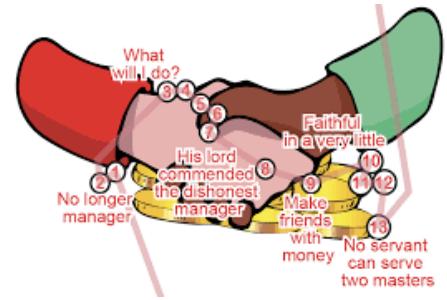


Christ Church News (26)
by and for the Christ Church Family
30th August 2020



Word for today Luke 16 vv.1-13

Reflection

Almighty God

money makes the world go round, but in the beginning you created the heavens and the earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, people know the price of everything and the value of nothing,
but you paid the price for everyone and value the hearts of all.

Holy Spirit, all that glitters is not gold but you reveal the true riches of God.

Too often our treasure chests are full with our possessions,
our ambitions and the insubstantial stuff that fills our lives.

There is no room left, no time to see God's touch in the beauty of creation,
Jesus' smile in the stranger's face, the love of God come close in the chatter of a child.

Forgive us and help us to open our hands,
our hearts and our lives to the true treasure of God's love come close in Jesus.

Come Jesus our friend into our busy lives and bring peace.

Come Jesus our companion into the quiet vulnerability of our lives and bring love.

Come Jesus our guide, into the confusion of our world and bring hope.

Commitment for Life

Marginalised. 'Vulnerable' and therefore confined, not able to join in those acts of kindness to neighbours that have excited such applause. Other older members of our congregation may have shared my sense of being 'on the edge' during the lockdown. But we have the resource of prayer and we may have the resource of money. Indeed, for some of us, our money is one of the most powerful tools that we have for the work of God's kingdom.

Christian Aid, like all charities, has suffered a loss of income because of the pandemic, which has only increased the need for its work. We were not able to use May's Christian Aid Week for our normal appeal to the public beyond the church, but the appeal to our own community has traditionally been made through our contributions each October to the **URC's Commitment for Life programme**. We cannot use the usual C for L envelopes this October, but

would you consider making your gift in another way some time during the autumn?

Graham Manson, our Treasurer, has agreed to handle the appeal and would appreciate gifts made in one of two ways:

- a. by a **cheque sent to the church** (The Treasurer, Christ Church, Old Market Avenue, Chichester PO19 1SW) made out to the church, but with the cheque and/or envelope **clearly marked 'Commitment for Life'**,
- b. by **Bank Transfer** direct into the church's account (Sort Code 40-52-40 Account 00033603)

If you are a tax payer please increase your donation by 25% through Gift Aid, adding a note about that to the back of the cheque or to the description given on the online bank transfer. It is likely that your details for that will already be held by the church but, if not, please be ready to give them to Graham if he asks.

None of us is as marginalised as those truly 'on the edge' in places of destruction or poverty across the world. But our gifts to Christian Aid will help to bring some of those people nearer to the centre of the good life that God wants for all of us.

Derek Wales

Meet and Greet

Rev. Helen would like to meet everyone as far as possible.

So - to arrange a convenient date – please contact either your Pastoral Visitor or Gilly Hansford

tel: 07470 709489 or email: gillyhansford@hotmail.co.uk

Rev. Helen is available 1:30 pm Tuesdays and Fridays

from 22nd September until the end of November - either at the Manse or at Christ Church.

Next Sunday our usual service will be replaced by:

Circuit Welcome Service on Zoom

6 September 6:30 pm

Welcoming Rev's Ian Couchman, Helen Higgin Botham and John Scrivens to the circuit team

Preacher: Rev Dr David Hinchliffe, Chair of District.

See how to join the service below:

Congregation with internet connection - Live Stream

Participate through our Circuit Live Stream

The stream will be open from 6 pm, ready for 6:30pm start to allow time for all to connect.

Circuit YouTube Channel link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-lyusGbXMsZrVxsw0-hNg/live>

Congregation without internet connection

Those without an internet connection can be invited to connect via zoom phone.

Notes for non internet congregation

- Telephone participants will remain muted throughout the service.
- Cost of the call will be charged at standard rate as per your telephone bill.

Connect via phone or mobile (audio connection only)

Step 1

call one of the Dial in by phone numbers

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

0203 901 7895 United Kingdom

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

Step 2

Enter the **meeting ID**. For the Circuit Welcome Service this is **886 9384 0868** followed by #

Step 3 (Optional)

You will be offer opportunity at add a participant ID or you can skip this step by pressing #

Step 4

Enter the **meeting password**. For the Circuit Welcome Service this is **961079** followed by #

Accessing our Weekly Services

Christ Church is now registered with YouTube and anyone can access our weekly services by going to YouTube on their smart TV, phone or computer and keying in **Chichester Christ Church Worship**. Look us up and then tell your friends.

Our services are also available on the 'Services' page of the church website – christchurchchichester.com – just click on the button of the service you wish to view.

Attending Services

Those of you who have 'booked' to attend the services in church on **20th and 27th September** will receive an email nearer the time informing you as to whether or not there is room for you.