

Connected

Sunday 6th April 2025

5th Sunday Of Lent

Sermon Snippets

CHRIST CHURCH
COLOSSIANS 1: 9-11 (ICB)

IF YOU HAD A SUPERPOWER WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY? IN TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES, PAUL TELLS US THAT GOD STRENGTHENS US WITH HIS OWN GREAT POWER! I WONDER WHAT HE GIVES US HIS POWER FOR?



Emmanuel
John 12: 1-8

As we prepare for Easter we are looking today at one of the most beautiful acts in the Bible – one that Jesus said would be remembered forever.



What was it about the act that so struck Jesus?

Come along to Emmanuel on Sunday and we'll explore this together!

Holy Communion

It has now been five years since the first Covid lockdown and both our Church Councils (PCCs) have agreed that, from Easter Day onwards, we will be offering Holy Communion with bread/wafer and wine separately in the "common cup" as we have always done in the past. There will also be the option at both churches to receive a wafer dipped in non-alcoholic wine, as we have been doing. Gluten free wafers will also still be available.

The overall aim is to keep the Communion as united as possible and, whilst these two main options do not cover every possible method of receiving, we felt the sense of unity would be diluted if too many other choices were offered.

Clear instructions will be given on Easter Day so that all can receive in confidence and in a spirit of prayerfulness.

Tom



Healing & Wholeness Service



Sunday 6th April
at 6pm
at Christ Church

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.

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

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

Sunday 6th April

Healing & Wholeness Service at 6pm at Christ Church

Monday 7th April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 8th April

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 9th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 10th April

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 12th April

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

Easter Family Fun 2:30pm-4:30pm at Christ Church

(registration is required for this event)

Sunday 13th April

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please be aware that Tom will be unavailable from Tuesday 22nd April til Saturday 26th April inclusive.

Nicky Unavailable

Please be aware that Nicky will be unavailable from Monday 21st April til Sunday 27th April inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" ...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. "

Colossians 1: 10-12

Prayer Pointers

Monday: By Your Holy Spirit, fill us with the power of Your love, that others may enter into that experience of life-changing love that comes from You alone.

Tuesday: We pray for our two churches, Christ Church and Emmanuel, and for the churches of our town, striving through word and deed to make known the love of Christ in our lives and in this community. We think especially of those in positions of leadership, asking that You will give them the faith and wisdom that they need. We pray also for those in their charge - that they will respond gladly to opportunities for service, making vision become reality.

Wednesday: We pray for all victims of violence, for all who are despised or rejected, and for all who are diminished by illness, pain, illiteracy, or poverty. We pray for all who are slaves to addiction of any kind, many of whom meet at Emmanuel. May the power of Jesus set them free.

Thursday: Father, we pray for governments around the world whose decisions may affect the whole of Your creation, thinking especially of the implications for future generations of the decisions that are being made today.

Friday: Father, we pray for peace in our world, and that leaders who are only concerned about their own power may think again and realise the implications and harm of all that they are doing. Grant them Your wisdom.

Saturday: We pray for the old, lonely, and infirm - that they may have all the support and friends that they need.

Sunday: We thank and praise You for this special day when we can come together to worship You. You are our God and sent Jesus to lead us on the way to eternal life.

Coffee after the Service...



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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REPAIR CAFE

SPECIAL REPAIR CAFÉ
NEXT SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL

Our Repair Café will have a celebratory feel in April. The time has come again to pass on the generous donations made by our lovely supporters.

At around 11am we will be presenting a large cheque to a local charity voted for by our team of volunteers.



If you are free between 10am and 12:30pm, please come along and celebrate this wonderful community project which runs month by month in Christ Church.

Normal repairs will be tackled in the Spire Centre on the day but please don't feel you have to bring along an item to join us.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS!

BAGS OF WRAPPED MINI CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE EASTER FAMILY FUN EVENT ON THE 12TH APRIL.



THERE IS A BASKET AT THE BACK OF CHRIST CHURCH FOR DONATIONS TO BE COLLECTED OR, ALTERNATIVELY, PASS YOUR DONATIONS TO EMMA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel this Saturday, 5th April from 10:30am-12noon Please do come along and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Maundy Thursday Supper

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

Tickets are £5 for a 2-course meal (chicken casserole or veggie option plus a dessert). **Spaces are limited** so please get your tickets early if you would like to attend. The **deadline** for purchasing a ticket will be **Sunday 13th**.



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. Please do join us for what should be both an enjoyable and informative evening!

More coffee anyone...?

Our Upcoming APCMs

The dates/times for our annual meetings this year are as follows:

Christ Church:
Sunday 13th April 2025
(after morning service)

Emmanuel:
Sunday 27th April 2025
(after morning service)

The new Electoral Rolls are now displayed at both Christ Church and Emmanuel - 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 available at the back of church, from the Church Office, or from the Wardens (or from Daphne Hill if you are at Emmanuel).

Documentation for the Christ Church APCM will be sent out **electronically** to members next week (NB/ please do check your junk/spam folders if you do not receive it into your inbox).

There will be a limited number of paper copies available on the day for those who are not signed-up to our mailing list. There will also be one copy available for viewing on the noticeboard.

If anyone would like to raise something under '**Any Other Business**' we would ask that this is **made known to Tom by the end of the day on Friday 11th April**.

The End of Year Financial Statements & Accounts 2024 for Christ Church are now available to view either (1) on the noticeboard outside the kitchen; (2) via our website: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2024-CCWSM-accounts-merged-with-IE-certificate.pdf> (or look under 'About' / '2024 Accounts') or (3) contained within the documentation which will be sent out next week.

Please submit any finance questions to finance@ccwsm.org.uk by 4pm on Friday 11th April.



Easter Flowers



At Easter we like to give a gift to members of our Christ Church family who are either unable to come to Church now or who are struggling at the moment.

If you feel able to donate a small plant in a pot or basket, these would be much appreciated.

Please pass any donations to Emma in the Church Office during this week or deposit them in the box outside the Office either this Sunday (6th) or next Sunday (13th).

Or, alternatively, if you are planning to bring your donation to Church on Easter Sunday instead, please ensure you let Emma in the Church Office know this by Monday 14th April. This will enable us to plan accordingly. Thank you.

Earthquake Appeals

Samaritan's Purse and TearFund have both launched Emergency Appeals for the earthquake in Myanmar. If you would like to donate to either of these please click...

[...here](#) for

Samaritan's Purse

[...here](#) for

TearFund



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SATURDAY 17TH MAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

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.

