

Connected

Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March 2024

Easter Events/Services



23rd March From 2pm-4pm
Easter Family Fun!
Christ Church

24th March at 10:30am
Palm Sunday Morning Service
Christ Church & Emmanuel

28th March at 6pm
Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion Service
Emmanuel

29th March at 10:30am
Good Friday
Family Service - Christ Church
ReFlective Service - Emmanuel

29th March at 12noon
Good Friday March Of Hope
starting at Emmanuel

29th March at 2pm
Good Friday
'Last Hour' Service
Christ Church

31st April at 6:30am
Easter Sunday Sunrise Vigil
Marine Parade - opposite
Carlton Street

31st April at 10:30am
Easter Sunday Communion
Christ Church & Emmanuel

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Mark 11: 1-11

Emmanuel Mark 11: 1-11

The Palm Sunday reading finds Jesus and the disciples standing on the head of the Mount of Olives looking down on Jerusalem. Over to one side is the village of Bethany where Jesus stayed whenever he came to Jerusalem. He stayed with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus but things have changed because Lazarus died some time ago. On that occasion, Jesus had arrived in the midst of the mourning after the burial and had upset everything by raising Lazarus from the dead.

Strip away the crowds and the hosannas, what was really happening on Palm Sunday...?

Now he arrives with his disciples and followers and sends two of the disciples into the village to bring a donkey back for him to ride down into Jerusalem. Why a donkey? And why ride down into Jerusalem where people were plotting against him?



What's On This Week

Saturday 23rd March

Easter Family Fun Event 2pm-4pm at Christ Church
(for those who have booked - event now full)

Monday 25th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 26th March

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

Wednesday 27th March

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week
Alpha Course at 2pm in The Spire Centre

Thursday 28th March

No Craft & Chat this week
No Welcome Group this week

Friday 29th March - Sunday 31st March

For details of all our Easter events/services taking place, please see the front page.

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please be aware that Nicky will be unavailable from Thursday 11th April til Saturday 13th April inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! "

Mark 11: 8-10

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Prayer Pointers

MONDAY - Father God, as the praise for Jesus on Palm Sunday quickly turned to scorn, insults, and unbelief - many rejecting their Saviour - so, Lord, break through the world's modern tendency to create a god in their own imaginations.

TUESDAY - Saviour God, as we contemplate the remembrance of that first Holy Week, help us to live this week pointing others to the true meaning of Easter - to look past the Easter eggs and Easter bunny and the shallowness of the modern Easter.

WEDNESDAY - Lord, as your people, help us to truly imagine afresh the agony and deep sorrow of the very human Jesus as he faced the cruel cross for us all. May all who are suffering, or facing loss of loved ones, receive solace and Godly peace as they discover that Jesus can meet all their needs if they seek and trust Him.

THURSDAY - Lord, help all your Kingdom people to discover how to carry our own cross daily - following the example of Jesus through utter sacrifice and death to self-will. Father, inspire us and equip us to be ambassadors of your Kingdom, standing against a world of sin and evil which is an expression of the kingdom of darkness.

FRIDAY - On this precious Good Friday, may we prayerfully confront the world's noise and ignorance of Good Friday - called Good Friday because once Christ died for sinners. Help us to lift up Jesus every day, that all may be drawn to Him.

SATURDAY - This Easter Saturday we pray for all those who minister tomorrow at Christ Church and Emmanuel and wherever Godly people gather for worship. Lord, anoint them with the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead and may that life in us be the perfect witness to you.

SUNDAY - Lord, may the Easter message be of deep comfort to your world. We pray for all those who have lost loved ones recently or long ago - together we claim the promise that you will one day wipe away all tears from our eyes. Amen.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk
Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

Coffee after the Service...

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday 28th March 2024 6pm at Emmanuel

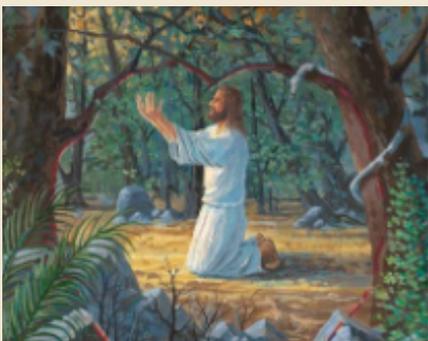


This year we will be offering a Maundy Thursday Service for the Benefice held at Emmanuel on the evening of Maundy Thursday.

We will remember Jesus' final hours with his disciples: the last supper with his friends, his command to love and serve one another, and his anguish in Gethsemane.

During the service there'll be an opportunity to renew our baptism vows and we will conclude by removing all the crosses, fabric, and ornaments from the worship space to reflect the desolation felt by Jesus in Gethsemane, the disorder of his arrest, and that Jesus was missing from his friends' lives at the end of the evening.

Tom will be preaching and we will celebrate Holy Communion. However, please note there will be NO foot washing at this service.



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 deposit any donations in the box outside the Office this Sunday (24th). Or alternatively, if you are planning to bring your donation to Church on Easter Sunday instead, please ensure you let Emma in the Church Office know this by Monday 25th March. This will enable us to plan accordingly.

Thank you.



Getting to Emmanuel on Sunday...

This coming Sunday morning (24th March) is the Weston Half Marathon, with the route covering parts of Bleadon, Uphill, and Weston seafront.

Access to Emmanuel by car will not be possible from the seafront. However, access from Carlton Street, via the Town Hall end, will be open as usual but please be aware there may be more traffic than a normal Sunday morning!

You can check all road closures and restrictions at:

<https://westonsuperhalf.co.uk/travel-information-and-parking/>



Easter Eggs for CAP

If anyone would like to donate towards Easter eggs for CAP's clients, please either:

- (1) donate online to Emmanuel (bank details below) or
- (2) pass your donation to Carl

NatWest Bank

Sort Code: 60-23-32

A/c No. 82608393

(Quote Ref: CAP Easter Eggs)



Got Questions...?

Following on from the notice Tom gave in both our churches about same-sex blessings last week, both he and Larissa will be at Christ Church at 4pm this coming Sunday (24th) with tea and cake if anyone would like to come along and chat about it.



More coffee anyone...

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 (see photo below).

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



Thank you!

Sharing the message of Hope across Weston-super-Mare & Worle at Easter!

March of Hope Good Friday - 12 Noon, Emmanuel Church, Oxford Street, WsM	Joint Church Service Good Friday - 11.15am, Outside Co-op, Worle High Street	Worship & Outreach Easter Saturday - 11am-3pm, Italian Gardens, High Street, WsM	Easter Sunrise Service Easter Sunday - 6.30am, Marine Parade, Opp Carlton Street, WsM
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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:

- 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.

Worle Wind Band and Eclectic Voices Choir are holding a concert at Christ Church on Saturday 27th April. If anybody is available that evening to help serve refreshments, please speak to Liz Butt (who is in the choir). Many thanks.

World Premiere of a New Musical - "Mary the Mother" - for further details & /or if you would like to take part in the musical, please see the information sheet (displayed at both churches).



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