

Connected

Candlemas

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Evening Prayer Service Three Ways Of Using Silence Sunday 9th February at 6pm

People tend to fall into two camps when it comes to talking about keeping a silence in prayer: (1) those who find it really useful and feel we do not give them enough opportunity to use silence in our services and (2) others who feel embarrassed by it, do not know what to do in the quiet, or feel it does not aid their prayer at all.

So, in an attempt to meet both responses, February's Prayer Service will include three different ways to use the quiet. It will not be all silent but will seek to give people who like the quiet a good opportunity. We will also explain how to use those periods and give people who are unsure some different experiences to see if any work for them. We shall try to use silence as praise, silence in intercessory prayer, and silence as listening to God.

One of the aims of these evenings is to help people grow in their prayer life and this could be a real opportunity for many.

Terry



Sermon Snippets

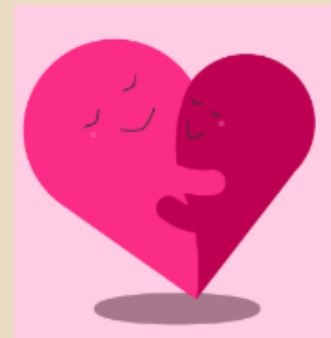
Christ Church Colossians 1: 1-8 (ICB)

Love for all God's People

Love is...

This week we return to the beginning of Paul's letter to the church in Colosse. He has heard about their faith and their love for all God's people and he is thankful!

Why does Paul highlight their love for all GOD's people (or in other translations - all THE SAINTS)? Paul is speaking of a love that comes from faith and hope in Jesus, through the Spirit in us... But ALL God's people? ALL of them?! It's not easy!



What does love for all God's people look like here?

Emmanuel Luke 2: 22-40

Today, at Candlemas, we take our last opportunity to look back at Christmas before turning to begin our journey towards Ash Wednesday and Lent - taking with us the good news of Jesus, the light of the world.

As we let Jesus into our lives His light can shine through us into a world of darkness, lighting the way back to God.



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsn.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

What's On This Week

Monday 3rd February

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 4th February

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

Wednesday 5th February

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 6th February

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
Alpha Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre
(for those who have signed-up)

Saturday 8th February

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

Sunday 9th February

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel
Evening Prayer Service at 6pm in The Spire Centre
(Theme: *Three Ways Of Using Silence*)

Notices

Desserts For Alpha

If you are able to supply a dessert for our Alpha course (either home made or shop bought) please add your name to the sheet at the back of Christ Church - there are now only a couple of dates left to fill.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office is now closed until Wednesday 5th February.

Tom Day Off

Please note that Tom will be unavailable on Monday 10th February.

Verse For The Week

" When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. "

Luke 2: 39-40

Prayer Pointers

MONDAY

WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION. WE PRAY FOR WOMEN ACROSS THE WORLD - THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GET THE EDUCATION THEY CRAVE WHICH THEN EMPOWERS THEM TO THRIVE.

TUESDAY

WE PRAY FOR THE BEACON MEETING TODAY AT EMMANUEL - THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BLESS ALL WHO COME IN AND GUIDE BOTH VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN ALL THAT IS SAID AND DONE.

WEDNESDAY

WE PRAY FOR THE RIPPLE EFFECT AND GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPED IN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA - TO GROW FOOD AND CARE FOR LIVESTOCK WHERE BEFORE LAND WAS BARREN AND FAMILIES STARVING.

THURSDAY

WE PRAY FOR TOM, ANGIE, AND SIAN AS THEY LEAD THE ALPHA COURSE. WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL WHO ATTEND - THAT IT WILL STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH AND DEEPEN THEIR LOVE FOR THE LORD JESUS.

FRIDAY

WE PRAY FOR THE REPAIR CAFE AS THEY MEET TOMORROW. WE GIVE THANKS FOR JO EGITTO WHO HEADS IT UP AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER THEIR SKILLS TO REPAIR OFTEN MUCH LOVED HEIRLOOMS. PRAY THAT ALL WHO COME IN GET DRAWN INTO THE CHURCH FAMILY AND COME TO KNOW THE LOVE THE LORD JESUS HAS FOR THEM.

SATURDAY

WE PRAY FOR ALL THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN OUR CHURCHES TOMORROW - FOR OUR MORNING SERVICES, FOR FAMILIES TOGETHER, FOR DEAF CHURCH, AND FOR OUR EVENING PRAYER SERVICE.

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Coffee after the Service...



