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Sermon of the Month

by kind permission of Derek Hansen

Corinth was a large and busy port where there were at least ten different temples to various Greek gods, the largest one being the temple for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. That temple had over 1,000 prostitutes available for “religious” reasons. There was also a Jewish synagogue and most of the population were idol-worshippers. Corinth was not just a port it was also the centre of trade where many different cultures mixed. It wasn’t an easy place to spread Christianity.

But Paul did. He founded a Christian church there, and then, continued to establish churches all over the place during his three missionary journeys. Karen Armstrong in her book “The First Christian” suggests that without Paul the Christian Church would not have spread, as it did, throughout the then known world. But back to Corinth – these troublesome Corinthians were tearing themselves apart at the seams. They were breaking into different groups with some members aligning themselves with Paul, some with Apollos, and even some with Peter. There were also severe class divisions emerging in this young church, which seems to have invented the practice of having more than one worship service. The rich people went to the first service, whereas the poor were made to show up to the later one.

One group also felt that only those who were educated and “wise” should have a voice in the community; others were for democracy — each voice counts the same. Some said, “We’ve got to relate to this world, be relevant, even to the point of still stopping in for services at the Temple of Venus — the Roman goddess of love. This exuberant and dysfunctional congregation was falling apart.

Paul, frustrated by this diverse and ambivalent church which he loved, reminds them that there is a living, growing, dynamic diversity which is manifested by a variety of spiritual gifts. All of them demanded their own kinds of expression, all of them were needed to enable the church to be exercised, to develop and grow.

Eugene Peterson paraphrased these verses in his Message translation of this morning’s text. “God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out, one by one, by the one Spirit of God.”

Paul used the term “spiritual gifts” and right away some people cringe. When they hear the word spiritual they think it means supernatural or extraordinary or something magical or miraculous - gifts that we cannot attain if we are not regular churchgoers spending hours each day in prayer.

Others think of spiritual as something that is out of this world which can’t apply to us because we live worldly lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is spirit in every individual, in every one of us. Spiritual gifts are those abilities, talents and gifts that we all possess and when shared for the common good, they enhance the lives of others and they help transform the world.

Throughout his letter to the Corinthians, Paul calls on this very diverse church over and over again to set aside the things that divide them and work together as a united community. Paul argues that unity must come through the people’s differences, not in spite of them. That is a gift in itself. That kind of unity is exactly what the body with many parts is about.

It is about a group of people with different talents and abilities, different points of view and opinions, different reactions to the world and different personalities, all coming together and working together.

And when that happens, God’s kingdom grows. Amen



Smaller babies may be
delivered by a stork,
but the heavier ones
need a crane!!!

AMENDED!

Archaeology/History Walks in Worthing for 2022

I am running a series of archaeology/history walks for Christ Church in Worthing once a month between May and July. These will take place in the morning on the second **Wednesday** of the month. **If Wednesday is rained out, we will do it on the following Wednesday instead.** We start at **10am** and end up at Christ Church for the Coffee Morning. The walks for this year are listed below.

June 8. Lost churches in Worthing. Meet outside Boots in Montague Street.

July 13. A fishing history of Worthing. Meet outside coastguard office on the seafront.

Any enquiries, my telephone number is 07753 282714 or email alexeclipsing@gmail.com

Alex Vincent

The Last Letter

Every final parting is different: some allow the chance to say farewell whilst others are so abrupt that the opportunity is snatched away. In April 1982 our Ship's Company were told that mail would close in an hour. It was recommended we write our "Last Letter" home as we may not get another chance if we did actually go into action following the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands.

Most of the troops being deployed from UK bases and the sailors on ships sailing from our Naval Bases were able to say goodbye and be waved off by families and friends. We were already on our way to the South Atlantic having left Portsmouth for a short exercise off Gibraltar in mid-February waving a breezy goodbye and "See you next month" but the ship had been diverted south.

