

# Connected

Sunday 29th September 2024

18th Sunday after Trinity

## Farewell to Larissa (Part 2!)

This is the last time I write to you as your Curate! After three wonderful years with you, I have come to the end of my curacy and I'm moving on to the next stage of my ministry as Rector of St Mary's, Hutton and Vicar of St Augustine's, Locking. It's great that I will be staying so close (in fact I'll be back at Christ Church for a meeting mid-October) but it will be very sad driving up Milton Road or over Hildesheim Bridge and not be going to Christ Church or Emmanuel which I can see ahead of me!

Until I joined you, I'd had a complicated path to ordination but, when I joined you, everything seemed to fall into place and gave meaning to the previous delays and impediments to my ministry! It's been a joy and a privilege to serve you and I have received so much - more than I have given.

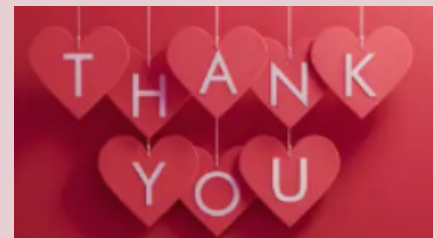
I really did win the lottery of curacies when I was sent to you lovely lot! Thank you for being the churches that you are, pointing me towards an evermore loving-kind God at work in the world. Thank you for forgiving all my mistakes, for all the prayers, the kind words of affirmation, and encouragement, hugs, smiles, arm squeezes, and pats on the back.

I also won the lottery of training incumbents... Tom has a real gift for coming alongside people. Thank you for giving me the space to be myself in ministry, the freedom to make mistakes, and for being willing to learn with me. Monday mornings will never be the same again!

So it remains only for me to wish you all God's blessing and say it has been a delight to have belonged to your two church families over the last three years. Continue to Live God's Love. Be Salt and Light. Be Ambassadors. You are a model to other believers and to me. How I will miss you!

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers." (1 Thess 1v2) "So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." (1 Thess 2v8).

*Larissa*



## Christ Church 1 Thessalonians 5: 4-28

## Sermon Snippets

## Emmanuel John 10: 1-10

### "I Am The Gate"

This will be Larissa's final service at Christ Church and she'll be returning to the first passage she preached on as curate.

In this text, Larissa will be looking at the theme of belonging. Belonging to God and belonging to a church family. She'll also be reminiscing a little on her time as part of our church family.

We will focus on the verse "He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him." (v10). She'll also be unpicking the verses "don't quench the Spirit" (v19) and "encourage one another and build each other up" (v11) exploring how all this deepens our relationship with God and how we 'Live God's Love' in the world.



Turnstiles in our modern world - 'Heaven's Turnstile':

- 1) It is narrow
- 2) It is individual
- 3) A price has to be paid for admission

The price has been paid by Jesus (Ephesians 2v8)

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."



# What's On This Week

## Saturday 28th September

Active Men's Group Skittles at 7pm in Locking

## Monday 30th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 1st October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 2nd October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 3rd October

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Larissa's Licensing at 7pm at St Augustines

## Saturday 5th October

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

## Sunday 6th October

Bring & Share Lunch from 12noon at Christ Church

(to celebrate Tallie's baptism)

## Notices

### *Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Monday 7th October til Friday 11th October inclusive (although it will be manned on occasion during this time).

### *Nicky Unavailable*

Please be aware that Nicky will be unavailable on Thursday 10th October.

## *Verse For The Week*

" May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. "

*1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24*

## *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

# Prayer Pointers

## Sunday

Pray for Larissa and her family as we wish them many thanks and farewell at Christ Church today; asking for God's blessing and guidance for their future.

## Monday

Pray for our town and all involved in Local Government - that they may make wise decisions to make best use of the resources available locally and nationally.

## Tuesday

Pray for all involved in providing the food we eat, from farmers to supermarkets; give thanks for the work of Fairtrade and support their initiatives.

## Wednesday

Pray for those in our troubled world who do not have enough to eat, sufficient healthcare to treat their injuries &/or illnesses, or safe shelter to sleep in.

## Thursday

Pray for Larissa and the parishes of Locking and Hutton as she is licensed to become their new Vicar this evening.

## Friday

Pray for all who are preparing for our Church Weekend At Home next month.

## Saturday

Pray for Emmanuel's Coffee Morning; may God's love be shared generously.

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# Coffee after the Service...



