

Connected

Second Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 7th April 2024

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

John 20: 24-29

Seeing is believing?

Thomas is labelled 'the doubter'. Yet, as we read all four Gospel accounts, we find that he is not the only one!

If you've ever had doubts or questions, you're in good company!

Thomas' encounter with the resurrected Jesus shows us what to do with our doubts. His questions, voiced doubts, and his need to see for himself led to a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus.

We all need to see Jesus... but how?

Emmanuel

John 20: 19-31

St John the Evangelist (the beloved disciple) seems to have seen things in a different way from the others.

Do we see things differently if we become a close friend of Jesus?



Evening Prayer Service

This Sunday, 7th April, at 6pm

The Spire Centre, Christ Church

Our Evening Prayer Service this month will explore the life and work of twentieth century German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

He was a Lutheran pastor in the Confessing Church who spoke out against the Nazis. He was sent to Flossenburg Concentration Camp and was martyred there just before the end of the war. His most famous writing was his book 'The Cost Of Discipleship', something Bonhoeffer embodied in his life and martyrdom.

Tom will be bringing us a biography of his life and Larissa will give us a reflection on his greatest thinking which was the contrast between Costly Grace and Cheap Grace.

There will be an opportunity to pray for persecuted Christians, those suffering in prison and those treated unjustly.

We will also pray that God would help us to understand and take seriously the cost of Christ's atonement.



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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What's On This Week

Saturday 6th April

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

Sunday 7th April

Evening Prayer Service at 6pm in The Spire Centre
(Theme: *Spiritual Greats - Bonhoeffer*)

Monday 8th April

No Ladies Together this week

Tuesday 9th April

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 10th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 11th April

No Craft & Chat this week

Welcome Group at 2:30am at Emmanuel

Saturday 13th April

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

Sunday 14th April

APCM at Emmanuel (after the morning service)

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

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

Larissa Unavailable

Please be aware that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 19th April til Sunday 21st April inclusive.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 19th April til Monday 22nd April inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"Then Jesus told him 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed'."

John 20: 29

Prayer Pointers

Monday - Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for the message of Easter, the assurance that life is not in vain, that love is not blotted out, and that faith is not futile. We praise you that death is not the end but a new beginning, a gateway to heaven, and a door to untold blessings you hold in store for us. Receive the worship we offer you and teach us to live each day in the light of your Easter triumph.

Tuesday - We pray for our two churches and for the churches of our town, striving through word and deed to make known the love of Christ in this community. We think especially of those in positions of leadership, asking that you will give them the faith and wisdom that they need. We also pray for those in their charge - that they will respond gladly to opportunities for service, making vision become reality.

Wednesday - Lord Jesus, we pray for our world in all its need. A world of so much hatred and killing, yet one which you loved so much you were willing to die for it. A world which you will never abandon, no matter how often your love is rejected. Help us and all people to recognize the folly of our ways - to understand that violence only breeds more violence, bitterness more bitterness, and hatred more hatred. Give us the faith and courage to try another way and may your love emerge victorious.

Thursday - We pray for all Christians; for those who live in the dark and fearful places in the world, crushed with violence because of their faith - thinking especially of those in Myanmar, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and different parts of Africa. For those living and worshipping as if Christ is not risen but still in the tomb. For those who have never experienced the joy, the freedom, and the power that raised Christ from the dead.

Friday - We pray for those who suffer today, thinking particularly of those we know in our church, families, or among our friends. For all who endure constant pain or illness, and those whose minds or bodies are broken by accident or injury.

Saturday - We pray for those who grieve today, their hearts broken by tragedy and bereavement. Lord Jesus Christ, reach out into our world of so much pain, heartache, and sadness. May your light scatter the shadows, your love lift the burdens, and your grace bring life in all its fullness.

Sunday - We thank you for the assurance that nothing in heaven or earth can separate us from your love.

Coffee after the Service...

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

A reminder that the dates/times for our annual meetings this year are as follows:

Emmanuel: Sunday 14th April after the service

Christ Church: Monday 29th 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) if any corrections are needed.

At Christ Church we have **two** 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.

Ambassadors Women's Group Programme Spring/Summer 2024

Saturday 18th May at 10am
Walk and/or coffee at Uphill Boatyard

Saturday 15th June - tbc
Visit to Yeo Valley Organic Garden



Friday 12th July at 7pm
Crazy Golf



Saturday 3rd August at 2pm
Mini Olympics with bring & share
afternoon tea in The Spire Centre

Friday 13th September at 7pm
Beetle Drive in The Spire Centre

Sign-up sheets will be available each month to book your place.

Any questions please contact
Kathy Hinchliffe, Anne Jones, Elaine Fairs,
or Helen Evans

Can Anyone... **HELP** ?

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.

A free ticket for the concert is available if you are able to volunteer!!

Many thanks.

World Premiere Of A New Musical

Mary

The Mother Of Jesus

Lyrics by Peter Parris & Music by Angela Lavelle of W-S-M
Performed by Capetown Community Choir & Friends,
supported by choirs from Hutton & Locking



6.30pm

Sat 6th July 2024

Clarence Park Baptist Church
Walliscote Rd, W-S-M, BS23 1ED

Admission free

Retiring collection for

foodbank

Refreshments during the interval together

with sale of Wood Turning items

donated for the Foodbank.

Further information

from Peter Parris 01924 425783

seatoncommunitychoir.co.uk

For further details
regarding this
please see last
week's Connected
or the noticeboard

A little something...

...from Jessica Coates with
a note from her teacher...



Following our learning about the Easter story, Jessica drew pictures to support her understanding. She commented, 'Jesus died on the cross. Not all of the people liked him. The sky turned black when Jesus died. Next, the curtain ripped, because Jesus still loved us. They put him in a rock and then he went to heaven.'

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

Emmanuel's Coffee Mornings are re-starting...

There will be a 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel on:
Saturday 6th April
10:30am-12noon



Please do come along and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.