GOD, THE BIBLE, AND EVERYTHING (IN 60 MINUTES)

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 17TH MAY AT 7PM
CHRIST CHURCH, WESTON-S-MARE

JOIN BBC COMEDY WRITER JAMES CARY FOR GOD, THE BIBLE, AND EVERYTHING - A LAUGH-OUT-LOUD ROMP THROUGH THE ENTIRE BIBLE AGAINST THE CLOCK! WITH HILARIOUS INSIGHTS, A BIG SCREEN, PROPS, AND EVEN THE THREAT OF A SONG, JAMES BRINGS CLASSIC STORIES LIKE NOAH'S ARK AND DAVID & GOLIATH TO LIFE. FAST, FUNNY, AND FULL OF SURPRISES.

BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN FROM MARCH...

KEEP AN EYE ON CONNECTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!

Ambassadors Women's Group

The Ambassadors Women's Group is having a social breakfast on:

Saturday 15th February
9:30am at The Beefeater

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COMING SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST WEEK TO SIGN-UP IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.



12noon-1:30pm

Sunday 9th February

Please let Nicky know if you would like to come: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

REPAIR CAFE

THE NEXT REPAIR CAFE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY FROM 10AM-12:30PM AT CHRIST CHURCH

Our lost property will be on display again in Christ Church this Sunday for the final time- anything unclaimed will be disposed of so please do make sure you have a look and see if anything belongs to you!



BRIDGWATER CONVENTION

28TH FEB & 1ST MARCH

A weekend of worship, teaching, and seminars:
Friday evening - worship + introductory session
Saturday AM - worship + two sessions
Saturday PM - seminars + final session

Main Speaker: Andy Bannister
Gospel Confidence In A Confused Culture

For more information, please click [here](#) or go to www.bridgwaterconvention.com
Tickets are approx. £20

If you are interested in attending, please do speak to me or email: office@ccwsm.org.uk.
Having attended the Convention last year I am certainly planning to go again.

If there are a number of folk from our churches who wish to attend then I can try to organise a block-booking.

Emma

More coffee anyone...?

A Farewell From The Area Dean...

"Last evening, at the Deanery Service Of Light, I was presented with the lovely gift of a book rest as a present to mark my retiring from the role of Locking Area Dean. Thank you so much for this. It is much treasured and will be a daily reminder of your love and care for me over the last three years. It is my habit to do my daily Bible study early in the morning with a pot of tea. Nothing heroic - just that if I don't do it then I know it will never get done. Juggling my Bible and one of numerous commentaries, this book rest gives practical help to ease my aging sight by better angling the book for reading. But, even more, it is that daily reminder of our all important love and encouragement of each other that we all need and thrive upon. This is my morning 'Happy Place'.

I also want to thank you for the honour of allowing me to be your Area Dean over those years. Though demanding at times, it has been a privilege and a joy. Though I must stress that I have done nothing on my own, but with the support of my fellow 'Deans'; Tim Erridge - Assistant Area Dean, Hayden Taylor - Lay Dean, and Nigel Sanders - Assistant Lay Dean. Also, the Deanery Mission & Pastoral Group and the Locking Deanery Synod. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

I must also thank my church of Christ Church, Redhill for allowing me the time to take on this role. It has not been without cost.

Lastly, I want to give my thanks to, and encourage our prayers for, Caroline Deakin who is to take over as Area Dean, and for those who are to join the 'Deans' as Assistant Area Deans. Bless you."

Andrew

THANK YOU

Hospice Open Sessions

Weston Hospice is running some open sessions throughout 2025 - one per month - see below for the dates and times of these sessions:

Get To Know Us, Before You Need Us

Open Sessions for Patients, Families, Friends, Public & Professionals



January 29th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
February 21st	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
March 25th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
April 18th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
May 22nd	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
June 20th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
July 30th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
August 22nd	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
September 22nd	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
October 24th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
November 25th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
December 19th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice

At Jackson-Barstow House, Thornbury Road, Uphill
BS23 4YQ - 01934 423900

Meet our clinicians, enjoy refreshments and learn about Hospice services.
westonhospicecare.org.uk | Registered Charity No. 900326

THANK YOU

For all those who lead our Bible Study/Home Groups...

Last Friday (24th January) the Diocese prayed for all those who lead small groups in our churches using the following prayer from the monthly Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

Jesus, Rabbi, as we remember Francis de Sales, teacher of the faith, we ask for your guidance for all those who lead small groups across our Diocese. Bless them as they offer spaces for people to grow in faith and discover their calling. Amen

Thanks for all you do to encourage growth and discipleship.