## Church Weekend at Home 2024

Friday 18th -  
Sunday 20th October

The timetable for the Church Weekend is now available to view - this is displayed in both churches or, alternatively, visit: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Timetable.pdf>

If you have not signed-up yet, but would like to come along, please do pop your name on the sign-up sheet. This sheet will remain up for two more Sundays (last chance to sign-up will be Sunday 6th October).

If you have signed-up but not yet paid, this can be done via cash or card (see either David White or Emma in the Church Office) or pay online by visiting: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/product/church-weekend-at-home-2024/>

To see more information regarding our Church Weekend At Home (as well as the timetable and payments page) you can go to our website and type 'Church Weekend 2024' in the search.



## Christ Church Harvest Service

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

PASTA & COOKING SAUCES

TINNED MEAT/FISH

TINNED POTATOES & INSTANT MASH

LONG LIFE MILK

CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING

RICE/PASTA/NOODLES

TINNED AND INSTANT SOUP

SHOWER GEL/SHAMPOO/DEODORANT

WASHING POWDER/TABS

WASHING UP LIQUID

NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND MORE

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

SANITARY & INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS

SMALL SIZE NAPPIES

At Christ Church next Sunday, 6th October, we will have our Harvest All Together Service.

During the service we will be collecting items for Weston Foodbank.

Please see the list of items most urgently needed (and those they don't need!). Please bring any donations with you to the service.

For more information on the work of the Foodbank please visit their website:

<https://westonsupermarket.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Larissa's Licensing - Parking!

**PLEASE NOTE:** For those who have signed-up to attend Larissa's licensing, parking will be very limited. Please share lifts if possible and bring a torch.

If you are able, please park in Locking Playing Fields Car Park (29-41 Old Banwell Road, Locking, BS24 8BT) and walk to the church. Old Banwell Road, at the church end, is narrow with no pavement. The alternative is to walk down Mendip Rise, along Meadow Drive, and up Elm Tree Road to the Church Centre.

We'd be really grateful if you didn't park in Lychgate Park unless you have limited mobility. The Church Centre car park will be reserved for the Bishop, Archdeacon and Deans.

Please be seated by 6:45pm. Thank you!



## **New Email Address!**

The Vicar has a new email address!

He can now be contacted on: [revtom@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:revtom@ccwsm.org.uk)

Please update your email address books accordingly.

# More coffee anyone...?

## Lightfest!

Thursday 31st  
October

4:30pm-6:30pm



We will be holding our Lightfest event at Christ Church again this year at the end of October. Volunteers are needed!

For a list of all the jobs, please take a look at the sign-up sheet at the back of church and pop your name against any you can help with. Thank you!

## Ambassadors' Breakfast

Breakfast  
at The  
Beefeater

Saturday  
12th October  
at 9:30am



Please pop your name on the sign-up sheet (at the back of both churches) if you would like to attend as Kathy will need to know numbers by the end of the month for booking purposes.

### Some Sad News...

Many people in our two churches will remember Derrick Lewis. We are sad to announce that Derrick passed away last week.

Susan has requested that people don't ring or call round but please remember her and their family in your prayers. The funeral will be for family only.

## LARISSA'S LEAVING GIFT



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TOWARDS LARISSA'S LEAVING GIFT, YOU CAN EITHER POP SOME MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED 'LARISSA', VISIT OUR WEBSITE (UNDER 'CHURCH LIFE' / LARISSA'S LEAVING GIFT'), OR CLICK [HERE](#).

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CARD, PLEASE SEE EITHER DAVID WHITE OR EMMA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

## EMMANUEL COFFEE MORNING

THE NEXT 'COFFEE MORNING AND SALE' AT EMMANUEL WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON:

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER  
10:30AM-12NOON

COME AND ENJOY A BROWSE AND A CHAT OVER COFFEE AND CAKE.



## Spare Magazines

If anyone has any butterfly, gardening, or RSPB magazines (including photography) that they no longer need, could you please let Shirley West know or speak to Emma in the Church Office. Thank you.



## Lucy's Sponsored Run

Lucy (one of our mission partners) is trying to raise funds for projects she is involved with back in her adopted country. She has entered the Bournemouth 10km on 13th October.

If you are able to sponsor her, please visit:

[https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Lucy\\_Run10k\\_SavingLivesAtBirth](https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Lucy_Run10k_SavingLivesAtBirth)

