

# Connected

Sunday 4th February 2024

2nd Sunday Before Lent

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church

2 Corinthians 5: 18-20

**Ambassadors!**



This week we're continuing to look at part of our Verse For The Year "we are therefore Christ's ambassadors as though God were making his appeal through us".

What does it mean to be an ambassador? It's not all like the Ferrero Rocher advert (if you remember Larissa's sermon last week!). Having said that, I imagine all of us have probably represented things in the past – perhaps we represented our school in a sports match or represented our family at a social gathering.

If an ambassador represents their country; what does it mean for you and me to represent all that God brings to the world – to others?



### Emmanuel

Mark 5: 1-20

Do we need to accept being seen as "nutty" to recognise Jesus or acknowledge Him? And does other people's salvation matter to us as much as our piggy bank?



## CHRIST CHURCH FINANCE APPEAL

I WILL SOON BE SENDING OUT A LETTER ABOUT THIS YEAR'S FINANCES.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO AND FOR YOUR GIVING.

*Tom*



# What's On This Week

## Monday 5th February

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre  
(second installment of John & Kathy's travels!)  
Bereavement Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 6th February

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

## Wednesday 7th February

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church  
Alpha Course at 2pm in The Spire Centre

## Thursday 8th February

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

## Saturday 10th February

Repair Café from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

## Sunday 11th February

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre  
Welcome Tea at 4pm in The Spire Centre  
(see 'Coffee after the Service...' for further details)

## Notices

### *Tom Unavailable*

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Tuesday 13th til Saturday 17th February inclusive.

### *Church Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Monday 19th February til Friday 23rd February inclusive (although it will be manned on occasion during this time).

## *Verse For The Week*

" For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! "

*Romans 5: 10*

## *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

# Prayer Pointers

**Monday:** Remember in your prayers all who work for the NHS, under such pressure over the winter months. Pray that they will be given wisdom in their decisions and the resilience to cope with the demands of this time of year.

**Tuesday:** Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who have been made homeless through persecution, war, or famine. Ask that the Lord will direct them to places of safety and that they will be provided for.

**Wednesday:** Pray for people in our town who have no home and must sleep rough in the cold of winter. Pray that resources will be found to provide accommodation and food for all who need it.

**Thursday:** Pray for those who struggle to heat their homes because of the high cost of energy these days. Ask for God's blessing on Christians Against Poverty and other organisations working to help people facing financial hardship.

**Friday:** Give thanks for the faith and courage of those who leave other religions to follow Christ. Pray that their faithful witness will encourage others to seek the truth and join with them.

**Saturday:** Look back at the week that is ending and give thanks for any kindness you have received, for any help in overcoming temptation, for any good you have been able to do for others, and for the love of friends and family. All are blessings from God; give praise to Him for them.

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# Coffee after the Service...

## Christ Church Welcome Tea

You are invited to  
our welcome tea

on  
Sunday 11th February  
at 4pm

If you have started attending Christ Church within the last year, we would love you to come along to our Welcome Tea which will be held on Sunday 11th February at 4pm.

It will be a chance to meet with others, have some sandwiches and cake, and learn more about our Church family.

If you would like to attend, please could you let Emma in the Church Office know or speak to Tom or John Hinchliffe.

## Margaret Young's Funeral

The funeral for Margaret Young will be held on:  
Friday 9th February  
at 11:30am  
at Emmanuel  
All church family  
are invited



Dear Friends,

As I write this, more than 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are just beginning their journey - crossing oceans, mountains, and deserts - to delight children in more than 100 countries around the world. We thank God for everyone who prayerfully packed these gifts and we praise Him for using each box to His glory.

But as these children receive their gifts, another journey is about to begin. In the coming year, many of them will be enrolling in The Greatest Journey - our discipleship classes designed especially for children who have just received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

Over the past thirty years, more than 50 million children have been reached through these discipleship lessons, including 25 million who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Samaritan's Purse trains volunteer teachers and provides materials in 91 languages. We also provide a New Testament for each child who completes the course. So far, over 36 million New Testaments have been given to graduates through our local church partners.

Join us in asking God to raise up an army of young evangelists who are prepared and eager to share the Gospel with their friends and family members.

Click [here](#) to watch a short video.

*Franklin Graham*



## UPHILL RETREAT CENTRE

### QUIET DAY FOR LENT

Thursday 15th February  
10am-3pm

Coffee & lunch provided  
at a cost of £10

As we start Lent, Rev Tim Erridge will be leading us on the theme - "Seeking Peace For The World - turning to God in our hearts".



For further information talk to Sue Cannock at Christ Church or Meg Hill at Emmanuel.

Or, if you would like to book a place, please contact Steve Marr via email: [s.j.marr@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.marr@btinternet.com) or telephone: 01934 633311