then depart

If enough people are interested we may explore getting a coach. There will be no charge other than the coach but we would like to make a contribution towards the tea.

There will be a sign up list in both churches

We would like an idea of numbers by the end of April.

