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Sunday 20th November 2022
Sunday Next Before Advent

Sermon Snippets

Psalm 25: 1-11

What is God's plan for my life?

Twenty-three years would come down to this. Sign here to stay, sign here to go. Three seconds would be all it would take to alter the course of a life with a signature. What is God's plan for the future?

When those times of difficult decisions come, when the future looks uncertain, where is God?

There are times when God seems far away and yet, through all the years, He has been right there at the very heart of the issue at hand. As He was with Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Jeremiah, Philip, and so many others through the centuries.

On Sunday morning see how God led the way, changed the course of history, and how He influences and guides us in His world today.

Have you had a time when you felt God lead and guide? What was the result?



BIBLE READING NOTES



It is time to order Bible reading notes for 2023!

You can do this via the following link which takes you to our website: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/product-category/bible-notes/> where you can order and pay online. Alternatively, please give your order form to Sandra Wilkes as soon as possible. Please make payment for one year's subscription with the order. Payment can be made via the website or by cheque, cash, or card. If you have not had Bible reading notes before, please see our website (link above) or speak to Sandra. Below are some brief descriptions of the devotionals available:

Daily Bread

Aims to help you hear from God as you read the Bible by asking 'what difference does this passage make to my life?'.

Encounter With God

Designed for a thoughtful, in-depth systematic approach to Bible reading.

Inspiring Women

Written by women for women. These popular notes speak encouragement and wisdom into day-to-day life and all it entails. Be strengthened, challenged, and empowered each day.

New Daylight

For those who want to go deeper, a fresh approach to regular Bible study. Bible text included. A team of contributors comment with thought and/or prayer.

Guidelines

In-depth study written by scholars. Contributions from around the world and UK. Thought provoking breadth of Christian tradition.

The Upper Room

The readings and reflections are written by readers of the publication who seek to share the insights of their faith with others.

Bible Reflections For Older People

Written by older people for older people. The reflections are designed to bring hope, assurance, and sustenance, reminding the reader of the presence and love of God.

Day By Day With God

Aimed at women, rooting women's lives in the Bible.

Every Day With Jesus

This is a free daily devotional providing you with an opportunity each day to pause, reflect on God's Word and step into deeper relationship with him. You can discover more of who Jesus is and, in turn, discover more of yourself and his calling for your life.

Explore

Dated and numbered daily Bible readings to help you dig into the treasures of the Bible for yourself.

What's On This Week

Saturday 19th November

Tearfund Big Quiz Night at 7pm in The Spire Centre

Monday 21st November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 22nd November

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 23rd November

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

Thursday 24th November

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Parenting for Faith at 7:30pm in The Spire Centre

Saturday 26th November

Christmas Bazaar from 10:30am-2pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 18th November & Monday 21st November.

Larissa Away

Please note that Larissa will be away from Monday 21st November til Friday 25th November inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way "

Psalms 25: 8-9

From time-to-time members of our church family need lifts to medical appointments. We need to update our list of volunteer drivers who are willing to offer that service.



Could you please let Liz Cole know if you are willing to offer this help. It may be some are happy to drive only within the Weston area but others may be happy to go to Bristol or Taunton - please specify which.

If you have previously been on the list please confirm if you are able to continue - we won't make any assumptions. Thank you.

Prayer Pointers

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9 NIV)

Church Family:

Father God, remind us that You are with us so we may be courageous. Remind us that Jesus gave everything for us so we may be whole-hearted followers of Him. As we face the week ahead remind us that You are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work in us. And so make us expectant. Come Holy Spirit and transform us today we pray. Yahweh Rophe, we come before You today to acknowledge that You are not only our Creator but the Lord who heals us. We bring before You our loved ones, and those in our Church family who are sick, suffering, and in pain. We pray that You will heal us today - our body and soul - that You will transform us in ways that glorify You.

The Local Area:

We bring before You, Lord, the young people of our community, especially those who are affected by alcohol and drugs. We pray for teachers in primary and secondary schools who have to try to teach the reality and awareness about these things. We also pray especially for the families and the affect that this has on the whole family.

National Prayer:

We continue to pray for our Prime Minister and his Cabinet - for the decisions to be made day by day - and ask for Your influence Lord in these decisions.

Global Prayer:

Father God, we bring before You the G20 summit in Indonesia. This is a pivotable moment for generations, the need for sustainable development in our world, and we pray for a united focus right now. Take time to pray for one nation now, as you feel prompted by the Holy Spirit.

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...

Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 26th November
10:30am til 2pm

- Variety of Stalls
- Refreshments (including lunches)
- Homemade Cakes



If you are able to donate any items for the gift bags please put them in the box at the back of the Church at Emmanuel. Also, any good quality jewellery and bric-a-brac items would be appreciated. Thank you.

Christ Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd December
10am til 1pm

In what can be a busy time, come and relax with us with a cup of coffee and cake or mince pie!

Children's Corner
Book & Puzzle Stall
Cakes, Chutneys & Edibles



Healing & Wholeness Service



Sunday 4th December
at 6pm

Before the rush really starts, do join us for a reflective time preparing for the Christmas season.

Christ Church Flower Rota

The new flower rota will be drawn up at the beginning of December. If you would like to join the team please speak to Sandra Wilkes.

You do not need to be an expert flower arranger!



John & Kathy's Adventures Part 6...

Hello All! We headed down to Brisbane to find lovely weather except when we headed out on a train to Surfers Paradise to swim at the beach and it rained. John was brave and managed a quick ten minutes! Headed back to Brisbane and all was sunshine again.

We took a river cruise to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary which is a very old rescue centre for koala. We fed kangaroo and saw duck-billed platypus which was very special as they are only found in a few places in the wild.



Brisbane has a fabulous inner-city lagoon for swimming with a man-made beach (which we really enjoyed) and a cross river rail network being built rather like Crossrail in London.

Moreton Island and Tangalooma Resort was our next stop for a couple of nights. Beautiful location and beach and we fed wild dolphins which come up to the beach every night.



We took a helicopter ride over the island and a marine cruise where we saw turtles and dudong (similar to manatee). Back to Brisbane for a night and a visit to the



Botanical Gardens and then we headed off to Hamilton Island for five nights. It really is very beautiful here and from our balcony we look out over the Coral Sea. A bonus was being able to watch live as England won the T20 World Cup. More to follow and last edition next week!

PERTH WAR MEMORIAL

Photos taken
by Bev...



...poppies
are all
knitted!



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