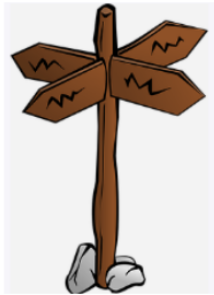


Connected

Sunday 16th April 2023

Second Sunday Of Easter

Church at the Crossroads
'Upholding the Leadership'
This Sunday, 16th April
6pm at Christ Church



As we come to the season of Annual Meetings it is good to reflect and review the whole work of our churches.

So our Prayer Service for April will focus on all aspects of church life as we seek the way forward in the next year and pray for the various ways people serve in our church life.

Do join us for this hour. *Terry*



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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Sermon Snippets

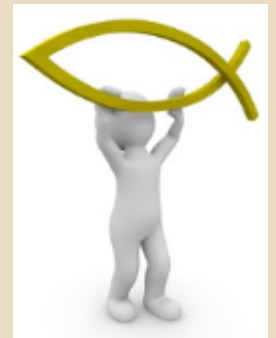
Christ Church

John 21: 12-19

Do you go to the cinema? Many were closed but have now returned as multi-screens.

We are looking at Peter's comeback. The sermon title echoes a fairly recent film - you can probably guess what it is... Two Shores and A Courtyard.

We are looking at three incidents in the life of Peter (from John 21, Luke 5: 1-11, and Luke 22: 54-62), following Peter's spiritual journey as he went from being called to follow Jesus, through his denial of ever knowing Jesus, to his renewed call to follow Jesus - even to the point of death.



Emmanuel

John 20: 11-23

Mary stands outside the tomb weeping, alone and invisible in her grief. The tomb is empty - where is Jesus? Where is his body? Has someone stolen it? What should she do now? Could it be that what seems to be the end of everything is, in fact, the start of something new?



What's On This Week

Sunday 16th April

Emmanuel's APCM - after the morning service
Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Christ Church
(Church at the Crossroads / 'Upholding the Leadership')

Monday 17th April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 18th April

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

Wednesday 19th April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 20th April

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

Notices

Larissa Unavailable

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable on
22nd & 23rd April.

Verse For The Week

" Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the
Father has sent me, I am sending you'. And
with that He breathed on them and said
'Receive the Holy Spirit... "

John 20: 21-22

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Prayer Pointers

Sunday: "At Your feet we fall, mighty risen Lord"

The days following Easter may seem a bit flat. It all seems to be over so quickly. Yet Jesus was not raised just to disappear again. The finest of all Easter hymns must be MP45, reminding us of Him who is "alive for evermore". So let us join in our Sunday services with this in mind and pray for all who lead us in our worship.

Monday: "By Your Spirit's power, You now draw our hearts... and we hear Your voice of triumph ringing clear"

Jesus is with us, even on Monday, as we once again face 'the daily round, the common task'. Praise Him and thank Him as you return to your work, or school, or looking after the children - whatever or wherever it may be.

Tuesday: "There You stand, mighty risen Lord, clothed in garments pure and holy, shining bright"

Tuesday is a strange day for many of us, as we draw away from Sunday - where we will have met with our church friends and exchanged news about our latest aches and pains, hopes and fears, and the weather! What a glorious and victorious Saviour is described by these words, adapted from Revelation 1:10-18. Our problems don't go away but perhaps they may seem a bit smaller as we bring them to Him.

Wednesday: "Eyes of flashing fire, feet like burnished bronze and the sound of many waters is Your voice"

Anyone who has stood close to Niagara Falls will have been overwhelmed by the roar and power of 'many waters'. The image we have here is not one of weakness, but of power. But it is a power which shows up best in weak people, which we often feel we are. May that prove to be true of each of us today - whatever challenges or irritations we may face.

Thursday: "Like the shining sun in its noon-day strength we now see the glory of Your wondrous face"

This is similar to a chorus we may have sung: 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace'. Many of the things we pray for: the Ukrainian war, the problem of someone precious to us, concern for our family... may seem impossible to resolve. Today make those the ones you pray for, and it may surprise you what the Lord has done!

Friday: "Once that face was marred"

Only a Friday or two ago, people jeered at Your helplessness. You couldn't even wipe away the drips of blood running off the tip of Your nose. "If You are the Christ, come down from the cross and we will believe You!" Well, yes, He could have. But, if He had, we would all have been lost. It was for us He hung and suffered there. Reflect on the cost of Your redemption and give thanks for the millions around the world who have found redemption by His blood.