We experienced none of the gung-ho atmosphere depicted in the papers and although we hoped for a diplomatic solution our "Preparations for War" were well underway. Training was always an

F/Ident/189

If you are captured you are required, under the provisions of Article 17 of the Prisoner of War Convention, 1949, to give your captors the information set out below so that your capture may be reported to your next-of-kin. When you are interrogated, but not before, tear off the duplicate portion and give it to the interrogator. GIVE NO OTHER INFORMATION. *Once this card has been issued to you you must carry it upon you at all times.* In your own interest you must ensure that the particulars of your rank are kept up to date.

(Fill in your particulars in BLOCK LETTERS)

BRITISH FORCES IDENTITY CARD

(Issued in compliance with the provisions of Article 17 of Geneva (POW) Convention, 1949)

ongoing activity but was now ramped up with a much sharper focus. Our anti-gas respirators had been checked in a makeshift gas chamber and morphine ampoules issued to team leaders. Royal Naval Identity Cards were collected in and replaced with Geneva Convention ID cards and instructions on what to do if captured.

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**GENEVA PRISONER OF WAR CONVENTION,
1949**

1. This Convention sets out the rules, internationally agreed, regarding the rights and treatment of prisoners of war during captivity.

It applies equally to our servicemen who are captured and to enemy servicemen who are taken prisoner by our forces. The more important requirements are set out below.

2. Members of the regular armed forces are not the only persons entitled on capture to be treated as prisoners of war. Members of militia, volunteer corps, civilians holding military identity cards, seamen holding identity cards issued by their governments and under certain conditions members of resistance movements in occupied territories are also entitled to be so treated.

In cases of doubt a captured person must be given the benefit of the doubt and treated initially as a prisoner of war.

3. All prisoners are entitled to humane and respectful treatment and must be protected from acts of violence, intimidation, insults, and public curiosity. Reprisals against them are forbidden.

On 21 April I was sent for and told it was part of my duties to lay scuttling charges for use in the event we were severely damaged and had to be scuttled so as not to become a hazard to shipping. Now, what training did I have to play with explosives? None! Still, off I went with a bag of explosive charges which I strapped to some of the large sea water inlets feeding the main machinery whilst being observed closely by the young watchkeepers down here and me recording very carefully where I had put them and how many I'd placed. My parting advice in a Boiler Room that was 100% humidity and 60° C – “Make sure you keep them cool and dry.”

But that last letter – only to be opened in the event I didn't return. Where to send it and what to say. Not an easy one to write at such short notice but it certainly focussed the mind. In the event it never needed to be opened and it was returned to me and quickly destroyed. Would I write the same again? Who knows? What message would you send home?

“Chippy”



For seniors!...

1 – Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

3 – You don't need anger management. You need people to stop annoying you.

4 – The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

5 - "On time" is when you get there.

6 – It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free...and three sizes smaller.

7 – Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

8 – Growing old should have taken longer.

9 – You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

And one more.....

10 - "One for the road" means visiting the smallest room before you leave the house.

A Trip to the Mother's Union Holiday home

Last month, members of Christ Church family visited the new Holiday home that Mother's Union have for families needing a well-deserved rest.



Karen Hill, Chichester Diocesan president of Mother's Union wrote: "Monday 16th May was the open day for the Mothers' Union Caravan in Seal Bay, Selsey. It was wonderful to welcome some of our friends from Christ Church. There were visitors from other parishes too!

I was delighted to introduce you all to Linda who with the Selsey Branch of Mothers' Union welcomes the families with a cake and are the contact for them whilst they are on holiday.

We were all delighted to give you a short, guided tour of the caravan. Seal Bay is the 2nd largest camp site in Europe. The caravan has been in use since Easter.

This Caravan has only been possible because of your support and your continued support with the coffee mornings.

A HUGE THANK
YOU!

Karen



Some of the comments left by visiting families:

To the mother's union

Thank you so much for letting us stay for the week in your wonderful caravan! It was so nice and kind. The cake was delicious, thank you! There was everything for us, DVDs, Games and paper and books.

Thankyou so so much for this amazing chance to have our first ever family holiday! We have enjoyed every minute of it, the kids have had an awesome time and we have honestly had the best time too. I wish we could thank everyone involved, you do such brilliant jobs and we are forever grateful.

