

# Connected

4th Sunday Before Lent

Sunday 9th February 2025

## New Electoral Roll

This year a completely new Electoral Roll needs to be prepared. The preparation of a new Electoral Roll is an opportunity to encourage those new to church life (or the community) to join the Roll as a practical symbol of commitment to the church. It allows folk to take part in decisions which affect the church and parish, to take part in the APCM, and to stand for the PCC.

Whether you are new to the church and wish to be put on the Electoral Roll for the first time, or if you have been on the Electoral Roll previously, you will need to fill out a new application form in order to be included. Forms are available from both churches. At Christ Church the forms will be at the back of church from this Sunday - please take one, fill it in, and then place your completed form (one per person) in the box provided. At Emmanuel, the forms will be made available shortly - please speak to Keith Bury or Daphne Hill for further information on where the blank forms will be and what to do with your completed forms. If you have any queries, please do get in contact with the office.

*Emma*

## Electoral Roll

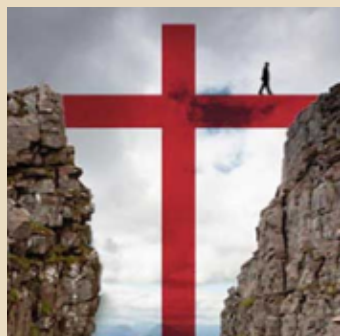
- ✓ Belong
- ✓ Participate
- ✓ Contribute

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church Colossians 1: 21-23

Have you ever been in one of those situations when something starts well but then seems to take a turn for the worse? Well, it seems the same in the letter to the Colossians – Paul is delighted with the fruit they are showing but then he’s honest about the position they’ve come from. It’s uncomfortable reading for all of us!

But don’t despair because the status and future for Christians is brighter than we might have imagined...



### Emmanuel Colossians 1: 15-23

So far this year, in our preaching series from Paul’s letter to the Colossians, we have acknowledged that to be ‘in Christ’ is to be people of HOPE. People who are **STRENGTHENED** in our faith, and faithful in **PRAYER** for one another. Last Sunday on Candlemas, Julie reminded us we are God’s **LIGHTS IN THE WORLD**.

As we continue to build up our picture of our lives ‘in Christ’, as His holy people, we will look at what it means for us to be **RECONCILED** to God through Christ...

...and ask the question - can a humble zipper help us to grasp this **BIG** question?

Let’s think about this together on Sunday.



## 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 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*)

## Monday 10th February

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 11th February

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 12th February

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Thursday 13th 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 15th February

Ambassadors Breakfast at 9:30am at The Beefeater

(for those who have signed-up)

## Notices

### *Tom Day Off*

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

### *Church Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially  
closed from Friday 21st until Friday 28th February  
inclusive (although emails and phone messages will be  
intermittently picked up during this time).

## *Verse For The Week*

" The Son is the image of the invisible God, the  
firstborn over all creation. For in him all things  
were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible  
and invisible, whether thrones or powers or  
rulers or authorities; all things have been created  
through him and for him. He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together. "

*Colossians 1: 39-40*

# Prayer Pointers

**Sunday** - Today, Families Together at Christ Church are meeting over lunchtime. Pray for Nicky as she heads it up and that it will be a time of fun, building relationships, and creating stronger bonds with the church family.

**Monday** - Pray for Julie Birkett in her role as chaplain at Weston College - that she has the wisdom and the resources she needs as she listens and gives time to both the students and the staff.

**Tuesday** - The Watoto Children's Choir are already in England bringing their special Christian message with vibrant music and dancing to many audiences around the country. Pray for good health, safe travelling, and that they will enjoy performing as much as their audiences enjoy listening.

**Wednesday** - We pray for people in Gaza as they try to resurrect their homes from what looks to us as total ruins. May they know they are not forgotten and the love Jesus has for them.

**Thursday** - We pray for aid to get through to all who so badly need it.

**Friday** - We pray for the Foodbank here and for those across the country. Give to those working in them the wisdom they need to supply those who come in with appropriate groceries.

