

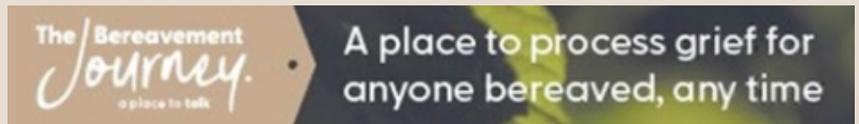
# Connected

Third Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 14th April 2024

## Sermon Snippets

Christ Church  
Jeremiah 29: 4-14



Following Tom and Larissa hosting 'The Bereavement Journey', we wanted to explore how bereavement affects our faith in the services on 14th and 28th April.

While some bereaved Christians report that God gets them through the difficult situation they find themselves in, others regularly report that they:

- Find it difficult to pray;
- Question God's goodness;
- Experience a barrier between themselves and God;
- Need to re-evaluate their faith following the test of their bereavement.

Others report finding church a difficult place to be after a loved one has died.



In the light of all this we wanted to explore two verses which are frequently heard unhelpfully in the light of bereavement and we wanted to look at this in our preaching.

Today we will be looking at Jeremiah 29: 4-14 and honing in on verse 11: "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future".

We haven't set a date for bringing this to Emmanuel but we will do so asap!

## Emmanuel Jeremiah 29: 1-14

We have plans.  
We make plans.  
But, when we make them, we should seek the will of God for He has plans for us, plans for us to prosper.



### Don't forget...

For those who wish to attend, Emmanuel's APCM will follow the morning service this Sunday, 14th April.

### *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

# What's On This Week

## 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

## Monday 15th April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 16th April

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

## Wednesday 17th April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 18th April

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre  
Welcome Group at 2:30am 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 and also Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th April.

### *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*

" Also, the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. "

*Romans 8: 26 (NCV)*

# Prayer Pointers

**Monday:** We pray for our world suffering in so many ways because of changes in climate. Help all countries to do the right things to help amend the situation but thank You that we can know that You are in charge.

**Tuesday:** We pray for our home groups - especially the leaders as they seek to share God's Word - and for all the discussions that ensue. May the Holy Spirit guide all that is said and prayed about.

**Wednesday:** We continue to pray about all the wars and unrest around Your world - that You will somehow bring peace and understanding.

**Thursday:** We pray for all those who have fled or are fleeing war situations and are now having to live in huge refugee camps with food shortages and no life outside their tents. We pray also for all the agencies seeking to help - that they will be provided with the necessary supplies.

**Friday:** Despite all that people have got wrong in the world, we can still praise You for all that You have given us. Though we let You down and turn away from Your presence, You never forget us, never give up on us, never stop loving us.

**Saturday:** God of All, Three in One and One in Three, we praise You that You have called us to be Your children, Your friends, and Your people. Receive now our worship, offered to You in awe and wonder, in joy and thanksgiving. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, receive our praise.

**Sunday:** We bring to You all those who are part of our lives, family, and friends, and all those we meet. All things are Yours. We entrust them to Your keeping.

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# Coffee after the Service...



Sunday 14th April

Join us after the morning service in the Spire Centre (pre-school room) 12noon(ish) until 1:30pm! Bring a sandwich - cake & drinks will be provided.

An opportunity to get together with other families in church - play, chat, learn about, and share life with God together. Please let Nicky know if you can come along!

## REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café is this coming Saturday, 13th April, from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

### 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 morning 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.



**A 'Thank You' from Keith & Jill...**

*We had a wonderful day on Sunday and we wish to thank all who helped.*

*Thanks to all who brought food and drink and those who worked so hard behind the scenes.*

*Thank you that you made it such a very special day for both of us and for our family.*

*Keith & Jill*

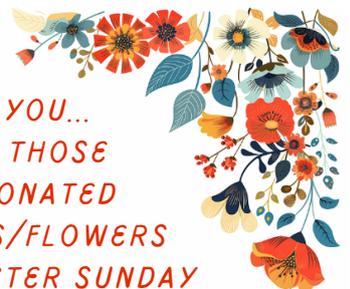
### Men's Breakfast

Saturday 27th April  
8:30am-10am

Bacon butties, toast, and drinks... then "An Interview With The Vicar" (Paul Sodzi will be interviewing Tom)

Cost £3

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.



**THANK YOU... TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED PLANTS/FLOWERS ON EASTER SUNDAY AND TO THOSE WHO HELPED ORGANISE AND DELIVER THEM - WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY MESSAGES OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION FROM THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEM.**