Love to all





The caravan sleeps 6, with one king sized bed, another room with two singles, and pull-out beds to sleep 2 more in the lounge area.

There is also central heating for the spring and autumn months when the evenings can get chilly.

Some guests have commented that the shower is better than the one they have at home!





The main bedroom with king sized bed.

There is a television and DVD's, games, all the equipment that young families with babies and children might need, a true haven for them!

A little girl was holding two apples; her mother asked for one. The girl quickly bit one apple, and, then, the other. Her mother held back her disappointment. Then the girl handed one to her saying: "Here, this is the sweeter one."

Moral: Never judge.



A Prayer for Today

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we come to worship you today in humble adoration, acknowledging your Kingship in our lives, and giving you the honour due unto your Name. Lord, you are omniscient, omnipotent, eternal, yet you stoop to ask of us the love of our poor hearts.

Thank you, Father, for your great love for us, not our deserving, but manifest in our lives every day in countless ways, especially shown to us through the sending of your only Son into the world to redeem us from our sins.

Dear God, we thank you that, providing we repent of our sins and accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we can fully receive your amazing, glorious yet free gift of forgiveness and eternal life with you in heaven. May your Holy Spirit guide us all as we proceed along life's path here on earth, so that your Will may be done in our lives, in the Church and in the world.

May your Kingdom come, O God, and may we all receive the grace to be able to share in it. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Anon



A Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life and work of Ralph V Waters – Churchwarden, and Organist at Christ Church for over 52 years is to be held at Christ Church on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am. Please keep the date free!



We are to be joined by Ralph's family and friends. The service, led by Revd Nancy Ford will be followed by a buffet lunch and an official dedication of the newly created 'Waters' Hall' in the west end, a project that was initiated by Ralph and members of the PCC. All are welcome!



Why not join us through the week?

Were open for coffee and a chat every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.30 till noon.

All donations for coffee go to our missions

And on Thursday afternoons between 2.30 and 4pm, we open for “The Crafty Club’s” coffee and natter sessions, when you can bring anything you love doing, knitting, crochet, sewing, drawing, colouring... anything, and enjoy chatting over a cuppa.

Or you can just pop in to talk with friends old and new, have a tea or coffee and biscuits and catch up.

Maybe you would just appreciate sitting in the church in quiet reflection... whatever you like, you are always welcome!

Just saying.....

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.

“The starting pay is £40,000. Later it can go up to £80,000.” “Great. I’ll start later.”

Trust science. Studies show that if your parents didn’t have children there’s a high probability you won’t either.

Only in maths problems can you buy 60 melons and no one asks, *"What on earth is wrong with you?"*

When I get a headache I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.

Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, “Close enough.”

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but no atmosphere.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I’m self-employed. We’re having a meeting.

“Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo”.

I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I’m ageing like milk: Getting sour and chunky.

Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?

Tip for a successful marriage: Don’t ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she’s mowing the lawn.

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime. Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favourite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud!!!



**English is
difficult.**

**It can be
understood
though through
tough thorough
thought.**

We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

- Madeleine L'Engle

Poet's Corner

Sprightly!

Slowed by age
And growing uncertainty,
The slightly stooping figure
Hustles busily along the footway,
Trusty walking stick,
In right hand;
No sombre sadness written
In his bearded face;
Instead,
A pleasant knowing smile,
Like the beaming golden sun
Radiating,
Life-giving warmth,
Cheerfulness!

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Bowls!

Ladies all in white,
Rolling black balls up and down,
While away the time!
Po-faced old men,
Sipping beer on nearby bench,
Fritter theirs away!

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One step can start
a journey.

One song can change
a moment,

One smile can start
a friendship,

One hug can lift a soul,

One candle can wipe
out darkness,

One life can make a
difference,

One word can start
a prayer.

One hope will lift a spirit,

One touch can show
you care.

Be that one today...



When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.

When all is pressing you down a bit –

Rest if you must, but don't you quit

Success is failure turned inside out;

The silver tint on the clouds of doubt;

And you can never tell how close you are

It maybe near when it seems far.

