

Connected

Sunday 28th March 2021
Palm Sunday

Verse For The Week

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest!"

(Matthew 21: 9)

Sermon Snippets

Matthew 21: 1-11

As Jesus entered Jerusalem with crowds cheering him and shouting "Hosanna!" people asked "Who is this?"

If we were to ask that question to people outside the church what do you think their answer would be? What about us - what would our answer to that question be? If someone asked us who Jesus is, what would we say?

I think that sometimes we think we need to have all the answers, to know everything, before we talk to our friends about Jesus but that's not true. The people who answered that question on the first Palm Sunday said what they knew (Jesus was a prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee). We can do the same - say what we know - and often that begins with telling our story, the story of what Jesus has done for us.

So what would you say? Who is Jesus?

Watch this Sunday's Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page.



Our churches are being spring cleaned and made ready, our "tech" team at Christ Church is preparing to live stream the services - so there's a lot happening. But added to that, the important thing is how you and I are preparing ourselves for Easter, and we're putting on some extra things that may help.

Julie Birkett has prepared 5-minute "Night Prayers" for Monday – Thursday of this week. These will go alongside the Daily Prayers and contain some beautiful prayers for that time of day. I've found Night Prayers a helpful way of finishing the day with God as we lay down the activities of the day, voicing our joys and sorrows and committing our night to His watchful care. Why not join Julie this week by going to the [Daily Prayers page](#) of the Christ Church website?

Good Friday has a 'Walk Through Easter' event at Christ Church for any of us, families included (booking needed). Also Julie is leading a 35-minute reflection at Emmanuel at 10.30am which will also be online for the whole of the day.

More details of all the services happening over Easter can be found on page 3.

Clocks go forward

Don't forget that the clocks need to be moved forward one hour. This will be on Sunday 28th March, officially at 2am if you'd like to stay up for the task!

Prayer Pointers

Palm Sunday

Praise God today that Jesus Christ surrendered the majesty of heaven and humbled himself and set his face towards the cross. As the crowds laid down their cloaks for him and the shouts of praise went up even then our salvation was his goal. Praise God today!

Monday

We pray for families and friends that we have not been able to see for some time. Remember each of them by name before God today.

Tuesday

We give thanks for the ministry of Mission Aviation Fellowship and pray for the pilots, ground crews and engineers who ensure that planes fly in order that disadvantaged villagers in remote places around the world are fed physically and spiritually.

Wednesday

Give thanks for medical staff who work in hospitals abroad in places of conflict and violence. Pray for their safety and their witness as they seek to bring wholeness and healing in Christ's name.

Thursday

In that Upper Room as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, we pray for grace to serve one another as Christ served his friends that day.

Good Friday

Be still before God today and think of the cross of Christ and the sufferings he endured; give thanks that on this day he won our salvation. Pray that we might know a little more of what it cost the Son of God to take our sin in his body on the tree.

Saturday

As Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea came to take down the body of Jesus from the cross and place it in a tomb, we pray for the dying and the bereaved that each one may know the peace of Christ in their hearts in their time of grief.

Easter Flowers at Emmanuel

We will be decorating Emmanuel for Easter at 10.30am on Saturday April 3rd. All are welcome and we hope people will bring plants or arrangements. Baskets for arrangements can be collected at the Good Friday service.

Pat & Meg

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The Annual Church Meetings will be held in church on the following dates:

- Emmanuel on Sun 25 April at 11.30am
- Christ Church on Mon 26 April at 7.30pm

Please note that whilst the Christ Church meeting will be available to view online, you will need to be present at the meeting in order to vote.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, forms are available from the Church Office. You will need to be at least 16 years old, be baptised, and either a resident in either parish or have been engaging regularly with the online services for around six months.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Phil in the Church Office.

Office Closure Dates

The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, and Monday & Tuesday 06/07 April.

CWR Bible Notes

For this year at least, CWR, who publish "Every Day with Jesus" and "Inspiring Women" are issuing these free. Those who have paid a years' subscription will receive a refund with the May-June distribution of Notes. It does not apply to "Lucas on Life".

