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Sunday 13th March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

Verse For The Week

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

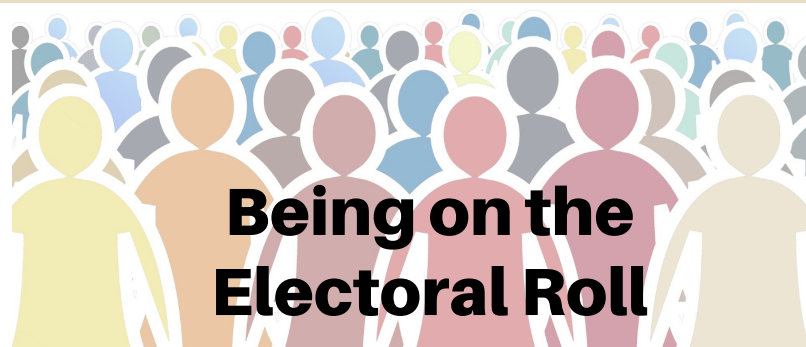
John 11:25 NLT

Sermon Snippets

John 11: 17-27, 38-44

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

We have been looking at the different ways Jesus describes himself in John's gospel with the "I am sayings" (eg "I am the bread of life"). This week we come to one of the most significant of these sayings "I am the resurrection and the life" which he says on raising his friend Lazarus from death. It's obviously an important saying, but what does it actually mean for our daily Christian faith? Also, we discover when Jesus is talking to Lazarus' two sisters he doesn't give a deep philosophical answer about what we should think and feel when someone we love dies . . . he does something else which is far more expressive . . . come along / watch on line on Sunday to find out!



Being on the Electoral Roll

In official terms, the Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Church Meeting. So, for example, if there are more nominations for new PCC Members than places available, only those on the Electoral Roll will be allowed to vote for their choice of candidate.

However, being on the Electoral Roll also signifies a spiritual sense of membership, belonging and commitment to the body of Christ, the church, for each individual member.

To be on the Electoral Roll you will need to be at least 16 years old, be baptised, and either a resident in either parish or have been attending services or engaging regularly with the online services for around six months. You will need to complete a form which you can get from the Church Office or from one of the Church Wardens.

Names of those on the Roll are required to be displayed for at least 15 days prior to the APCM. The deadline for any new additions to the Electoral Roll for either church will be Monday 28 March.

The dates for our Annual meetings are as follows:

- Emmanuel: Sunday 24 April after the service
- Christ Church: Monday 25 April at 7.30pm

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

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

Monday – As we continue to pray for Ukraine, we include peace talks, genuine safe corridors and those who are receiving the refugees, especially if their own resources are limited.

Tuesday – Please pray for Tom, Larissa, Nicky, Phil and preachers and service leaders who have all made last minute changes to services, sermons and prayer resources, in order to be able to help us respond in positive ways to shocking news.

Wednesday – Please pray for our Pre-school and Christ Church Primary School. Remember the children, their parents and carers, and all staff, volunteers and governors. They need energy, wisdom and enthusiasm so that every child reaches their God given potential.

Thursday – Remember our Queen as she recovers from Covid. Pray for her energy and resilience as she continues to work well into her nineties! Pray that she will enjoy her Jubilee celebrations, and that we will too.

Friday – Friday is Neighbourhood Prayer Day. Pray for your neighbours to hear the Lord calling their names, and that the Holy Spirit will soften their hearts to respond.

Saturday – Thank God for our marvellous kitchen teams who have restarted serving tea and coffee on Sunday mornings and who quietly provide refreshments on many other occasions.

~ Notices ~

Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 18 March.

Tom's Away Date

Please note that Tom is away on Monday 14 March.

What's On This Week

Mon 14 Mar

Ladies Together at 2.30pm in the Spire Centre

Tue 15 Mar

Parish Prayers at 09.30 at Emmanuel Church
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel Church

Wed 16 Mar

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10.15 at Christ Church

(please note that this event is currently full)

Alpha Course at 7pm in the Spire Centre

Thu 17 Mar

Welcome Group at 2.30pm at Emmanuel Church

Craft & Chat at 2.30pm in the Spire Centre

Sat 19 Mar

North Somerset Young Musicians' Concert at 7pm at Christ Church



Ukraine relief appeal

We have been sending donations to "Samaritan's Purse" a Christian charity who have worked in eastern Europe for many years. They have overseen the delivery of Christmas shoeboxes we have sent too.

They have already put a 30-bed emergency field hospital onto one of their DC-8 cargo planes – they say this can serve up to 100 patients a day and it includes an ICU and operating theatre. On board that cargo plane were also a number of medical staff and logistics coordinators. They are now sending two large outpatient health clinics too.

Thank you for all your giving – we have already sent £1,000 and expect to send more. This will make a difference. Giving information is under "church life" on the website or do be in touch and we can tell you how to give.

A small, handwritten signature that reads "Tom" in a cursive style.

Coffee after the Service...

The return of Open Gardens



It is hoped to hold a series of Open Garden events for Christ Church and Emmanuel during the coming summer.

Any church member who would like to host an event in their garden or courtyard is invited to sign up on the list which will be displayed at Christ Church until Sunday April 3rd. Alternatively, please have a word with Phil in the Church Office. From this, a programme will be drawn up and circulated in both churches.

Potential hosts should read the wording heading the list which describes what is required.

Also, please note that Saturday June 4th will have a Jubilee theme and the host for this event is asked to liaise with Tom regarding any special arrangements.

Thank you. *Barry*



Last Sunday afternoon, many churches joined together for a 4pm vigil for Ukraine. A number of our church families were there.

It was very heartening to see such a unity of spirit as we prayed and sang together. It was quite cold but, as you can see, we huddled together to keep warm!

Tom



"Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me"
From "Above All" by Michael W Smith.

Barry

Donations

At both our churches we are making an appeal to raise money as quickly as possible in support of the work of Samaritan's Purse, who are engaged in helping the refugees crossing the border from Ukraine into neighbouring countries. If you would like to give towards this, information is available on the 'Ukrainian Appeal' page under 'Church Life' on the Christ Church website. Simply click on this link:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/ukr/>

To pay by debit / credit card, please scan the QR code below on your smart phone, enter the amount and then choose to Pay Online Securely.

Alternatively, please mark any cash in envelopes or cheques with "Ukraine appeal".



Thank you.

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