

# Connected

## Sermon Snippets

Philippians 2: 1-11



This week we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians - reflecting on how we should imitate Christ's humility.

Keith will explore the following:

- a remarkable man is chained up in prison;
- his care for the Philippian church people;
- the challenge to our attitudes and our minds;
- putting others first;
- what does Jesus 'emptying himself' mean?

Sunday 17th July 2022

5th Sunday After Trinity

## Hope In Dark Times

It could be easy to lose hope these days. Climate change, the Ukraine crisis, and the Covid pandemic's aftermath dominate the international press. Closer to home, the headlines are filled with political scandal and the staggering rise in living costs.

As the cost of living crisis continues, at CAP we are deliberately aiming to serve people who are most crippled by debt. Our reports show clients' financial burdens are generally just the tip of the iceberg. Their situations are often complicated and heartbreaking.

I am reminded of the biblical story of Mary who had completely lost hope. It was the day after the Sabbath and she went early in the morning to care for Jesus' broken body. Less than 48 hours earlier she had seen Him beaten, mocked, and nailed to a cross. She had watched as He breathed His last breath and her hope died. I cannot begin to imagine what was going through her mind that morning as she approached His tomb. Yet, as is the way with our God, the story wasn't over. Mary found the tomb empty and, as she cried out in despair, a man came to her who she mistakenly thought was the gardener. Jesus, in his kindness, compassion and grace, revealed Himself to her and her hope was restored in an instant. Jesus went from there and found His disciples. They had gathered together in hiding, terrified of the authorities, but in walked Jesus and their hope was restored. Next He revived the hopes of Thomas, the two on the Emmaus road and, finally, He restored the hopes of Peter.

Jesus came to restore hope by revealing the goodness of the Father and He is doing the same today. He is not hiding; He is making Himself known. In the small, unseen places across the UK and the world He is revealing the Father. Even more remarkable is that He is inviting us to come with Him on that mission. He invites us into the story of making Him known to a lost world. We get to be involved as He reveals His love, restores hope, and draws His children back home.

Our amazing heavenly Father invites us to come with Him as He brings hope into the most desperate situations. So, before you pick up the phone to make a call today or rush to another meeting, why not take a moment and pause. Remember the hope you discovered in Jesus and perhaps ask Him, 'What mission of hope are you inviting me into today?'



(The article above is a précis from a blog by Owen Crane posted on the Christians Against Poverty website)



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# What's On This Week

## Sunday 17th July

Pastoral Principles at 5pm in The Spire Centre

## Monday 18th July

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre  
(last session before summer break)

## Tuesday 19th July

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

## Thursday 21st July

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 23rd July

Open Garden at 2:30pm at Dave & Jane Milsom's

## Sunday 24th July

Pastoral Principles at 5pm in The Spire Centre  
(last session)  
Prayer Service for Holiday Club at 6pm at Christ Church

## Notices

### *Larissa Away*

Please note that Larissa is on holiday from Monday 18th July to Sunday 24th July inclusive.

### *Tom Away*

Please note that Tom will be on CPAS Camp from Tuesday 2nd August to Tuesday 9th August inclusive.

### *Nicky Away*

Please note that Nicky is on holiday from Monday 8th August to Sunday 28th August inclusive as well as 3rd & 4th September.

### *Angeline Unavailable*

Please note that Angeline will be unavailable throughout August as she takes a well-deserved break from her church duties!

## Verse For The Week

"...rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

*Philippians 2: 7-8*

# Prayer Pointers

**Monday** - Praise the Lord for the joys of summer: for warmth and sunshine, for the beauties of the countryside and the relaxation of the seaside, for tennis, cricket, and all summer activities.

**Tuesday** - Pray for our town: for the businesses dependent on summer trade for their livelihood - that this will be a successful summer, and for our Council - that it will work wisely and cooperatively to achieve progress and prosperity for all.

**Wednesday** - Give thanks to the Lord that He is always with us when we need Him: protecting us in times of danger, healing in times of illness, comforting in times of bereavement, forever present as our guide through life.

**Thursday** - We are often ashamed when we realise how often we hurt those we should cherish most of all. Pray that the Lord will take from you the selfishness, the irritability, and the careless and inconsiderate behaviours that bring this about.

**Friday** - Today is the feast of St Mary Magdalene, who followed Jesus in Galilee, was present at the crucifixion and was the first witness of the risen Christ. Give thanks for her devotion to our Lord, which has been a great example to us down through the ages.

**Saturday** - Pray for God's help in the week ahead, that he will save you from making the same mistakes and from falling into the same temptations as in this week now ending. Pray that, by this time next week, you will have grown a little nearer to him in every way.

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## *Watch the Morning Service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

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# Coffee after the Service...

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

James Hill died suddenly at the start of Covid. James had always wanted a church service but it had to be at the Crematorium and only eight people were able to attend.

Daphne is organising a memorial service at Emmanuel on Saturday 13th August followed by refreshments.

All who knew James are very welcome but please tell Daphne to give her an idea of numbers.

## Could you be a School Governor...?

We have a good relationship with Christ Church School and value our connection with them.

This year, several of our church family will be stepping down as school governors due to reaching the end of their terms.

This is a very important role and we would very much like to maintain a visible presence on the Board of Governors.

If anyone would like to put themselves forward for this very valuable role please speak to Tom.

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**EMMANUEL**  
**SUMMER**  
**FETE**

 

**OXFORD STREET**

***SATURDAY***  
***30<sup>th</sup> JULY***  
**10:30am to 2pm**

*Refreshments*  
*Light lunches from 12noon*  
*Variety of stalls*  
*(including homemade cakes)*





Final opportunity to have your photo included in the new Church Directory - deadline for photos is this Sunday 17th July!

Please contact Douglas Halstead for a photo to be taken or email a photo to the Church Office.

**Christ Church Pre-School Places Available**  
Contact Sarah Quick if you yourself are interested or know of someone who might be:

**CHRIST CHURCH PRE SCHOOL**

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FUNDED AND NON FUNDED PLACES FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 TO 4 YEARS OLD

OPENING HOURS - TERM TIME ONLY  
MONDAY 9AM - 3:30PM  
TUESDAY 9AM - 3:30PM  
WEDNESDAY 9AM - 3:30PM  
THURSDAY 9AM - 3:30PM  
FRIDAY 9AM - 12NOON

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