Saturday: "But now You're glorified and Your words like a two-edged sword have mighty power"

Pray by name for everyone you know who will be preaching tomorrow in our two churches, and in other churches you may know about, or to which you may have belonged at some time in the past - that the soul-saving two-edged sword may be wielded by them with 'mighty power' Amen.

Coffee after the Service...

Easter Family Fun !

Fun was indeed had at our Easter family event on 1st April! Here are a few pics... (more available on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ccwsm/>)



Easter Garden Tomb



For those who didn't manage to see it - we had a wonderful display of the garden tomb at Christ Church.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The dates for our annual meetings are as follows:
Emmanuel: Sunday 16th April after the service
Christ Church: Monday 24th April at 7:30pm

The new Electoral Rolls are now displayed at both Christ Church & Emmanuel - please check these & advise Emma in the Church Office (Christ Church) or Keith Bury (Emmanuel) of any corrections needed.

At Christ Church we have five vacancies for the PCC (Church Council). At Emmanuel we have one vacancy. 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 Church Office, or from the wardens.

Also, if you are interested in being a candidate for election to the Deanery Synod, please see either the church wardens or Emma in the Church Office for a nomination form.



Church Family
Coronation
Tea Party
3:30pm-6pm
(donations on the day)

Please sign-up on the sheet available at the back of church if you would like to come.

The End of Year Financial Statements & Accounts 2022 for Christ Church are now available to view either (1) on the noticeboard outside the kitchen or (2) on our website: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/2022-accounts/> Please submit any finance questions to finance@ccwsm.org.uk by 4pm on Friday 21st April.

Chrism Eucharist

Chrism? What's Chrism?

Chrism is anointing oil and refers to the biblical practice of anointing people for a calling from God to a certain ministry; for example, kingship, or the priesthood. When we talk about Jesus as the Messiah, we are calling him the 'anointed one'.



Today in the Church of England we may still use anointing oil; when praying for the sick, as part of baptism, and when consecrating church buildings or new ministries.

During Holy Week I had the opportunity to attend Chrism Eucharist at Wells Cathedral. As the title suggests, this service included Eucharist as well as Blessing of the Oils. And that's not all; there was also Renewal of Commitment to Ministry.

Recommitment started with the Bishops. I found it significant that a Lay Person called on the Bishops to stand and promise to continue to fulfil their ministry with God's help. Then the two Bishops called on Priests, Deacons, Readers, and all Lay Ministers to follow in turn. Each group remained standing as they were joined by the others so that, as far as I could tell, eventually everyone was standing. We were all in it together. I found it a poignant moment as we were reminded that 'God calls us because God created us, and knows us.' We were promising to live our lives, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to serve the whole people of God.



After this, three large vessels containing oil were taken up to the front and prayed over, so that blessing would rest on all that were anointed with it - 'to be made whole in body, mind and spirit', to carry 'a sign of God's defence in their fight against sin, the world, and the devil' or to be 'a sign of joy and gladness as they share in the royal priesthood of the New Covenant'. (After the service any church could bring a small container to be filled with some of the oil.)

This was followed by Holy Communion and, after receiving bread and wine, there was the opportunity to be anointed with that oil. As I had an oily cross drawn on my forehead the words that stuck in my mind were 'Shine as a light in the world'.

It was quite a long service - about 90 minutes (no longer than a football match then!) and we were suitably refreshed with tea and hot/cold cross buns.

I would definitely recommend going to this service when you get the chance. It's really helpful to renew a sense of why you're doing what you're doing in your Christian walk.

Bev

Finance Appeal Responses

If you haven't yet returned your Finance Appeal Response form (Christ Church) it would be helpful if you could please hand this in by this coming Sunday, 16 April.

Thank you.

Bible Notes

Bible reading notes are available at the back of church (Christ Church) for those who have ordered them.

APCM Documentation

The documentation for the Christ Church APCM will be sent out to all members next week. In the meantime, there is one copy available for viewing on the noticeboard.

CAP Newsletter

The latest CAP newsletter can be found on our website (under 'Mission Partner News') or via this link: [Newsletter about the Weston Area CAP Centre \(mailchi.mp\)](mailto:Newsletter%20about%20the%20Weston%20Area%20CAP%20Centre@mailchi.mp)