**Saturday** - Today we pray for all preparing to preach or lead our services tomorrow that everyone will feel blessed by the Holy Spirit.

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## Contact Details

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# Coffee after the Service...

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

Please see last week's Connected for more information regarding this prayer service.

Our silence will be used as praise, intercessory prayer, and listening to God.

These evenings aim, amongst other things, to help people grow in their prayer life and this could be a real opportunity for many.

Please do come and join us in the Spire Centre at Christ Church this Sunday.



## Men's Breakfast - Christ Church

Saturday 22nd February  
8:30am-10am  
COST: £4

Bacon butties, toast, and drinks... then "An Interview With Simon Holloway" (retired vicar and Selorm's father-in-law!)

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at Christ Church...

...or, if you are at Emmanuel, please notify Paul Sodzi or contact the Church Office.



Our family would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the Alzheimers Society at Dave's funeral on 12th December 2024.

The funeral director has just informed me that £368.50 was sent to the Society. This is a generous amount and will help the research into dementia - this terrible cruel disease which apparently is our country's biggest killer at this time.

*Sandra*

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

SEE THE POSTERS AT BOTH CHURCHES FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EVENT.

BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN FROM MARCH.

KEEP AN EYE ON FUTURE CONNECTED'S FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!

## Announcement from Tom...

As you may have seen from last week's Connected article, we have a new Area Dean - Rev'd Caroline Deakin.

I am pleased to say that I (along with Rev'd Gail Thomas at Kewstoke) will be supporting her as Assistant Area Deans. I would really value your prayers as I step into this new additional role.

Thank you!

*Tom*



**12noon-1:30pm**  
**Sunday 9th**  
**February**

Please let Nicky know if you are planning to attend:  
[family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)

## REPAIR CAFE

THE NEXT REPAIR CAFE WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY FROM 10AM-12.30PM AT CHRIST CHURCH, MONTPELIER





# More coffee anyone...?

## Charity Of The Month

We are launching a new initiative at Emmanuel this Sunday called 'Charity Of The Month', following on from the success of Lynda sharing with us about her involvement with The Ripple Effect last year.

Most of us in church will have particular charities or organisations that we are committed to supporting financially, through volunteering, advocacy, prayer, and many other ways.

As a way of getting to know what God has called each of us to be passionate about, there will be an opportunity each month (2nd Sunday in the month) for someone to share with us in church a little about a charity they support, why it is important to them and how we might also support them.

To launch the initiative, Daphne will be telling us about Open Doors this Sunday, whose work Daphne is a passionate advocate for. She will be specifically sharing about The Arise Africa petition. Millions of Christians face violent persecution for their faith in sub-Saharan Africa and the numbers are rising rapidly, with whole communities displaced and their land taken. And yet the world has barely noticed. In response, the African church is calling on us, their Christian brothers and sisters around the world, to join them in the Arise Africa campaign. It aims to see that the global community acknowledges and acts against extreme violence and supports the church to persevere – and to be resilient, resourceful, and influential. We can do this in several ways, which Daphne will share with us this Sunday, but the main focus is on a global petition aimed at local governments, the African Union, the EU, and the UN, asking for: Protection, Restoration, and Justice. There are copies of the petition in both churches or you can sign the online petition. You can read more [here](#).



And please come to Emmanuel this Sunday 9th February to hear Daphne tell us more about this.



### Watoto

Children's Choir Presents  
A FREE CONCERT  
FEATURING THEIR  
NEW ALBUM

## BETTER DAYS

There is Hope

Join the Watoto Children's Choir  
as they sing, dance and share  
their stories of restoration and hope

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2025 @ 4PM  
ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WILLOW CLOSE, WESTON-S-MARE, BS22 7XF

Book free tickets on Eventbrite - scan the QR code below



On Wednesday (5th January) the Diocese prayed for Locking Deanery using the following prayer from the monthly Diocesan Prayer Calendar:

We give thanks for Rev'd Andrew Hemming's time as Locking's Area Dean. May God guide all in the Deanery and their new Area Dean(s) in mission and ministry across their urban and rural communities. May Jesus make us more fully like him.

Amen