

# Connected

Sunday 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday

## Sermon Snippets

John 12: 12-19



Jesus had escaped from the hostility of Jerusalem and was in the wilderness near where John the Baptist had started his ministry. Folks were coming to him and an urgent message came from Mary and Martha in Bethany that their brother Lazarus was ill and could he come. Jesus waited two days and then set off, after telling his disciples that the illness was not fatal. He arrived in Bethany to find Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days and the place was filled with mourners. Martha rushed to him, and later Mary, both feeling that he was too late. Jesus was not flustered but simply told them that Lazarus would rise again. They thought that Jesus was speaking about the last days of this world when we would all rise again but Jesus showed his power in the face of death by commanding Lazarus to leave the tomb. Little wonder that a few days later, on the Feast, a great crowd gathered around Jesus mounted on a donkey with the Disciples as they walked down the Mount of Olives making a path of palm branches and shouting "Hosanna, King of David". Many had witnessed the greatest healing miracle of all and they knew that He was a special one sent from God.

## Verse For The Week

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,  
'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'  
'Blessed is the king of Israel!'"

*John 12: 13*

## EASTER SERVICES

Please join us for our upcoming  
Easter Services and events...

Palm Sunday  
10th April at 10:30am  
Morning Service  
Christ Church & Emmanuel

Prayer Labyrinth  
10th April at 5pm - Launch  
Open Mon 11th until Weds 13th from  
9:30am-12noon & 6pm-8pm  
Christ Church

Good Friday  
15th April at 10:30am  
Interactive Service  
Christ Church

Good Friday  
15th April at 10:30am  
Reflective Service  
Emmanuel

Good Friday  
15th April at 2pm  
Last Hour Service  
Christ Church

Easter Sunday  
17th April at 10:30am  
Family Communion  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)  
Christ Church

Easter Sunday  
17th April at 10:30am  
Holy Communion  
Emmanuel

# Prayer Pointers

**Palm Sunday** – Hosanna, Lord save now, was all their cry that first Palm Sunday. Pray that the Church would tell out that same message of saving faith and point the way to the Saviour that many souls this Eastertide may enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Monday** – We pray for the doctors, nurses and staff working in the National Health Service, particularly those in our local hospitals and health centres.

**Tuesday** – We remember before God the people of Ukraine displaced by war and violence, particularly where food, water and medicines are scarce.

**Wednesday** – We pray for our Clergy, Readers, Lay Ministers and Worship Leaders in our churches and ask God's blessing on their ministries as, together, we seek to live out God's love.

**Maundy Thursday** – On the night Jesus had supper with his friends, he washed the disciples' feet. Pray that God would enable us to follow his example of love and service for others.

**Good Friday** – We come to Him who died that we might live. Praise Him who endured the cross for our salvation.

**Saturday** – As we see what it cost Jesus to bear our sin, and the depth of the love of God for us, we pray that we might offer to him all that we have and are.

## Notices

### *Tom & Larissa's Day Off*

Both Tom and Larissa will be taking their day off on Monday this week (11th April).

### *Weston Gospel Bayfest Postponed*

We have been notified that the above event (due to take place Friday 8th-Sunday 10th April) has had to be postponed. We will let you know as and when we hear of any new dates.

# What's On This Week

## Sunday 10th April

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 11th April

No Ladies Together this week

## Tuesday 12th April

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

## Wednesday 13th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week  
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Thursday 14th April

No Welcome Group this week  
No Craft & Chat this week

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings

A reminder that the dates for our annual meetings are as follows:

**Emmanuel:**  
Sunday 24 April after the service

**Christ Church:**  
Monday 25 April at 7:30pm

The new Christ Church Electoral Roll is now displayed on the main Church noticeboard - please check this & advise Emma in the Church Office if any corrections are needed.

At Christ Church we have five vacancies for the PCC (Church Council). This is an important role - please reflect on whether you would like to put yourself forward or maybe suggest it to someone else you think would be good in that role. Nomination forms are available at the back of church, from the Office, or from the Wardens.

## *Watch the Morning Service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

# Coffee after the Service...

## Holiday Club 2022



This year Christ Church Holiday Club will be live in the building!

Wednesday 27th July – Sunday 31st July  
Save the dates!!

Come and join our film crew at HC Studios as we look at the greatest story ever told and meet Jesus - the star of the show!

Sign up in church to be on team!!

Production Crew need current DBS clearance and  
Safeguarding Training  
See Nicky or Angeline for more information.

### Bible Reading Notes

The 'Every Day with Jesus' & 'Inspiring Women' Bible reading notes are available at the back of church for those who have ordered them.

## A Thank You from Phil...

"I would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone at Christ Church and Emmanuel for the very generous gifts given to me as a leaving present. I felt very humbled. The gift was in the form of vouchers which I can use in a number of places, and all I need to do now is decide what to spend them on. At least I've now got some time to have a good look around! Thank you again."

*Phil*

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## CHRIST CHURCH FINANCES

Over the last few years costs have crept up, but very understandably over the pandemic, giving has not quite kept up.

This year the PCC have agreed a budget where we expect to have a deficit of £8,800, so far, we are on track to achieve this.

We appreciate there are many stresses and strains on personal finances at the moment - and we would want to thank you all very much for your giving.

*Tom & David*

## Churches Together

Join with Christians from churches across our town to celebrate the Easter message:

Good Friday 15th April at 11:15am  
Open Air Worship Service  
Worle High Street

Good Friday 15th April at 12noon  
Walk of Witness + Worship  
Starting at Emmanuel Church

Easter Sunday 17th April at 06:30am  
Sunrise Service + Breakfast  
Weston Sea Front (opp Carlton Street)



# More coffee, anyone?

## *Prayer Labyrinth*

A labyrinth is not a maze to get lost in, it is a single wandering pathway. Labyrinths have been used for centuries as a way of encouraging Christian reflection, meditation, and prayer. We are constructing a simple indoor Labyrinth in Christ Church for Holy Week where the various places to pause will help focus our minds on the 'I am...' sayings of Jesus that we have been hearing about over the past weeks.



Each 'station' will have an explanation and some suggestions for prayers some involving simple acts to help us focus. You go round the labyrinth for self-directed private prayer and the average time it takes should be about 40 minutes but there will be various places where you can quit the labyrinth if you need to. There will be some simple resources for children as well if families would like to give it a go.

We shall launch the Labyrinth on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 5.00pm where we invite people to gather for an explanation of the journey. Refreshments will be served then until 6.30pm to allow us to let people round in small numbers to prevent congestion.

It will then be open during the next few days from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** at both 9.30am to 12 noon and 6.00pm until 8.00pm each day.

We could still do with some volunteers to act as stewards at these times so that the Labyrinth remains attended. Contact Terry Baillie if you can help for an hour or two.

## VISIT TO WELLS CATHEDRAL

Our two Churches have been invited to an afternoon at Wells Cathedral. It will be on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be accompanied by our own Cathedral Canon, Julie.

The planned programme is as follows:

- 2:30pm Arrival where the Dean will welcome us
- 3pm Tour of the Cathedral
- 4pm Tea
- 5:15pm Choral Evensong then depart

If enough people are interested we may explore getting a coach. There will be no charge other than the coach but we would like to make a contribution towards the tea.

There will be a sign up list in both churches.

We would like an idea of numbers by the end of April.

