

Connected

2nd Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 27th April 2025

Open Gardens



The new programme for the coming season of Open Gardens is now available at both our churches. Please do take one.

Open Gardens are informal social events and are an ideal way for newcomers to meet with other church members. So please do come along and, perhaps, invite a friend to join you!

The first Open Garden will be on:
Saturday 10th May
2:30pm-5pm
(please see the programme for further details)

There will be teas, coffee, cakes, and soft drinks (under cover - if the sun fails to shine!)



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

This week we're looking at King David or, rather, at his humble beginnings as a shepherd. Is this somewhat unimpressive boy really the King that God has chosen?

God sees through the shiny, distracting stuff and goes right to the heart of the matter. And he uses the prophet Samuel to prove that, sometimes, faith looks like obedience in uncertainty.



Emmanuel

John 20: 19-31

What's Happening?

Have you ever been struck by some event or by seeing something wonderful that you have had to just stop and stare?

Or have you ever been in a situation where it seems chaos reigns and you have no idea what is going on - you are so confused it is frightening?

Today we will look at how some people react to both of these situations.

Join us at Emmanuel this Sunday.



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 26th April

Men's Breakfast at 8:30am at Christ Church

Monday 28th April

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 29th April

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 30th April

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 1st May

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 3rd May

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

Notices

Christ Church APCM

If anyone would like to watch Christ Church's APCM, please contact Emma in the Church Office and she can send you the online link.

Verse For The Week

"When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' "

1 Samuel 16: 6-7

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Prayer Pointers

This week we bring before the Lord those we know who are going through difficult times in their lives.

Monday.

Pray for those for whom life is lonely and empty because someone they love has been taken from them. In your prayers name someone you know who is in this position.

Tuesday.

Pray for those who have been hurt by life, those who have been wounded by the malice of enemies or the faithlessness of friends, or those who have been crushed in spirit because they are not appreciated as they ought to be. Pray for someone you know who is in this condition.

Wednesday.

Pray for those who are overworked or under stress, or who are exhausted by the position they are in and finding life difficult to cope with. In your prayers name anyone you know who is experiencing this.

Thursday.

Pray for those for whom illness or disability has taken away their active life. Pray also for those worried about the health of someone they love. In your prayers name someone you know who is in this position.

Friday.

Pray for those who have been disappointed in something on which they had set their heart or who have been brought low by failure in their life. In your prayers name someone you know this applies to.

Saturday.

Give thanks to the Lord for anyone you know whose life is currently successful or happy and for anyone you know who has had prayers answered so that they have overcome a problem or health issue. Praise the Lord, for he hears all our prayers for those who suffer.

Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel's APOC

Please note that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Emmanuel will be held this Sunday, 27th April, after the morning service.

There is one vacancy for the POC. This is an important role. Nomination forms will still be available from Daphne Hill on Sunday but please note that nominations will have to be made before the meeting starts.

Ambassadors Women's Group

Ten-pin-bowling on Friday 16th May at All Stars Bowling (Dolphin Square)



Please arrive by 7:15pm to start playing at 7:30pm.
Cost is £10 for under 60s and £8.25 for over 60s.

If you would like to attend, please pop your name on the sign-up sheet... or, if you are at Emmanuel, please notify Anne Jones or contact Emma in the Church Office.

To pay, please click [here](#) or visit:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/product-category/events/ambassadors/>

Civic Society Awards



Emmanuel were invited to the Civic Society Awards Evening and presented with a plaque for the work done on the west windows - mending the stain glass and the mullions. We were also given a plaque for Ellis, the builders who did the work.



Plaques were also handed out for seven other projects for improving and renovating buildings and walls in the town.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be held on:

Saturday 3rd May
10:30am-12noon

(apologies for 'rookie-copy-&-paste' error on the date last week!!)

Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Weston CAP is now in the final stages of winding-up.

To read their final newsletter, please click [here](#).

&, if you have been financially supporting Weston CAP, please ensure that you cancel any Standing Orders or monthly payments immediately.

Volunteers Needed



Once again, the department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care at Weston General Hospital is looking for people willing to give up two hours a week to visit patients on the wards as chaplaincy volunteers (training will be provided). These visits mean the world to people who often have no other visitors or who are lonely and away from their loved ones. Could this be you? Do you have an interest in making someone's day brighter?

If you are interested, please have a word with Tom in the first instance.

Uphill Methodist Retreat Centre

The next Retreat Morning at Uphill Centre will take place on THURSDAY 1st MAY

Mrs Janet Widdess (a Local Methodist Preacher from Burnham) will be leading for us.

As usual we shall start at 10am with reflective input and time for personal contemplation until 12noon.

There is no charge so please feel free to come and use the time for renewal in the midst of your busy life demands.

More coffee anyone...?

Ambassadors Women's Group Programme 2025

Friday 16th May at 7:30pm
Ten-Pin Bowling in Dolphin Square

Saturday 21st June at 10am
Pirates Mini-Golf

Saturday 19th July at 10am
Walk and/or coffee at Uphill

Saturday 16th August
(to be arranged nearer the time)



Saturday 20th September at 10am
Garden/Garden Centre Visit

Saturday 18th October - time tbc
Breakfast at The Beefeater

Saturday 15th November at 10am
Christmas Crafts in The Spire Centre

Friday 5th December - time tbc
Christmas Lunch at The Beachlands



Sign-up sheets will be made available each month to book your place.

Any questions please contact Kathy Hinchliffe, Anne Jones, Elaine Fairs, or Helen Evans

June Heyworth's Funeral

The funeral for June Heyworth will be held on:

Monday 12th May at 11:30am
at Weston Crematorium

All church family are invited but please could you let Emma in the Church Office know if you are planning to attend.



Event at St Paul's Church, Weston

Saturday 24th May at 7pm

(see poster for further details)

Tickets are free but there will be a 'love offering' taken-up at the end of the evening

VOLUNTEER NEEDED...

PAT ALLCHORNE, OUR TREASURER AT CITA, IS STEPPING BACK AND WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE ON HER ROLE.

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. PAT IS HAPPY TO BRIEF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED. OR YOU CAN SPEAK TO ME.



Paul Sodzi

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 part of that period.

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

COME & HEAR **SAM CHILDERS**
"THE MACHINE GUN PREACHER"
SHARE HIS INCREDIBLE STORY

SAM'S JOURNEY HAS TAKEN HIM FROM A LIFE OF VIOLENT CRIME TO WAR TORN EASTERN AFRICA WHERE HE HAS RESCUED OVER 1500 CHILDREN FROM REBEL ARMIES

St Paul's Weston,
Walliscotte Road
BS23 1EF
7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm
Refreshments available

SAM'S STORY WAS MADE INTO A HOLLYWOOD FILM STARRING GERARD BUTLER