

# Connected

Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

## Electoral Roll

In official terms, the Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Church Meeting. However, being on the Electoral Roll also signifies a spiritual sense of membership, belonging, and commitment to the body of Christ.

To be on the Electoral Roll you will need to be at least 16 years old, be baptised, and either a resident in the parish or have been attending services/engaging regularly with the online services for around six months. Forms will be available at the back of church or you can collect one from the Church Office/one of the Church Wardens (please note - this is not the same form as a Data Consent Form for those who have completed one of these recently).

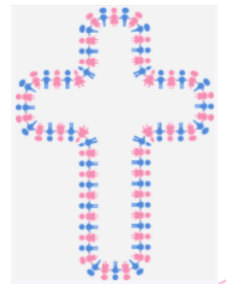
The deadlines for any new additions to the Electoral Roll are as follows:

- Emmanuel: Sunday 26th March
- Christ Church: Friday 31st March

The dates for our Annual Parochial Church Meetings are as follows:

- Emmanuel: Sunday 16th April (after the morning service)
- Christ Church: Monday 24th April at 7:30pm

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



## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church Matthew 25: 31-46



Our passage at Christ Church this Sunday is often titled in our Bibles 'The sheep and the goats' but some translations title the passage 'The final judgement'.

So, what point is Jesus making to us here? Is this a cute story about animals living together and the importance of us being nice to everyone? Or is Jesus highlighting something of much more significance to us?

Let's explore this passage together as we meet in church (and online) this Sunday.

### Emmanuel Psalm 24



Psalm 24 was used as a celebration Psalm, probably for the procession into the temple.

It's theme is about "entering" but more than about us entering the temple - it's about a God who comes to each one of us and enters our lives.

What might it mean for you and me to "open the door" to God?

# What's On This Week

## Monday 27th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 28th March

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel  
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 29th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 30th March

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre  
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 1st April

Easter Family Event - 2pm-4pm - at Christ Church  
(numbers are limited for this event so, if you would like to attend, please ensure you have registered)

## Notices

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable from Monday 10th April until Friday 14th April inclusive.

## *Verse For The Week*

" When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. "

*Matthew 25: 31-32*

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# Prayer Pointers

Christ be our light...

...as we pray for the world:

Pray that God might shine bright in your heart and in our church.

Pray about how to become 'Salt & Light' for Christ.

Reflect on practical ways to be 'Salt & Light' to others.

...for those waiting in darkness:

Pray for people living in darkness with no light: sheltering in bunkers/tents.

Pray for those living with dark moods, depression, and fear.

Reflect on practical ways to be light for the world to see God by.

...for those searching for peace and hope:

Pray for a troubled area of the world and its leaders.

Pray for people facing desperation and despair. Reflect on practical ways to bring God's hope to others.

...for those searching for food and water:

Pray for the many who are hungry and malnourished.

Pray for those who lack clean water to drink or a toilet to use.

Reflect on practical ways to share what we have with others.

...for those searching for shelter and warmth:

Pray for those with no permanent home - rough sleepers/refugees.

Pray for people struggling to afford the cost of fuel to keep warm.

Reflect on practical ways to bring shelter and warmth to others.

...for those searching for purpose in life:

Pray for people with hearts that yearn to belong ...to God.

Pray for all those already working to make God's kingdom come.

Reflect on practical ways to become a 'salt & light' servant to others.

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## *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

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# Coffee after the Service...



*Plans are afoot for celebrations on the Coronation weekend (May 6th-7th).*

*Emmanuel will be having a 'bring and share' lunch after the Sunday morning service.*

*More news to follow in due course...*



## DAILY PRAYERS for the CORONATION of KING CHARLES III

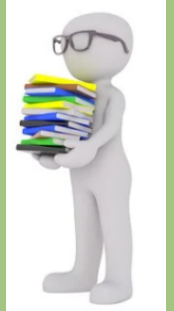
The Church of England has brought out a little booklet with daily prayers starting on Easter Sunday.

Each day there is a bible verse, a reflection, and a prayer - with headings such as 'Called to Service', 'Westminster Abbey', 'The Coronation Regalia', and much more.

Copies cost just £1 each. Please see Jeff Morgan (Christ Church) or Meg Hill (Emmanuel) if you would like to purchase one.

## Free Books...!!

We have had some books donated to us - please do take a look on the table at the back of church (Christ Church) and feel free to take any which may be of interest to you or someone you know.



## HOT CROSS BUNS!

(+ EASTER EGGS!)



DONATIONS OF HOT CROSS BUNS ARE NEEDED FOR THE EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY (1ST APRIL) AND FOR THE GOOD FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE.

THESE CAN BE BROUGHT IN AT ANY TIME (AS THEY CAN BE PUT IN THE FREEZER HERE AT CHURCH).

ALSO, DONATIONS OF FOIL-WRAPPED SMALL CHOCOLATE EGGS TO BE USED IN THE EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY EGG HUNT WOULD BE REALLY WELCOME.



THERE WILL BE A 'DONATIONS TUB' AT THE BACK OF CHRIST CHURCH FOR ALL DONATIONS TO BE COLLECTED.

THANK YOU!

*Nicky*

## Easter Family Fun !

We need a team to help share the most important story of all with our community!



Easter Family Fun  
Saturday 1st April  
2pm - 4pm  
at Christ Church



We'll have crafts, games, activities, an easter egg hunt, and refreshments too!

All team must have current DBS clearance. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church or let Nicky Boardman know if you can help (email: [family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk))