

# Connected

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 21st April 2024

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church

*Acts 4: 5-12*

Just healing a poor beggar in Jesus' name gets Peter and John into trouble!

These 'men had been with Jesus' and it showed. Courage is often needed to be an ambassador for the Lord Jesus. Peter and John witnessed bravely. Even though they stood before the same authorities who had condemned Jesus not long before.



How do we rate ourselves on the bravery scales?

### Emmanuel

*Romans 8: 22-30*

This week we're looking at one of the best known verses in the New Testament – Romans 8 v 28.

It's a wonderful verse but can get naively misused. For example, for anyone bereaved it can be very difficult to look for "good" in that situation... and yet the verse still stands.

So what is it saying? Come along to explore with me!



## Being Ambassadors...

Over recent Sundays we've been hearing about being Ambassadors for Christ, illustrated by the Ferrero Rocher Ambassador's party advert, flags that would decorate an Ambassador's car to show which kingdom they belong to, and been asked what we would take to another country to show we are British. This reminded me that, nearly ten years ago, our daughter Katie's family set off for Moscow where husband, Ian, had a post at the British Embassy. Visiting a year later, I was weighed down by British Cheddar Cheese, unavailable there!

Katie and Ian were invited to an Ambassador's Garden Party held to celebrate Harry and Meghan's wedding. Sadly no Ferrero Rocher and it was held indoors due to rain (see photo attached of Ian with Katie wearing her British hat).

One summer, when the top diplomats were serving in far-flung parts of Russia or on leave, Ian was the most senior person at the embassy for a week. As such, he represented the Ambassador at a meeting at a Russian government department and was driven there in the ambassadorial car, complete with the British flag flying on the bonnet.



*Stella*



# Prayer Pointers

**Monday:** We pray for the APCM being held at Christ Church next Monday (29th) - that the Holy Spirit is over all what is said and done and that the church family feel encouraged by all that has been going on through the past year. We give thanks for the APCM held at Emmanuel last Sunday and for the encouragement that was felt by all the different reports that were given. We pray for God's hand to be over both our churches in the year ahead.

**Tuesday:** We give thanks for the Repair Cafe - for the opportunity it gives us to welcome people into the church and the delight people feel at having old treasures revitalised.

**Wednesday:** We pray for students and staff at the College as they have to manage this term without the support and listening ear of their chaplain, Julie Birkett. We pray for her as she continues to recover from her recent operation. The summer is an especially stressful time with exams being taken and decisions to be made over fresh opportunities.

**Thursday:** Emmanuel is a Magnificat Parish - one that is considered to be in a poor demographic area. We pray for the meeting when Tom, Donna, and Meg are meeting with Claire Horton, from the Diocese, to start to explore God's plans for the future.

**Friday:** We pray for 6th-formers as they start their exams.

**Saturday:** We pray for all preparing for our services tomorrow - that, whatever their role, they will be guided by the Holy Spirit. We give thanks Heavenly Father for all the blessings you bestow on us.

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# What's On This Week

## Monday 22nd April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 23rd April

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

## Wednesday 24th April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 25th April

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre  
Welcome Group at 2:30am at Emmanuel

## Notices

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please be aware that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 19th April til Sunday 21st April inclusive, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th April, and also Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May.

### *Church Office Closed*

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 19th April til Monday 22nd April inclusive and Friday 3rd May til Tuesday 7th May inclusive.

### *Polling Day*

Please be aware that the Spire Centre will be used for voting on Polling Day, Thursday 2nd May.

## *Verse For The Week*

" Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone".  
Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. "

*Acts 4: 11-12*

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## *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

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# Coffee after the Service...

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Christ Church's APCM will be taking place on:

**Monday 29th April at 7:30pm**

At Christ Church we have two vacancies for the PCC (Church Council). 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.

Documentation for the Christ Church APCM will be sent out electronically to all members next week (NB/ please do check your junk/spam folders if you do not receive it into your inbox). There will be a limited number of paper copies available on the night for those who are not signed-up to our mailing list. There will also be one copy available for viewing on the noticeboard.

If anyone would like to raise something under '**Any Other Business**' we would ask that this is **made known to Tom by the end of the day on Friday 26th April.**

The End of Year Financial Statements & Accounts 2023 for Christ Church are now available to view either (1) on the noticeboard outside the kitchen; (2) via our website: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Final-CCWSM-Accounts-2023-IE-Certificate.pdf> or (3) contained within the documentation which will be sent out next week. **Please submit any finance questions to [finance@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:finance@ccwsm.org.uk) by 4pm on Friday 26th April.**

## Open Gardens

The new programme for the coming season of Open Gardens will be available soon...

Open Gardens are informal social events and are an ideal way for newcomers to meet with other church members. So please do come along and, perhaps, invite a friend to join you!

The first Open Garden will be taking place on:  
**Saturday 18th May**  
**2:30pm-5pm**  
(further details to follow)



WorleWind Bands  
WorleWind Band  
with guests  
EY Eclectic Voices  
Spring Concert  
27th April 7:30pm  
Christ Church,  
Montpelier  
Weston Super Mare  
Tickets: £10  
From the choir and band  
or online at [www.worlewindband.co.uk](http://www.worlewindband.co.uk)  
Registered Charity Number:  
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Come and listen to an uplifting evening of well known, joyous music fit for a Spring evening!

The band and choir include members of Christ Church.

Tickets are available for £10 from John or Liz Butt or Dave Milsom.

## Can You Visit...?

Many of you will know Tony West. He now lives at Tilsley House (by Clarence Park) and, due to worsening mobility, is not able to get out much.

If anyone would be able to go and see Tony, he would love some visitors to help brighten his day.

Please have a word with Emma in the Church Office or speak to Shirley if this may be something you could do.

