

Connected

Sunday 16th February 2025

3rd Sunday Before Lent

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church *Colossians 2: 1-15*

In our series on Colossians we are moving on to consider that, once rooted in Christ, we will come to fullness in Christ.

We will be looking at what that means for us as a church, and as individuals, and thinking of how we might do that in practical ways.



Emmanuel *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...



Deanery Service Of Prayer & Praise: A Journey Into Lent - Sunday 2nd March at 6pm Emmanuel Church

Our next monthly Benefice prayer evening will take place on Sunday 2nd March at 6pm AT EMMANUEL.

As it will be the last Sunday before Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March, you are invited to a 'Journey Into Lent'.

Using a range of prayer stations and space for personal reflection, we will immerse ourselves afresh in the story of Jesus as we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent. And we will finish our evening with a time of shared prayer and worship.

We will be joined by others from around our Deanery, who have been invited to join us, as we journey together into Lent.

All are welcome!



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

What's On This Week

Saturday 15th February

Ambassadors Breakfast at 9:30am at The Beefeater
(for those who have signed-up)

Monday 17th February

Ladies Together at 12:45pm in The Spire Centre
(please note the earlier time this week)

Tuesday 18th February

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

Wednesday 19th February

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 20th February

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
No Alpha Course this week

Saturday 22nd February

Men's Breakfast at 8:30am in The Spire Centre
(for those who have signed-up)

Notices

Church Office Closed

Please note 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

" Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. "

Colossians 1: 21-23a

Prayer Pointers

MONDAY - Please pray for our Life Groups' valued Christian fellowship, enabling church members to learn Christian truth in a relaxed way and giving practical support to each other. Lord, please stir up extra leaders to fill vacancies. We pray that our Life Groups might help members to grow to full maturity in Christ.

TUESDAY - Lord, we thank you for our Locking Deanery pointing to our wider Christian witness between Parish and Diocese. We especially pray for our new Area Dean, Caroline Deakin, and our own parish representatives, especially Hayden Taylor.

WEDNESDAY - We give thanks for our two churches' safeguarding focus and particularly all of the work Anne Jones does. Lord, may we never fail to pray for all our church leaders at every level. Bring repentance when needed and guidance in electing new leaders.

THURSDAY - Loving Father, as parishioners and citizens, may we have a zeal in playing our part in protecting the young and vulnerable. We pray for those who are so damaged that they are a threat to others. Lord, bring them to full salvation and wholeness.

FRIDAY - We once again pray for the elderly, sick, and frail in our two parishes, where it is more difficult to relate to their families and the world outside their homes. Lord, by our prayers and visits, may we be as Christ to them, who is the real answer to all their needs.

SATURDAY - We pray for our two church's ministry tomorrow. Lord, inspire full reception to your words and fresh love for you that will spill over to your world in which we are a vital witness.

New Electoral Roll

Electoral Roll

- ✓ Belong
- ✓ Participate
- ✓ Contribute

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. If you have any queries, please speak to Emma in the Office or a Church Warden. Thank you.

Coffee after the Service...

Men's Breakfast - Christ Church

Saturday 22nd February

8:30am-10am

COST: £4

Bacon butties, toast, & 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 this weekend...

...or, if you
are at Emmanuel and
would like to come
along, please notify
Paul Sodzi or contact
the Church Office.



New Email Address...



Keith Hallett
has a new
email address.



Please speak to Keith
directly, or Emma in the
Church Office, if you
would like his new address.

Please do not use his @talktalk
address anymore as this has
been compromised. Thank you!



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

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.

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Book free tickets on Eventbrite - scan the QR code below

More coffee anyone...?

Nashley House Update...!!

On a recent visit to Nashley House we were surprised to see a full audience in the lounge! It was clear that the fame of the 'Christ Church Singers' was spreading, or so I thought! But no, our latest visit coincided with Elsie's 100th birthday and everyone was there to help her celebrate, including members of her family!

Elsie is Welsh and, as we walked in, we were greeted with strains of the Welsh National Anthem sounding out from the big screen. Three large birthday cakes adorned a table, portraying '1' '0' '0', each decorated with delicate pink icing sugar flowers and a large banner hung from the table. We could see that this was a really special occasion. Everybody sang Happy Birthday to Elsie, the Guest of Honour, who was sitting with her family right at the front, ready to enjoy our performance!



We started with a prayer to dedicate our afternoon to the Lord, then launched straight into our signature song: 'We're So Glad We're Here'. As we have visited the home a number of times now, we are getting to know what music the residents like - our repertoire consists of songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, and the genres range from standards, songs from the shows, and some rock 'n' roll! I think they enjoy our choices and it is wonderful to see them joining in when they know the words. Chris downloads some of the songs to a memory stick and displays them on the big TV screen for the residents if they wish to join in. We always include a Christian, Biblical, or religious song in the line-up and Chris gives a bit of background information about the song. This time we sung Hallelujah, a fine song by Canadian songwriter, poet, and novelist Leonard Cohen. When we had finished our line-up of songs we were asked to do an encore of Edelweiss which Elsie had enjoyed singing along with us first time round!



After the performance, some of the family came over to us and thanked us for making the afternoon special for Elsie. The tea trolley came round and we all enjoyed tea and birthday cake. Elsie was thrilled when presented with a congratulatory birthday card from King Charles.

It was an honour and a privilege to entertain the folks at Nashley House on such a special occasion, one which we will remember for some time.

William

Elsie with her birthday card from the King



Dates For Your Diaries...

Please note that both APCMs this year will be held after the Sunday morning services as follows:

Christ Church :
Sunday 13th April

Emmanuel :
Sunday 27th April

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