

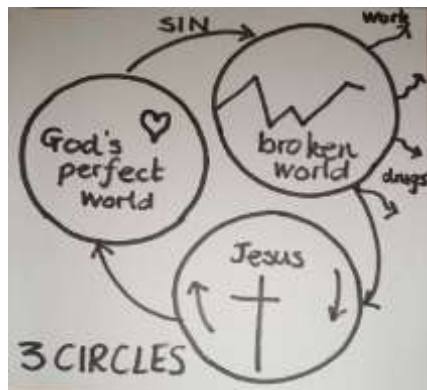
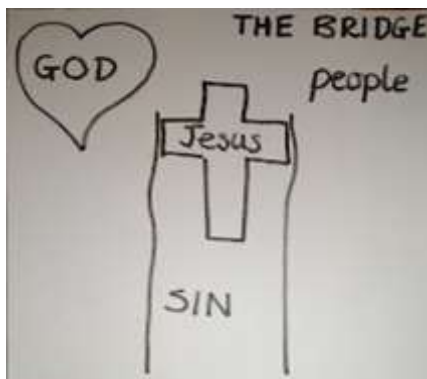
Reflection

Last week I showed two different diagrams which aimed to illustrate the essentials of the Christian story. After the service I realised that they had not been visible to all the congregation, so I am sharing them here.

If you were not able to attend last Sunday, how easy is it to work out their message?

Can you identify any strengths of the images? What is missing? You might want to compare these diagrams with the Creed and decide what has been included or left out. How would you share the Christian faith?

Rev'd Sarah



Codes for Zoom No further Zoom services planned at the moment.

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Passcode:

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NEXT SUNDAY 04.09.2022 Trinity 12

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
NT Philemon 1-21
GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33



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St Thomas, Exeter

28th August 2022

Trinity 11

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Hymns:

122 Father, Lord of all creation.

226 I cannot tell how he whom angels
worship

231 I heard the voice of Jesus say.

Tuesday 30th August

House Group Social. See Ian for details.

Wednesday 31st August

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 1st September

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots. School

Uniform collection.

10.30am Knit & Natter in St Thomas Park.

Friday 2nd September

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.



Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Ecclesiasticus 10.12–18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Hebrews 13.1–8,15,16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14.1,7–14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by

our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter Summer 2022 In June, July and August we will meet in St Thomas Pleasure Ground or at 19 Maple Road according to the weather, every Thursday from 10.30am to mid-day. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. On future Sundays there will also be an opportunity to bring donations to the 10.30 service.

The response to our prayers this morning is:

Intercessor: The lord is our helper.
Congregation: We shall not be afraid.

