Connected

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April 2025

Our Easter Events/Services



12th April from 2:30pm-4:30pm Easter Family Fun! Christ Church

17th April at 6pm Maundy Thursday Supper Christ Church

18th April at 12noon Good Friday March Of Hope starting at Emmanuel

20th April at 6:30am
Easter Sunday Sunrise Vigil
Marine Parade - opposite
Carlton Street

13th April at 10:30am
Palm Sunday Morning Service
Christ Church & Emmanuel

18th April at 10:30am Good Friday Family Service - Christ Church Reflective Service - Emmanuel

> 18th April at 2pm Good Friday 'Last Hour' Service Christ Church

20th April at 10:30am Easter Sunday Communion Christ Church & Emmanuel

Christ Church
Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon Snippets

Emmanuel Luke 19: 28-44

Has something ever turned out to be not what you expected? I'm sure we all have, leading to a good and sometimes not so good surprise!

The first Palm Sunday begins a week of changing expectations... triumph... followed by despair... followed by the best surprise of all.



Come and join us *I* tune in as we begin this journey together again.



Watch the Morning Service

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

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



On this Palm Sunday, we begin our journey into Holy Week. Day by day, moving closer to the pain of Friday, the silence of Saturday, and the celebration of Sunday.

So, as we meet this Palm Sunday, hearing again

of Jesus riding into
Jerusalem on a donkey,
let's explore together
how this passage of
Scripture can propel
us into the week ahead
and connect us afresh
to Jesus and the most
beautiful story ever
told.



What's On This Week

Saturday 12th April

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church Easter Family Fun 2:30pm-4:30pm at Christ Church (for those who have registered)

Sunday 13th April

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 14th April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 15th April

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 16th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 17th April

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

Maundy Thursday Supper at 6pm at Christ Church (for those who have tickets)

Friday 18th April - Sunday 20th April

For details of all our Easter events/services taking place, please see the front page.

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

" Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9: 9

Prayer Pointers

Monday: We pray for our world, suffering in so many ways because of the changing climate. Guide all countries to do the right things to help the situation but thank You that we can know that You are in charge.

Tuesday: We pray for our Life Groups, especially the leaders as they seek to share God's Word, and for all the discussions that ensue. May the Holy Spirit guide all that is said and prayed about.

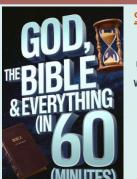
Wednesday: We continue to pray about all the wars and unrest around Your world - that You will somehow bring peace and understanding.

Thursday: We pray for all those who have fled or are fleeing war situations, including the earthquake in Myanmar, and are now having to live in huge refugee camps with food shortages and no life outside their tents. We pray also for all the agencies seeking to help, that they will be provided with the necessary supplies.

Friday: Despite all that people have got wrong in the world, we can still praise You for all that You have given us. Though we let You down and turn away from Your presence, You never forget us, never give up on us, and never stop loving us.

Saturday: God of all, Three in One and One in Three, we praise You that You have called us to be Your children, Your friends, and Your people. Receive now our worship, offered to You in awe and wonder, in joy and thanksgiving. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, receive our praise.

Sunday: We bring those who are part of our lives, family and friends, and all those we meet. All things are Yours. We entrust them to Your keeping.



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.

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...

Maundy Thursday Supper Thursday 17th April / 6pm at Christ Church

Tickets are £5 for a 2-course meal (chicken casserole or veggie option plus a dessert). There are now only a few tickets left and the deadline for purchasing tickets is this Sunday, 13th April.



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!

REPAIR CAFE

SPECIAL REPAIR CAFÉ THIS 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 At Emmanuel

We will be decorating Emmanuel for Easter on Saturday 19th April at 10am.

Please bring flowers or pot plants and stay to help if possible.



Christ Church's APCM

Please note that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Christ Church is being held this **Sunday**, **13th April**, after the morning service.

We have **four** vacancies for the **PCC** and **one** vacancy for the **Deanery Synod**. These are important roles.

Nomination forms will still be available at the back of church on Sunday but please note that nominations will have to be made before the meeting starts.

The documentation was sent out electronically to members earlier this week (NB/ please do check your junk/spam folders if you did 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 is also one copy available for viewing on the noticeboard. Please note that only those who are listed on the Electoral Roll will be able to vote at the meeting (if any voting is required).

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 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 has been emailed out.

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

Thank you!

More coffee anyone...?

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 deposit any donations in the box outside the Office this 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.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday 26th April at Christ Church 8:30am-10am COST: £4



Bacon butties, toast, and drinks... then "An Interview With Hilary Emery".

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at Christ Church... or, if you are at Emmanuel, please notify Paul Sodzi or contact the Church Office.

Volunteer Needed ...

Pat Allchorne, our Treasurer at CITA, is stepping back and we need someone to take on her role.



Sodzi

The work itself does not take up too much time - it mainly involves keeping an eye on monies coming in and going out and disbursements to staff in Ghana. Annual accounts and reports have to be prepared but do not involve too much.

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Pat is happy to brief anyone who would be interested. Or speak to me.



Can you Help ...?

An Australian couple (who are Christians and friends of Paul Sodzi) are looking for modest cost accommodation between 20th July and the first week of September. Options could be a "granny flat"/self-contained unit for short/medium rental or possibly "house sit" for anyone contemplating being away for

contemplating being away for part of that period in our area.

If you can help, please speak to Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Office.

Emmanuel's APGM

Please note that this will be held on: Sunday 27th April (after morning service). The new Electoral Roll is now displayed - please check this and advise Keith Bury if any corrections are needed.

There is one vacancy for the PCC. Nomination forms are available. Please speak to Daphne Hill if you would like one.