# Connected

Sunday 9th March 2025

1st Sunday Of Lent

## Open Gardens 2025



With the beginning of spring, we are starting to plan our summer season of Open Gardens - a great opportunity to enjoy three things at once - a social get together, a chance to enjoy the outdoors, and an opportunity to share tea and cake.

But... we need more people who are prepared to open their gardens - they don't have to be special, tidy, or beautiful - just a space and a host to gather a few friends to help with some refreshments.

Whether you are a new volunteer or a regular, please sign-up on the list at the back of your church. There are separate dates for hosts from Christ Church and Emmanuel so we do not clash.

Any questions please contact Terry Baillie.



## **Sermon Snippets**

Christ Church
Colossians 3: 1-17

Some of you might remember Trinny and Suzannah's TV show 'What Not To Wear'?

I'm not sure I'm exactly a fashion icon (!) but our reading in



Colossians talks about how, as Christians, we can be well dressed. What does good Christian "clothing" look like? How do we wear it?

Come along / tune in on Sunday to find out.

## Emmanuel Colossians 3: 18 - 4: 1

Today's passage from Colossians can be a challenging one for us in today's culture. Words



such as submit and obey, master and slave, do not sit comfortably with us. So, how are we to understand this passage in 2025?

One Christian writer states, 'Not all of Scripture is written TO us, but all of Scripture is written FOR us.' Does that help us?

Let's unpack this together on Sunday.



## Watch the Morning Service

at <u>www.ccwsm.org.uk</u>

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



## What's On This Week

#### 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

#### Monday 10th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

#### Tuesday 11th March

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

#### Wednesday 12th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

#### Thursday 13th 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 15th March

Ambassadors Easter Craft at 10am in The Spire Centre

## **Notices**

### Monthly Prayer Diaries

If you have not had the chance to pick up a 'prayer diary' over the past week or so, there will be a small number available at the back of both churches every week - please do take one and use it during the month in your prayers. See the last edition of Connected for further information regarding these.

## Verse For The Week

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3: 15-17

## **Prayer Pointers**

#### Monday

We pray for Fundraising, staff, and patients in the Weston Hospice. May we pray for others who are long-term sick.

#### Tuesday

We pray for our children, grandchildren, and godchildren - that God will shower his blessings on them today. Pray for all children linked to our churches

#### Wednesday

Give thanks and pray for all those who clean our two churches and maintain our grounds.

#### Thursday

We pray for protection and blessing on the pupils of Christ Church School.

#### <u>Friday</u>

We pray for guidance and wisdom for our service leaders and preachers.

#### <u>Saturday</u>

We pray for Andy Page and his family and the prayer networks he leads.

#### Sunday

We pray for other churches and their outreach in Weston.

#### 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

#### **Contact Details**

Rev. Tom Webber (Day Off - Tuesday) t: (01934) 709343 e: revtom@ccwsm.org.uk

Church Office (09:30-12:30 Mon-Fri) t: (01934) 641016 e: office@ccwsm.org.uk w: www.ccwsm.org.uk

## Coffee after the Service...

#### EASTER FAMILY FUN!

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2:30PM - 4:30PM AT CHRIST CHURCH



CAN YOU HELP SHARE THE MOST IMPORTANT STORY OF ALL WITH FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

WE NEED HELP TO PREPARE FOR THE EVENT AND PEOPLE TO HELP ON THE DAY. THERE WILL BE CRAFTS, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES, AN EASTER HAT PARADE WITH PRIZES, AN EASTER EGG HUNT, AND REFRESHMENTS TOO!

ALL TEAM MUST HAVE CURRENT DBS CLEARANCE. PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH OR LET NICKY BOARDMAN KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP (EMAIL: FAMILY.MINISTRY@CCWSM.ORG.UK)



If you have started attending Christ Church within the last year, we would love you to come along to our Welcome Tea.

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 or 01934 641016.

## REPAIR CAFE

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



Sunday 9th March at 12noon

Please let Nicky know if you are planning to attend: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

# Christ Church Finance Appeal

At Christ Church, all the members of our church family have a letter from Tom about our finances and giving — please do pick yours up and drop off to anyone you may know who is not able to come to church at the moment.

Thank you!



#### **New Electoral Roll**



The deadline for application forms for **Christ Church** has now **closed**.

The deadline for application forms for **Emmanuel** is **Sunday 23rd March**.

Thank you.

#### 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).



Everyone had a good time at the Men's Breakfast...