So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit–

It's when things go wrong

when you must not quit.

John Greenleaf Whittier

From the papers – The prayers we ‘mis-said’ as children.....

My father was a builder, so it made sense when I heard “lino’s the kingdom, the power and the glory”.

Jenny Moir

As a member of a churchgoing family in Putney, I was, from a young age, familiar with Psalm 23. I was also sometimes taken to town from Putney Bridge on the District Line. It was only after we moved to the north when I was nine that I found out that the psalm did not say “in Parsons Green he leadeth me”. *Charlie Davison*

In our prayers for the dead at my RC infant school, I remember asking that the petrol light would shine upon them, may they rest in peace Amen.

Teresa Rodrigues

I remember as a child nightly praying for God to “lead us not into Thames station but deliver us from evil”.

Richard McNicol

My favourite mishearing comes from Baby Grumpling in The Perishers some 60 years ago with his cross-eyed teddy bear named Gladly, so called after the hymn “Gladly, my cross-eyed bear”.

Bob Waring

'If anybody in my crew ... say they don't believe in God and they ain't frightened by the sea, worried about the sea, I don't want 'em; I don't want 'em because that sea is your master."

" ...always respect the sea. Because... them sand banks, they don't run true. You might have a northerly wind, and you think, well, the swell's going to come from the north, suddenly you'll get one from the west, out of nowhere. You might get one fly at you from the east, uncanny, uncanny..."

Richard Davies, Coxswain of
the Cromer Lifeboat 1976-1999

***Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected;
Winston Churchill loved them:***

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
4. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
5. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
6. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
7. In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
8. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
9. Behind every successful man is his woman.
Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
10. A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.
11. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
12. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
Nor is there any future in it.
13. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
14. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
15. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
16. I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.

CHRISTCHURCH FOODBANK

We at Christchurch now have a working relationship with Worthing Foodbank. This is run by volunteers at The Redeemer Church and is affiliated to the Trussell Trust. It is one of more than 1,200 foodbanks, staffed by volunteers, and working with the Trust to tackle food poverty and hunger in local communities across the UK.

Worthing Foodbank is not a drop-in centre. All the recipients are referred by outside agencies - care professionals such as health visitors, staff at schools and social workers; they identify people in crisis, and issue them with a food bank voucher entitling them to receive a food bank parcel of three days' nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food from their local food bank. This support is seen as a stop gap to provide support until a long-term plan is established by care agencies.

If you are able, please would you donate **anything from the list below** so the volunteers can assemble identical packages. Also please check everything is "in date".

Milk (Long Life), Fruit Juice (Long Life), Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tinned Soups, Cereal (small & Med) Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Instant Mash, Tea Bags (40's & 80's)

We are now collecting toiletries for Foodbank clients also:

Deodorant, Shaving Foam, Toilet Rolls, Shampoo, Razor, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Handwash Washing up liquid, Feminine Hygiene

THANK YOU!



CHRIST CHURCH WORTHING

Services and Events...

Wednesday 1st June 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Yoko Ono Concert Pianist

Wednesday 15th June 12.30pm – 1.30pm

"HMS Glamorgan and the Falklands War of 1982"

Personal recollections from John

Wednesday 22nd June 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Paul Gregory Classical guitarist/Cellist

Saturday 2nd July 11am

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Ralph V Waters,
followed by the opening of the new 'Waters' Hall'

Sea Sunday 10th July

Morning Prayer with Derek Hansen

Donations for Mission to Seafarers

Wednesday 27th July 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Richard Bowen Classical and Jazz Guitarist

Christ Church Jubilee Market-

Saturday 3rd September *more details to follow!*

Wednesday 21st September 12.30pm to 1.30pm

John Collins' Organ Recital as part of the celebrations for
Christ Church's 179th Anniversary

Wednesday 19th October 12.30pm to 1.30pm

A Barbershop Quartet

Sunday 4th December 10.30am

A service of Holy Communion with the start of the
Christmas Tree festival - **Let there be light!**