

# Connected

Sunday 23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday Of Lent

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church Colossians 3: 15-17

**“What I Tell You Three Times Is True”**

The line comes from the poem ‘The Hunting Of The Snark’ by Lewis Carroll. It is said by the Bellman, the character in charge of the ship’s motley passengers. So the idea of repetition as a grounds for truth is sometimes called the ‘Bellman’s Theory’. That, of course, is Lewis Carroll being humorous - it’s meant to be a joke. All the same, repetition is a recurring idea in many kinds of discussion and argument. Certainly, if Paul says something three times, it must be important. So, what is the thing he is banging on about and why?

How important should it be for us in our age?

We shall explore further this morning.



### Emmanuel 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? Please join us at Emmanuel this Sunday.



## Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

**A reminder that the dates/times for our annual meetings this year are as follows:**

**Christ Church:**

**Sunday 13th April 2025  
(after the morning service)**

**Emmanuel:**

**Sunday 27th April 2025  
(after the morning service)**



**The new Electoral Rolls will be displayed shortly at both Christ Church (24th March) and Emmanuel (1st April) - please do check these and advise Emma in the Church Office (Christ Church) or Keith Bury (Emmanuel) if any corrections are needed.**

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

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

**These are important roles.**

**Please 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 are now available at the back of church, from the Church Office, or from the Wardens (or from Daphne Hill if you are at Emmanuel).**

# What's On This Week

## Sunday 23rd March

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

## Monday 24th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 25th March

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

## Wednesday 26th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 27th 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)*

## 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*

" Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. "

*1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

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## *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

# Prayer Pointers

## LIVING HOPE TOGETHER...

**FOCUS:** We are designed for community - to build one another up and to allow ourselves to be built up by others. In this way, God enables us to remain rooted in HOPE and to become a HOPEFUL presence in our communities.

**PRAYER:** Bind us together, Lord, with cords that cannot be broken. Show us how we can grow in HOPE by joining with others to become signs of HOPE in our world, AMEN.

### **Sunday:**

We pray for all who worship in our churches today and for all who lead/contribute to worship music, especially Angeline at Christ Church and Barbara at Emmanuel.

### **Monday:**

We pray for PCC meetings which take place at both Christ Church and Emmanuel.

We pray for growth in daily Bible reading and prayer, especially for depth of reflection and understanding.

### **Tuesday:**

We give thanks for all the good things in our town. We pray for our town and all who work within our locality and for how we can contribute to a HOPEFUL future.

### **Wednesday:**

We give thanks for all who support families and children. We pray for our work with young families and children, especially for Nicky and her team at Christ Church.

### **Thursday:**

We give thanks for the work of Locking Deanery. We pray for our Vicar, Tom, and all who support him. We pray especially for encouragement and inspiration.

### **Friday:**

We give thanks for the ways we support each other. We pray for the work of our Benefice day-by-day, especially for creating links with others.

### **Saturday:**

We give thanks for the making of 'posies' for tomorrow's services.

We pray for our Primary Schools at Christ Church and Walliscote, especially for teachers, support staff, and families.

# Coffee after the Service...

## Open Gardens 2025

A big thank you to everyone who has already signed-up as a host for our Open Gardens this year! There is still one date left to fill at Christ Church and a couple of dates left to fill at Emmanuel.



If you are able to open your garden for a social get-together, and an opportunity to share tea and cake, please do pop your name on the lists which are available.

Thank you!

## Donations Needed!

Donations of hot cross buns are needed for the Easter Family Fun Event (12th April) and for the Good Friday morning service at Christ Church (18th April). These can be brought in at any time from now as they can be put in the freezer here.



Also needed... bags of wrapped mini chocolate Easter Eggs for the Easter Family Fun Event on the 12th April.

There will be a 'donations tub' at the back of Christ Church for all donations to be collected or, alternatively, pass your donations to Emma in the Church Office. Thank You!

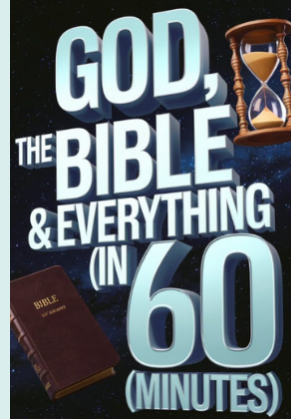
## Easter Family Fun!

Saturday 12th April  
2:30pm - 4:30pm  
at Christ Church

We are still in need of some people to help on the day - particularly volunteers to cover the crafts and games and someone to cover the sound desk.

If you are able to help with any of these, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church or let Nicky know (email: [family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)).

All team must have current DBS clearance.



Saturday  
17th May

Christ  
Church

Doors will  
open at 7pm

## 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!

# More coffee anyone...?

## Mothering Sunday At Emmanuel

All help is welcome to make posies to give out on Mothering Sunday (30th March).

We will be meeting in the Emmanuel Church Hall at 10am on Saturday 29th.

Come and join us and bring flowers for the posies if you have them.



## Ambassadors Women's Group

Saturday 5th April  
10am in The Spire Centre

Art Workshop with Angie Girling!

It doesn't matter if you haven't drawn or painted since school - come along and have some fun!

Please pop your name on the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend (or for those at Emmanuel, please either let Anne Jones or Emma in the Church Office know that you would like to come along).

NB/ there will be a small cost for materials so please bring some cash along with you.

## Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to read the 2024 Special Report from Operation Christmas Child please [click here](#).



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