

Connected

Sermon Snippets

John 6: 1-14

Sunday 19th June 2022
1st Sunday After Trinity

The feeding of the five thousand is the passage we will be looking at this week. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13). God is worth finding but we need to look and turn to him. But maybe we have lost the WOW.



A REVIEW OF MY DEACON YEAR!

I have been a curate nearly a year, and, I have survived! I'm hoping that I won't have spoken too soon - I am due to have my pre-priesting interview with Bishop Ruth on Friday 17th so, if you are reading this before then, please do pray for me!

I have had a (mostly) wonderful year with you all. Thank you for your prayerful support following my husband's hospitalisation, and I hope I am a little less rough round the edges than I was a year ago when I first joined you!

God and Bishop Ruth willing, I will be ordained a priest, on Saturday 25 June in Bath Abbey and will preside at Communion at Christ Church on Sunday 26 June and at Emmanuel on 3 July. I am very excited about this! It's been a busy year and there will be lots more to do as a priest! The highlight of my year has been my first Holy Week and Easter Day which was very moving but also a real privilege.

Last week I was telling Tom, how surprised I was initially to be sent here (I was expecting Bishop Ruth to send me to the back of beyond!). However, I am so happy to be here! God constantly surprises me through both churches, repeatedly revealing something new about his goodness that I had never perceived before. I cannot express how blessed and thankful I am to be curate of Christ Church and Emmanuel. I gain my identity as a minister (or serve my title as Rev) through serving both churches and the people of WSM. Thank you for being the churches that you are, pointing me towards an evermore loving-kind God at work in the world. Thank you for forgiving all my mistakes, for all the prayers, the kind words of affirmation and encouragement, hugs, smiles, arm squeezes and pats on the back.

A particular mention must go to Tom, who has been an ever-patient and encouraging training incumbent, with a real gift for coming alongside people and supporting them to learn new things. Thank you for giving me the space to be myself in ministry, the freedom to make mistakes, for being willing to learn with me, and for offering me the constructive advice that I most certainly need from time to time.

I look forward to telling you all about my ordination and retreat in future editions of Connected. Please continue to pray for me, as I will continue to pray for all of you.

With love, Larissa

Verse For The Week

"After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world'"

John 6: 14

Prayer Pointers

Monday - May we give thanks for our Vicar and pray for Tom and Chris as they have a well earned break.

Tuesday - We give thanks for our Queen and her clear faith and the steadfast manner that she has lived her life for 70 years of service. May we pray for her continued health.

Wednesday - We pray for the work of our Family Worker and the team working alongside her with Toddlers and their parents this morning.

Thursday - Weston Hospital is in the news again. Please pray for the medical, nursing, and administrative staff working against a background of uncertainty and stress.

Friday - May we pray for persecuted Christians in Afghanistan as they hide from the authorities and live a life of constant danger with their trust in the living God.

Saturday - May we pray for the many people who have moved to this country from other countries that we know. May we pray that our two churches may continue to be places of welcome to visitors and newcomers alike.

Sunday - May we pray for the service leaders, preachers, readers, and our Church Wardens in Emmanuel and Christ Church.

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

Monday 20th June

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 21st June

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

Wednesday 22nd June

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(please note that this event is currently full)
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 23rd June

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

Saturday 25th June

Larissa's Priesting at 10:30am at Bath Abbey

Sunday 26th June

Pastoral Principles at 5pm at Christ Church

Notices

Tom & Chris on Holiday

Please note that Tom & Chris are on holiday from Tuesday 7th June til Tuesday 21st June inclusive.

Larissa Away

Please note that Larissa will be on holiday/retreat from Tuesday 14th June til Friday 24th June inclusive.

Save The Date...

Our next 'Church Weekend at Home' will be October 21st-23rd.

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Coffee after the Service...

LARISSA'S PRIESTING

Larissa is due to be ordained as a priest at 10:30am Saturday 25th June in Bath Abbey. All are very welcome to attend.

She will be welcomed by the Emmanuel Church Family at 4pm on that Saturday and then at Christ Church after the morning service where she will be taking the Holy Communion service (both welcomes will involve cake!).

We are raising money to buy her a "Home Communion Set"; if you would like to give please do this via the website (under "Church Life") or bring a donation to Church / Church Office.

From time to time the Church of England has difficult issues to face and this would be true of our present time where the issue of human sexuality is being debated...



Pastoral Principles for living well together

The "Pastoral Principles" course Larissa and I are leading will concentrate on how we should discuss these issues (e.g. examining any of our own prejudices).

We'll meet 5pm-6:30pm in Christ Church to do this five-week course starting with tea and cake beginning 26th June.

Do sign up on the list in our churches if you'd like to give this a try.

Tom

THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Sure foundations

Christian Institute meetings near you

See leaflets at the back of Church for further information about this event if you are interested in attending.

YATE
Thursday 9 June

WESTON-SUPER-MARE
Tuesday 21 June



Present Roger Jones Revised Muical



SAINTS ALIVE!

A Pentecostal Musical
Revisited and Expanded for its 40th Anniversary

and in Celebration of Mary and Roger's
Golden Wedding Anniversary

Saturday 9th July 2022
World Premiere Musical-In-a-Day



Lights Camera Action! Holiday Club

27th - 31st July 2022



Financial Donations...

If anyone would like to contribute towards the costs of running holiday club or perhaps funding the purchase of particular items, such as prizes/books for the children or specific items for crafts and games, do speak to Nicky Boardman - Family Ministry Worker.

Donations needed -

- ❖ 32 Cereal boxes (standard size - not family pack size)
- ❖ Felt Tipped Pens
- ❖ Glue Sticks
- ❖ Sticky tape (small rolls)
- ❖ Black craft paper
- ❖ Gold Star Stickers
- ❖ White and Silver Pens/Markers
- ❖ Gaffer Tape
- ❖ Silver craft/gift tape

All items can be put in the Donations Box at the back of Church. Thank you from all the Team!

SEE MAIN CHURCH NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



Gardening Morning at Emmanuel
Friday 24th June
10am-12noon
Everyone welcome to come & help!

A very big and sincere thank you to everyone for their prayers and their love. It has been so heartwarming being part of such a caring church family. I am certainly on the mend and hope to be back with you all soon.

With my love & thanks,
Meg

Bible Reading Notes

Bible Reading Notes are now available at the back of Church for those who have ordered them.