

# Connected

Sunday 10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

## Mothering Sunday

This Sunday we'll be celebrating Mothering Sunday. So much of this role is "behind the scenes". caring for children in practical and emotional ways: that it is so good this can be publicly celebrated. This is doubly good in an age where something can be seen as less valuable if you're not paid for it... and, given the range of skills needed, its pay level would be very high indeed! No-one who raises children is pretending to be perfect, just as our parents weren't perfect – but do join us this Sunday in celebrating and praying for this important role.

*Tom*



## Sermon Snippets

**Christ Church**  
2 Corinthians 5: 14–21

We all know the words that go with this picture of Snow White... "and they lived happily ever after". We hear nothing more about them. But this is the start of this couple's relationship not the end!

In Christian terms we've been "reconciled to God" but neither is this the end – so what are Christians to do then – come / listen-in on Sunday to see!



**Emmanuel**  
Luke 15: 18-24

Celebrating Mothering Sunday in the Church dates back to the 16th Century. Once a year, on the 4th Sunday in Lent, everyone would return home to visit their 'mother' or home church. Inevitably, it became an opportunity for family reunions, where people were given the day off to return home.

What does it mean for us as Christians to 'return home'? Is returning to the Father a one-off salvation event or an important part of our daily discipleship?

Using the parable of the prodigal son, let's think about that together this Sunday.



# What's On This Week

## Saturday 9th March

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

## Sunday 10th March

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 11th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Bereavement Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 12th March

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 13th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Alpha Course at 2pm in The Spire Centre

## Thursday 14th March

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Notices

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please be aware that Larissa will be unavailable on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March.

### *Christ Church Sweatshirt*

If anyone would like a 'Christ Church' sweatshirt (size: large) for a small donation to Church funds - used but in good condition - please contact Emma in the Church Office.

## Verse For The Week

" Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! "

*2 Corinthians 5: 17*

## 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

We pray for strength and resources for Andy Page in his ministry.

## Tuesday

We pray for the ministry of Christians Against Poverty in WSM.

## Wednesday

We pray for the work of CITA in Ghana giving youngsters a second chance in education.

## Thursday

We pray for outreach work of Emma and the Church Office.

## Friday

We pray for the ministry of our Vicar, Tom, and our Curate, Larissa.

## Saturday

We pray for the leaders and preachers and all those involved in our services tomorrow.

## Sunday

We pray for all those worshipping with us online.

## REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café is this coming Saturday, 9th March, from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

## Contact Details

Rev. Tom Webber (Day Off - Tuesday)  
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# Coffee after the Service...

## Liz Cole's Funeral

Many of you will have known Liz Cole.

We are sad to inform you that Liz passed away last Friday.

Please keep Chris and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

The funeral for Liz will be held on:  
Friday 15th March at 11:30am  
at Christ Church

All church family are invited.

Please wear something colourful  
as this was Liz's request.



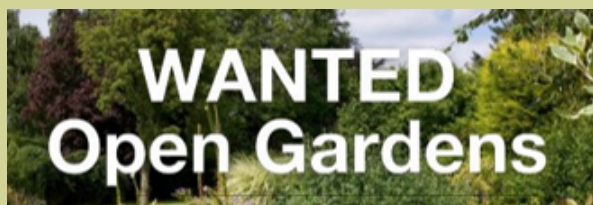
I have certainly known the meaning of being part of the Christ Church family these last few weeks with the outpouring of love, prayers, cards, letters, and practical support I have received since Rod's passing. The whole family have felt this.

May I also thank you for coming to his funeral service and for being so welcoming to all who were there.

A big thank you goes to all who worked so hard in the kitchen - they worked non-stop to serve everyone a lovely afternoon tea. And I thank Tom and Larissa for giving Rod a traditional but personal service which the family know he would have appreciated.

*Sandra*

## Open Gardens 2024



There are still a few dates to fill for our Open Garden Scheme which runs from May to September - please do sign-up if you are able to open your garden for one Saturday afternoon - there are lists available at the back of both churches.

Any questions please contact Terry Baillie.



## Hot Cross Buns!

Donations of hot cross buns are needed for the Easter Family Fun Day (23rd

March) and for the Good Friday morning service at Christ Church (29th March). These can be brought in at any time from now as they can be put in the freezer here.

There will be a 'donations tub' at the back of Christ Church for all donations to be collected or, alternatively, pass your donations to Emma in the Church Office.

**Thank You!**



# More coffee anyone...

## Ambassadors Women's Group

The inaugural meeting of the new women's group was held on Saturday 2nd March. Twenty-six of us met at the Beefeater restaurant for breakfast. It was a lovely time of fellowship and sharing ideas for future activities.

A small working group will be meeting soon to plan a programme based on the suggestions given. The plan is to have a mix of Saturday and evening activities to meet the needs of the group.

The next event will be Ten-Pin Bowling later in April - details nearer the time.

*Kathy & Anne*



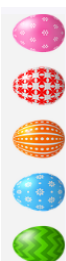
## Easter Family Fun!

Easter Family Fun :  
Saturday 23rd March  
2pm-4pm at Christ Church

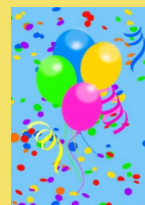
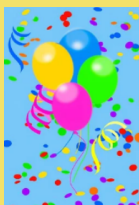
There will be an Easter hat competition, crafts, games, activities, an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments too!

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

Thank you!



## Keith & Jill's 60th Anniversary!



Keith & Jill would like to celebrate with their Church family by inviting everyone to a bring and share lunch in the Spire Centre on: **Sunday 7th April at 12:30pm.**

There are sign-up sheets available at both churches together with lists of 'suggested contributions' to bring along.

They would love to see you there!

## 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

FOR THE  
**MUSLIM WORLD**

MAR 10 – APR 8, 2024

Join Christians around the world in prayer for our Muslim neighbours

www.110cities.com

*"There is nothing that intercessory prayer cannot do."*

When Charles Spurgeon spoke these words more than 150 years ago, he wasn't thinking specifically of the Muslim world, but his words still hold true today.

Intercessory prayer can accomplish the impossible. Indeed, intercessory prayer is the only thing that will overcome the challenge of bringing the life-giving message of Jesus to Muslims around the globe.

Will you join us in praying for 30 days - for revival and transformation across the Muslim world?!

For further details relating to the '30 Days Of Prayer', or for more information about the work of 110 Cities, please click [here](#).

## Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to read the Special Report from Operation Christmas Child please click [here](#).

