

Christ the Worker

Sunday 7th May



Sunday Worship - Sermon Ideas

The Revised Common Lectionary recommends John 14.1-14 as the principal Gospel reading for this Sunday. If you are using that, you might want to explore some of the following aspects.

- *The disciples are deeply anxious about the unknown. What are the anxious unknowns in the workplaces we know?*
- *Jesus lifts their thoughts above current troubles to a perfect future. What vision for what our workplaces could be might sustain us through the hard times?*
- *Philip can't quite see how Jesus fits into the picture. How does our Faith fit into the issues at work and make a relevant difference?*
- *Jesus says he will do what we ask in His name. For what should we be asking for people we know at work?*

Alternative work-related readings:

Psalm 90; Ruth 2; Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; Isaiah 64.1-9; Colossians 3.12-17

Songs

- *All for you*
- *Everything*
- *Lord of all hopefulness*
- *Be thou my vision*
- *God in my living*
- *Take my life*
- *In Christ alone*
- *Lord, for the years*
- *Thou whose almighty word*

Intercessions

- *Invite people to share what they would value prayer for at work*
- *Include workplaces in the community*
- *Set up prayer station displays around local or national employment issues*
- *Remember those without work*
- *Pray for Kent Workplace Mission*

Other

- *Encourage working and retired members to bring something representing their work*
- *Commission working members for the living out of their faith at work*
- *Try a 'This Time Tomorrow' interview (licc.org.uk/resources/this-time-tomorrow/)*
- *Invite a local KWM Chaplain or Trustee to share in the service*
- *Distribute [blessing cards](#) for people to give out to workers during the following week*

Bible Study

Jesus learned a trade (Mark 6.3), met people at work, and often spoke about work too.

Consider these passages, and allow the questions to get you thinking or discussing:

Mark 1.16-20

Mark 2.13-14

Mark 4.26-29

Matthew 9.9

Matthew 20.1-16

Matthew 25.14-30

Reflection

Articles from the last year about workplace issues

Sacking of PO staff without consultation.

[P&O Ferries boss admits firm broke law by sacking staff without consultation | P&O Ferries | The Guardian](#)

The Long-term effects of the Pandemic.

['I felt pushed out': long Covid sufferers fight for fairness in the workplace | Long Covid | The Guardian](#)

Workplace Trauma

[Workplace trauma can affect anyone in any occupation. How can we deal with it? | Ashwini Padhi | The Guardian](#)

Quotations

It is in the simplicity of your ordinary work, in the monotonous details of each day, that you have to find the secret, hidden from so many, of something great and new: Love.

St Josemaria Escriva

My happiest days are those in which I do good work.

Charlie Chaplin

Without work, it is impossible to have fun.

St Thomas Aquinas

[The Living Wage Foundation](#)

<https://www.livingwage.org.uk/>

[The Lord's Prayer at work](#)

<https://licc.org.uk/app/uploads/2017/10/WPS-Lords-Prayer-at-Work.pdf>

[LICC Workplace Sunday](#)

<https://licc.org.uk/resources/workplace-sunday/>

[Theology of Work Project](#)

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/resources/jesus-and-your-job-video-series>