Fair Trade Coffee

Because we have been unable to serve coffee in church this past year we have 3 x 500gm tins of coffee. They are greatly reduced at £10 each with a sell by date of Sept 2021. Please contact Liz (782886)

Plants for sale

Penny is planning on growing lots of bedding / vegetable plants again this year, for any church members who would like them. Donations will go to Christ Church and Weston Hospicecare.

Please email Penny with requests of any plants that you would like her to grow.
(pennylester3@hotmail.co.uk)

Coffee after the Service...

Churches Opening at Easter

Both Christ Church and Emmanuel are opening their doors over Easter for public worship. On this page you'll find all that you need to know about the Easter services

Good Friday Reflection

Friday 2nd April
at 10.30am in
Emmanuel



Julie Birkett will be leading a 40-minute service of meditations. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

This reflection will also be available to watch on the Christ Church website.

Easter Sunday

Both churches will be open for services at 10.30 on Easter Sunday morning.

If you would like to come to the service at Christ Church you will need to book seats in advance. We hope not to have to turn people away, but the service is almost full already and we are required to limit numbers in order to adhere to Government rules on social distancing. Please contact Phil in the Church Office as soon as possible to reserve your place.

It will not be necessary to reserve seats for the service at Emmanuel.

A Walk Through Easter



Good Friday

10am - 12noon in Christ Church

Everyone is welcome to this event, but you will need to book a time slot for you and your household to arrive - just phone or email the Church Office.

As you travel through church you will hear and see the stories of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Morning.

Come and experience the true story of Easter and find out what it means for you. There will be something for everyone to take home too!

(Face masks must be worn, hand sanitiser will be provided and social distancing will be maintained)

Easter Story Trail

The Easter Story Trail will be available to walk round from Palm Sunday, 28th March in the gardens of Christ Church. Everyone is welcome to come and use this space to reflect on the events of Easter.

Private Prayer

Christ Church will be open for private prayer from 09.00 to 12.00, but only on the following days:

- Monday 29 March
- Tuesday 30 March
- Wednesday 07 April
- Wednesday 14 April
- Thursday 15 April

More dates in late April and May will be announced in April.

Please use the hand sanitiser as you come in to the church and wear a face covering (unless exempt).

Another coffee, anyone?

Last Sunday Morning

David and I went to church last Sunday morning. No, we hadn't forgotten that church is closed, nor had we gone mad, but I felt I would go mad if I spent one more day moving from bedroom to kitchen to lounge or walking aimlessly round the streets for the sake of keeping fit. Fit for what, yet another blank day to fill?

So we decided to get back into what used to be routine, packed our after-church drinks and snack and set off for church. There we walked round the Stories of Jesus trail, tackling most of the activities suggested. We decided against playing Hide and Seek in the sloping grounds with our dodgy knees, but activities like 'What is the best present you've ever received?' took us oldies hours of reminiscing as we've had so many birthdays, Christmases and other special events.

We were grateful for the bench to sit on while we had elevenses and chatted to the other couple who had chosen the church garden that morning as a quiet green place to bring their newly-acquired and very nervous rescue dog. If you are feeling similarly cheesed-off, we recommend a visit to church and the story trail and a picnic on the bench. We hope it cheers you up as much as it did us.

Stella

Giving to Christ Church

If you would like to make a donation to Christ Church, you can do so from your smart phone by scanning this QR code:



Spring Treasure Hunt

Saturday 10th April 2021 from 2.30pm

Collect your question sheet from Christ Church before going on a leisurely stroll to find the Treasure Hunt answers. The walk will take about 45-60 minutes.

In line with Covid rules, your group should not exceed 6 people unless you are from the same household. Please contact Phil in the Church Office to book your time slot to start.

This event is weather-dependent. Contact Tom or Chris (01934 709343) if you want to check if the Treasure Hunt is going ahead.

Mr Alan Purnell

Many of us will have heard the sad news that Liz Butt's father Alan has died. Some may well have heard him speak about the work of Gideons over the years. If you'd like to join the funeral online on Tuesday 30 March at 12.30pm, please click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82221558055?pwd=dWFnMlVlVGdsQ0JlY21tcFljUT09>

Meeting ID: 822 2155 8055
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