

# Connected

Sunday 18th September 2022

14th Sunday After Trinity

## Sermon Snippets

Revelation 21: 1-7 / John 14: 1-7

Our country feels very troubled. We have lost our Queen, watched the pageantry of her 'lying in state', and then, on Monday, her funeral.

Just before the horror of Jesus' last day of beating and crucifixion he sat with his disciples. We call it the 'Last Supper'. After he had washed their feet in an act of great humility, he then had to tell them that one of their tight band of brothers would betray him and that he would leave them.

In John 14v1, Jesus says these words of comfort "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me". These words have been used at least twice in these days around the Queen's passing and many mentions of the Queen's faith in the living Jesus. She had found the answer to troubled hearts in her faith. She had asked Jesus to take a central place in her life so that her hand was in his guiding hand as she looked into the future. I sense a feeling of being deeply troubled in much that is happening in our country as we look forward to Monday's events.

Please pray for folks who live and move around you that they might find the same guiding hand of Jesus in their lives as the Queen knew and that we may show peace and confidence in the way we lead our lives as followers of Jesus.

I offer you this prayer found by Andy Page in the music of John Rutter. Please quietly pray it for yourself and those you love.

Deep peace of this week and the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you  
Deep peace of Christ to you

## Verse For The Week

" He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' He said to me: 'It is done, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. "

*Revelation 21: 5-6a*

Queen Elizabeth II had a strong Christian faith which was evident throughout her life in her words and actions. As well as her formal role as 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England', which came with monarchy, her personal faith in Jesus Christ was evident even before she was crowned. In her first Christmas broadcast in 1952 she made this request:

'Pray for me - that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.'

Her Christmas broadcasts frequently referred to Jesus Christ. As she said in her Christmas broadcast in December 2000: 'For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.'

Throughout her life, Christ's example and teaching were acted out in the dutiful and faithful life of our servant-hearted Queen.



# Prayer Pointers

**Monday** - At this time of great sadness throughout our country and the world, with the death of our dear Queen Elizabeth, we do pray for King Charles and all the royal family. Comfort them and all who were close to the Queen at this time. We thank you for her lifetime of steadfast service and commitment to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

**Tuesday** - We pray that you will strengthen and encourage King Charles as he takes over the role of our monarch and guide him in all that he says and does, especially where there are pressures against unity. Be his rock as You were so to our Queen.

**Wednesday** - We pray for our town and the local community. We thank you for the opportunities you give us to serve you among the people that we meet each day and pray that you will show us where we, as Christians, are not meeting the needs of people whom you put in our path.

**Thursday** - We pray for our country and, especially, our government and new prime minister, Liz Truss, in this time of unrest and turmoil. We pray that the right decisions will be made for the good of all and trust that you will guide us through to where you want us to be as a leading influence in our world.

**Friday** - We pray for those today who are facing sorrow and suffering, all for whom life seems a burden rather than a blessing. Grant them your peace.

**Saturday** - We pray for our world suffering in so many ways because of climate change. Help all countries to do the right things to help amend the situation but thank You that we can know that You are in charge.

**Sunday** - We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine.

# What's On This Week

## Sunday 18th September

Pastoral Principles at 12:30pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 19th September

No Ladies Together this week due to Queen's funeral

## Tuesday 20th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 21st September

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

## Thursday 22nd September

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

JaM Club at 3:30pm at Christ Church

*(pre-registration is required for the above event)*

## Notices

### *Tom Away*

Please note that Tom & Chris are now away until Friday 23rd September.

### *Nicky Unavailable*

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on 16th & 23rd September.

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable on 21st/23rd/24th/25th September but will be working on Tuesday 20th September.

## THINKING CHRISTIANLY ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY

On Sundays October 2nd and 9th we are holding two 6pm evening sessions "Thinking Christianly About Human Sexuality".

This is an area where sincere Christians hold a range of views. We will be looking at the factors and issues which guide Christians to form a view.

The first evening will be a presentation by Tom & Larissa and the second evening will comprise an "Any Questions" panel.

# Coffee after the Service...



## Our Toddler Group - Seedlings - needs help!

We need people who are willing to come and help when the regular team have appointments, are ill, or on holiday. It could be helping with running the group and clearing away at the end or helping to run the kitchen (in fact, we need help in the kitchen on 21st September!!)

Please speak to Nicky Boardman - or email her on [family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)

## Final Week To Check The Christ Church Directory!

This will be going to final print shortly so please check your details thoroughly (there is a copy of the final draft at the back of church) and advise Emma in the Church Office if any additions/alterations/omissions are required.

If you are unable to get to Church over the coming week but would like to check your entry, please contact Emma ([office@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwsm.org.uk) / 01934 641016) to discuss alternative options.

## DONNA'S LICENSING

### Saturday 1st October

Information regarding the coach:  
The coach will leave Milton Road, near the bottom of Montpelier, at 12:15pm sharp and will leave Oxford Street outside Emmanuel at 12:20pm sharp.

The coach will return leaving Wells at 4.30pm.

The cost of the coach is £15 return. If you would like to pay online visit: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/product-category/events/>



## NEW OPENING HOURS AT LIFE

We are thankful to God that He has kept us going here at Life, throughout the pandemic, in both the retail and ministry sides of Life.

We are pleased to announce an increase in our opening hours from September 2022 - our new hours will be Monday to Friday 10am-3pm. We will not be open on Saturdays except for occasional special 'coffee mornings'. Please check on Facebook, in the shop, or on our website for future coffee mornings.

In the meantime, we continue to provide a place to see, hear, touch, and share God's Word and make it available for you to share with others. We will also continue to read the Bible at 10am Monday to Friday and welcome you to come along and join with us in those times.

Thank you for all your support and custom over the past eleven years. We look forward to continuing to work with you into the future. If you are unable to get in we are very happy to take orders by phone or email and send items out to you. We can also order in specific items if we do not have exactly what you are looking for.

*Andrew & Lydia*

# More coffee anyone?

## 'Seaside Sunday'

Last Sunday, during our morning service at Emmanuel, we had the joy of hosting a working donkey and other representatives from several local seaside businesses. It felt very fitting to be offering prayers of thanksgiving and blessing to those who give such dedicated service to our summer visitors each year alongside our commemorations to the life of faithful service by our Queen.

We heard a wonderful talk about how the donkeys in Scripture can remind us of the virtues of kindness, obedience, loving service, and self sacrifice - reminding us of the same call on our lives as followers of Jesus and so clearly witnessed in the long life given to dutiful service by our Queen.

We concluded our time together with prayers for new King Charles III and we sang the National Anthem.



Thank you to all involved for a beautiful service of thanksgiving.

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## Open Gardens 2022

Grateful thanks to all those who hosted an Open Garden event during this summer.



These include

Tom & Chris Webber, Meg Hill, Jane & Dave Milsom, Bev & Mike Hall and Paul & Rosanne Sodzi. Thanks also to Emma for 'publicity' and for continuing the production of a colourful and attractive programme.

I am hoping to recruit hosts for 2023, but there is an urgent need for some new venues from "courtyards to rolling acres" - so please consider what you are able to offer in order to continue this ever-popular event. Dates for 2023 will be announced in the new year.

*Barry*

## 'Thank You'

We would like to thank all the people who helped to organise the Heritage Weekend at Emmanuel Church.

A special 'thank you' to Sheila who spent so much time setting up the display in church so splendidly!

We would also like to thank Pat & Donna for all their hard work to make our Seaside Sunday service so special.

Thank you all,

*Keith & Mary*

## 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.