

Connected

Sunday 16th March 2025

2nd Sunday Of Lent

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Colossians 3: 18 - 4: 1

When married couples stood in church in the 60's, we made promises to each other in the ceremony. The wife promised to love, honour, and obey. Many wives said in their hearts, 'I am going to love him but never obey him'.

This morning, in Colossians 3, we are going to look at the overarching principles that apply to Christian relationships from a Biblical point of view rather than the 1662 Prayer Book view. I will say that I like the sense of honouring each other in our marriages and will try to wrestle with the concept of submission without ever using the word 'obey'.



Emmanuel

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 on Sunday to find out.

**GOD,
THE BIBLE
& EVERYTHING
(IN) 60
(MINUTES)**

**Saturday
17th May
Christ Church**

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE...

Get ready for the ultimate one-man comedy show about the ultimate question about *God, the Bible, and Everything!*

Join BBC sitcom writer James Cary as he hilariously unpacks the entire Bible – complete with jokes, props, a big screen, and maybe even a song (you have been warned).

With a 20-year track record writing hit TV and Radio sitcoms (like *Miranda*), this show combines Cary's love of scripture with sharp comedy for an unforgettable performance for audiences of all ages (9+), all faiths, and none.

PLACES WILL BE LIMITED SO PLEASE DO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Why not buy a ticket for yourself and one for a friend...?!

For more information, and to register/book your ticket(s), please click [here](#) or go to our website and click on: 'What's On' / 'Events' / 'God, The Bible, And Everything' and follow the link(s) from there. **Tickets are £10 each.**

If you would like to come along but do not want to pay online, please contact Emma in the Church Office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

What's On This Week

Saturday 15th March

Ambassadors Easter Craft at 10am in The Spire Centre
(for those who have signed-up)

Monday 17th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 18th March

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

Wednesday 19th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 20th 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)

Sunday 23rd March

Welcome Tea at 4pm in The Spire Centre
(for those who are new to Christ Church)

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 continue to be a small number available at the back of both churches - please do take one and use it during the month in your prayers. See the 23rd February edition of Connected for further information regarding these.

Verse For The Week

" Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. "

Colossians 3: 1-4

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

Monday

We pray for the work of the Chaplains in our hospital, and for staff and patients.

Tuesday

We pray for the volunteers and children in our Toddler Group and for our Church Family Worker, Nicky, and her team.

Wednesday

We pray for our Church Wardens and give thanks for those who polish and dust our churches.

Thursday

We pray for the Head Teacher and staff at Christ Church School.

Friday

We pray for the Life Groups in our churches.

Saturday

We pray for CITA's work in Ghana and for Paul Sodzi's mother.

Sunday

We pray for our neighbours - that we may have opportunities to show Jesus' love to them.

New Electoral Roll

The deadline for application forms for Christ Church has now closed. The new Electoral Roll will take effect from Monday 24th March, and will be displayed in church from that time.



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

Thank you.

Contact Details

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Coffee after the Service...

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 next Sunday.

If you would like to attend, but have not yet responded to the invite, please contact Emma in the Church Office by Tuesday 18th: office@ccwsm.org.uk or 01934 641016.

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!



Open Gardens 2025

WANTED Open Gardens

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. Thanks to those already signed-up!

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.



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 some 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)

More coffee anyone...?

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

Anne Jones has recently introduced the Craft & Chat group to the art of Kantha embroidery... they are now all working on different designs...



Annual Parochial Church Meetings

You may have seen the Notices which are now on display in both churches.

At Christ Church we have one vacancy for the Deanery Synod and four vacancies for the PCC (Church Council).

At Emmanuel we have one vacancy for the PCC (Church Council).

These are important roles.

Please take some time over the next few weeks to reflect on whether you would like to put yourself forward or maybe suggest it to someone else you think would be good in that role.

Nomination forms will be available soon - more information to follow in next week's Connected.



Many congratulations to...

...Colin & Jennie Winsor as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 20th March.

They will be spending a few days "down 'ome in Devon" where they were married in Fremington.

Our good wishes to you both!



Thank you once again for your partnership. Together, the global family of Samaritan's Purse sent more than 11.9 million shoebox gifts this season, with a quarter of a million coming from the UK! These are all currently on their way to Malawi, Moldova, Nigeria, and across West Africa where they will bless many thousands of children.

You can find a selection of stories, photos, videos, and information about our work [here](#).

