

Connected

Sunday 17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church *Colossians 3: 1-14*

Does my bum look big in this?!



London Fashion week has concluded that the colours of our summer outfits this year will be black, white, and beige with only a little accent of red in order to reflect the mood of the nation.

Our appearance tells people something about us but it's not just what we wear.

Paul uses the idea of our physical appearance shown in our clothes to raise questions about how people should see us if we belong to God's Kingdom.

How do people see us? Not just by our clothes but by our values and our behaviour as well.

Emmanuel *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 along to Emmanuel on Sunday to see!



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. You will need to complete a form which you can either pick up from Church or obtain from the Church Office/one of the Church Wardens (NB/ this is different to the Church Family Contact Details/Data Consent Form for those who have completed one of these). If you have already completed an Electoral Roll form within the last five years you do not need to complete another one for this year.

Names of those on the Roll are required to be displayed for at least fifteen days prior to the APCM. The **deadline** for any **new additions** to the **Electoral Roll** are as follows:

Emmanuel – Sunday 31st March / Christ Church – Friday 5th April

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

Emmanuel: Sunday 14th April (after the morning service)

Christ Church: Monday 29th April at 7:30pm



If you have any questions please get in touch with Emma in the Church Office or speak to one of the Wardens.

What's On This Week

Monday 18th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 19th March

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 20th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Alpha Course at 2pm in The Spire Centre

Thursday 21st March

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 23rd March

Easter Family Fun Event 2pm-4pm at Christ Church

(booking required - see below for details)

(help also required - see below for details)

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

" Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. "

Colossians 3: 1-3

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

MONDAY - Father God, as we continue through the season of Lent, help us to keep our focus on what our lives should be like, through the discipline of Scripture and the life of your Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Lord, help our lives to be a powerful contrast to the world around us - especially as we lift up Jesus your Son - that all may be attracted to the life that Jesus offers to his world.

TUESDAY - We pray, Father, that we may always remember and feel responsible for the proper stewardship of every part of our lives - our time, our interests, and the vital part that our money plays in so many aspects of our lives. We pray that all Christians may experience the wonderful truth that you, Father, are no man's debtor - always remembering that of your own do we give you out of your vast treasures that you share with your world.

WEDNESDAY - Lord, in prayer, we now stand with all those in the community in which we live - especially our natural and spiritual families. Lord we do praise you for the mountaintop experiences you wonderfully give us but we pray for those walking through the valley of darkness, especially the valley of death. Lord, you conquered death and one day you promise to wipe away all tears, May we promise to walk with them as you bring them to our remembrance often.

THURSDAY - Father, we pray for your world that is in great turmoil with wars, hunger, and need. We pray for the Middle East - especially for Israel, Gaza, and Palestine. Lord, turn hate to love, warfare to peace, and political wickedness to justice for all.

FRIDAY - Father, we pray for Ukraine and Russia and against political disunity and power politics throughout your world. May true democracy prevail and all tyrants realise they must face you one day and may they repent.

SATURDAY - In our gatherings on Sunday, as we walk through our church doors, Lord may we first meet you with holy hearts, minds, and spirits to worship you in spirit and in truth that will overflow into the community in which we live this coming week.

Coffee after the Service...

Easter Family Fun!



Come and join us for
Easter Family Fun on:
Saturday 24th March
2pm-4pm

Tickets are £1 per
person and include all
of this...

...Crafts, games, and activities
~ Easter Hat Competition
(make one at home to wear -
prizes for adults and children!)
~ Hear the 'Awesome Easter
Surprise' story ~ Easter Egg
Hunt ~ Refreshments ~ Collect
a goody bag on the way home!

Numbers are limited for this event - children must be
accompanied by an adult.

To book for this event please complete the registration form on the website at
<https://ccwsm.org.uk/events/> or click [here](#). Once the form has been submitted you will
receive a 'success message'. Then look out for an email confirming your booking and a link
to pay for your tickets. For more information contact Nicky Boardman,
Family Ministry Worker, by email at family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

Also, if you are able to help at the event (volunteers are still needed), please add your
name to the sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church or speak to Nicky. Thank you!
(All team must have current DBS clearance)

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 is 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!



Easter Flowers

*At Easter we like to give a gift to members of our
Christ Church family who are either unable to come
to church now or who are struggling at the moment.*

*If you feel able to donate a small plant in a pot or
basket, these would be much appreciated.*

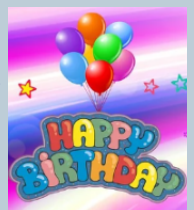
*Please pass donations to Emma in the
Church Office during this week (by
Friday 22nd March) or deposit them in
the box outside the Office either this
Sunday (17th) or next Sunday (24th).*

Thank you.



Probably the oldest member of our church
family, Lesley Fitzgeorge, had a birthday
this week (11th March) when coincidentally
I took communion to Nashley House where
she lives. She sends her love to Christ
Church and is now 102!

Tom



This Sunday (17th) Tom will be giving a brief notice in both our churches about
same-sex blessings which you may have heard about in the news.

Then next Sunday (24th) both he and Larissa will be at Christ Church at 4pm
with tea and cake if anyone would like to come and chat about it.

More coffee anyone...

Open Gardens 2024

WANTED Open Gardens

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.

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!

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THERE IS AN 'IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT' FROM THE WESTON AREA CAP CENTRE - PLEASE SEE THE POSTER (AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES) FOR MORE INFORMATION. THEY ARE PUTTING ON A LUNCH ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH AT 12:30PM (AT CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST) FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND / SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS.

Easter Day Service



On Easter Sunday at Christ Church, we will be "dressing the cross" again - some of you may remember we did this several years ago.

Please bring a small posy wrapped in tissue/foil which we can fix to the large wooden cross during the service.

Thank you!

Liz Cole's Funeral

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

All church family are invited.

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

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



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