

Connected

Sunday 30th March 2025

Mothing Sunday

4th Sunday Of Lent

MOTHERING SUNDAY

May I wish you all a happy Mothering Sunday!

So many of us will be very grateful for the care and love that we've received. But, also, I think we'd want to extend that to being thankful for all those who give care for family and also friends and neighbours.

If you're meeting up as a family, I hope you enjoy the day.



Tom



Healing & Wholeness Service

Sunday 6th April at 6pm

We will be looking at the Psalm Jesus quoted as he was on the cross and what it might say to us today.

There will be an opportunity for a gentle prayer of healing and wholeness for anyone who would appreciate that.

Please do join us at Christ Church for this gentle and reflective service.

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church 1 Samuel 1: 20-28



This morning at Christ Church we will be exploring the similarities between motherly love and God's love for us through Hannah's motherhood story.

Please do come along or tune in to celebrate Mothering Sunday with us.

Emmanuel Colossians 4: 2-18



Paul exhorts Archippus "be sure to carry out the ministry God gave you".

I'm pretty sure Archippus wasn't the only one this exhortation was aimed at. How can we be sure? Might prayer be involved?

Daily Prayers



I was reminded last Sunday that it is exactly five years since our online Daily Prayers started (was it really five years ago?!). And so - to those who listen, those who make the recordings, and the 'tech people' who load it for us online - thank you to you all!

Tom

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

Monday 31st March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 1st April

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 2nd April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 3rd April

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 5th April

Ambassadors Art Workshop at 10am in The Spire Centre

(for those who have signed-up)

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

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Notices

Christ Church Finance Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has so far provided their response to the Finance Appeal. For those who have not yet responded, if you are able to fill in the form and return it in the brown envelope by Easter Sunday (20th), that would be really helpful. Thank you.

Verse For The Week

" Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful... Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. "

Colossians 4: 2, 5-6

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Prayer Pointers

LIVING HOPE : NOTICING...

FOCUS: This week, NOTICE what God is doing in our lives, in our communities, and throughout the globe.

PRAYER: Lord, help us to quieten our loud minds and centre our distracted hearts. Don't let us miss NOTICING what you are doing in our lives and around the world. AMEN.

Sunday: We pray for all taking part in Mothering Sunday services today. We pray for those who are struggling locally, nationally, and globally - especially for divided families and homeless children.

Monday: NOTICE the inequality of healthcare provision worldwide. We pray for our hospitals, plus local medical and care services and for those who are unable to receive the care they need.

Tuesday: NOTICE how many have yet to know Christ in person. We pray for the Prayer Life of our church families and for the work of outreach in our Parishes, Deanery, and Diocese.

Wednesday: NOTICE how much effort is required to sustain our churches. We pray for the admin/support of the Church Office, especially for Emma and all who support her work.

Thursday: NOTICE how many people are affected by addiction and poverty. We pray for the work of the Beacon and all who meet in the Emmanuel church hall, especially for those who are homeless/jobless/hopeless.

Friday: NOTICE how many people feel lonely and rejected.

We pray for all who no longer attend church in person, especially for those who log-in to the 'streamed' services.

Saturday: We pray for the Ambassadors Group meeting today at Christ Church and for the Emmanuel coffee morning. We pray for our mission contacts abroad, especially for the work of Andy and for BLiSS.

Coffee after the Service...

Maundy Thursday Supper

On the Thursday before Easter (17th April) at Christ Church there will be a Maundy Thursday supper at 6pm.

Tickets are £5 for a 2-course meal (chicken casserole or veggie option plus a dessert).



As well as eating together we'll be re-enacting some elements of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on the day before his crucifixion. It should be both an enjoyable and informative evening!

Mothing Sunday At Emmanuel

All help is welcome to make posies to give out on Mothing 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!



Last chance to sign-up this weekend!
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/please bring £2 along to cover the cost of materials.

Open Gardens 2025

We still have a few dates to fill for this year's programme so... 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 at both churches.

We would love to be able to offer a full programme for folk to attend this year. 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!

More coffee anyone...?



Easter Family Fun!

Saturday 12th April

2:30pm - 4:30pm

£1.00 per person

(Babies - 6 months and under, go free)

Come and join us for a fun, family time as we look forward to EASTER!



Crafts, games and activities! Prizes!

Easter Hat Competition! Make a hat at home and wear it in our parade - Prizes for adults and children



Hear the Easter Story - 'EMPTY!' 🤔



Easter Egg Hunt!

Refreshments!



Collect a goody bag on the way home!

- Numbers are limited for this event.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Please complete the registration form on our website to book your tickets at www.ccwsm.org.uk/events/ (click on the > next to the Easter Family Fun tab 😊)
- Once the form is complete you will receive a 'success message'. Then look out for an email confirming your place and a link to pay for your tickets.

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DON'T FORGET...

...THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND !!



Our Upcoming 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 Roll is now displayed at Christ Church and Emmanuel's will be displayed from 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.

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).***

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE...

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

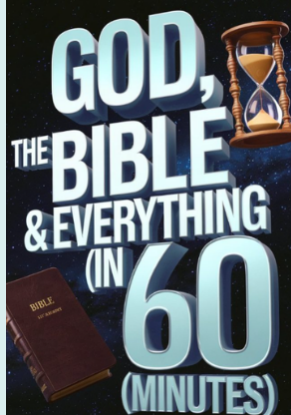
Join BBC sitcom writer James Cary as he hilariously unpacks the entire Bible - complete with jokes, props, a big screen, and maybe even a song (you have been warned).

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.



Saturday 17th May

Christ Church

Doors will open at 7pm

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel on:
Saturday 5th April
10:30am - 12noon



Please do come along and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.