

# Connected

Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday Before Lent

## "Prayer Diary"

Sometimes, when I'm praying for our churches, there seems to be so many things I'm not always sure what to pray for! What I've found helpful is to have a list of topics. This is what our prayer diary represents - a suggested prayer for each day of the month. Of course, you can pray for anything on any day, but I hope you find this helpful.

You can pick one up in either of our churches or contact Emma in the Church Office and she can forward one to you. It's so important all areas of our church life are held before God - do use one of these if you find it a helpful guide for your prayers.

Tom



## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church *Colossians 3: 1-11*

We could regard this as the pivot of this little letter. Here Paul turns from doctrine [teaching] to ethics [behaviour]. But why did Paul write this letter? Was it because he was bored behind bars in prison? Let's find out...

What does he mean with all this business of being dead or alive?

As you live each day, do you mostly set your heart on things above or things below? Oh! Paul you do stir us up with these matters. But then, do we bother to really listen and then obey?



### EMMANUEL *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.



## 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

## Welcome Tea

You are invited along to our Welcome Tea at Christ Church on: Sunday 23rd March at 4pm



If you have started attending Christ Church within the last year, we would love you to come along to our Welcome Tea which will be held on Sunday 23rd March at 4pm.

It will be a chance to meet with others, have some sandwiches and cake, and learn more about our Church family.

If you would like to attend, please could you let Emma in the Church Office know [office@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwsm.org.uk) or 01934 641016.

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church

Colossians 2: 6-7

Giving us pictures helps us understand our Christian lives - and the Bible is full of them! Even in our Verse For The Year there are two main ones. We've thought a bit about our needing to be "rooted" like a plant and, on Sunday, we will be thinking about a different picture. It's about building a house - and using Jesus as our foundation - that we are "built up in him".



### Emmanuel

Colossians 2: 13-23



"When mystery meets reality" - please do come along to Emmanuel and join us on Sunday to find out more...!

## Notices

### Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office is now officially closed until Monday 3rd March (although emails and phone messages will be intermittently picked up).

## Prayer Pointers

We pray with thankfulness for God's great gift of leadership to His people - for those who would follow our Saviour Jesus. We, in faith, uphold in prayer our Vicar, Tom (and Chris), Donna and Meg, and all our ordained and lay ministers. We add our PCCs, our family and children's leaders, and our music ministries who, by their praise going before us, make it easy for us all to have victory over the kingdom of satan.

**So, Lord, hear our prayers.**

At this time of turmoil in our churches, and confusion in government and in so many social areas, we give thanks for all who stay faithful to you, Lord, so those leaders can prove the saying "One with God is in the majority". May we be among those who, through our prayers and conduct, bring light and salt to our land and righteousness in every part of our country.

**So, Lord, hear our prayers.**

Father God, we thank you for leaders in the Ukraine, Europe, the Middle East, and the USA who strive for peace in your world. Lord, may they draw like-minded people to stand under your banner of love, holiness, truth, and justice. Lord, may they resist all those who would seek to allow land grabs and steal precious minerals and fuels. Father, we pray that dictators and all those with evil personal ambitions may be thwarted by you, Lord, the one true God and Lord of all.

**So, Lord, answer our prayers.**

## Verse For The Fortnight

"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross."

Colossians 2: 13-14

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025  
**Friday 7 March**  
A service for everyone!

Please Join Us at Our World Day of Prayer Services

10.30 a.m.  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
BS22 8QY

2.00 pm  
Corpus Christi Church  
BS23 1XW

# What's On...

## Saturday 22nd February

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

## Monday 24th February

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 25th February

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

## Wednesday 26th February

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 27th 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 1st March

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

## Sunday 2nd March

Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Emmanuel  
(Deanery Service Of Prayer & Praise: A Journey Into Lent)

## Monday 3rd March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 4th March

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

## Wednesday 5th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church  
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Thursday 6th March

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 March

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

## Sunday 9th March

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre  
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

# Coffee after the Service...

## 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!

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

**Don't Forget**

The deadline for application forms for Christ Church is Sunday 2nd March.  
The deadline for application forms for Emmanuel is Sunday 23rd March.  
Thank you.

**Don't Forget**



# More coffee anyone...?

## Emmanuel Coffee Morning

'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel:  
Saturday 1st March  
10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a  
browse and a chat over  
coffee and cake.



### 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

## Ambassadors Easter Craft

Spire Centre, Christ Church  
Saturday 15th March  
10am-12noon  
Cost : £2

Coffee & biscuits provided

Please add your name to the  
sign-up sheet if you would like to  
attend (available at both churches).

## REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Cafe  
will be held on  
Saturday 8th March  
from 10am-12:30pm  
at Christ Church



Families Together  
12noon-1:30pm  
Sunday 9th  
March

Please let Nicky know  
if you are planning  
to attend this event  
(family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)

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## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

THE MUSICAL

THE TRAGIC TRUE STORY  
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BELOVED HYMNS OF ALL TIME



Friday 4th April, 7pm  
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"It Is Well With My Soul" is one  
of the most beloved hymns of all time,  
with words by Horatio Spafford  
and music by Philip Bliss.

The musical tells the story of Philip  
and his wife, Lucy.

"It Is Well With My Soul" invites you  
to explore the Gospel message of  
hope, like an anchor for the soul.

This is a musical for anyone 7+  
and tickets are £10.

For more information and to book  
tickets please click [here](#) or visit Holy  
Trinity's website: [www.htweston.co.uk](http://www.htweston.co.uk)

## tearfund

Emergency Appeal  
for the Democratic  
Republic of Congo

Tearfund have put out an  
emergency appeal for the  
situation in the Democratic  
Republic of Congo. For more  
information, prayer pointers, and  
ways to donate - please click [here](#).

Please note: Keith Hallett has a new email  
address (available from Keith directly or  
Emma in the Church Office).



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