

Connected

5th Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Psalm 139

If Psalm 23 is the king of Psalms then, as many people suggest, Psalm 139 is the queen!

It can be divided into four parts:

Vs 1-12: there is no running from God;
Vs 13-18: the wonder of human reproduction and God's sovereignty;
Vs 19-22: reaction against the enemies of God;
Vs 23-24: our response.

Do join us on Sunday!

Emmanuel

1 Samuel 18: 1-11

Although this term we are looking at the life of King David, on Sunday we'll be looking at another character who was very much tied into David's story. That's the first King of Israel, Saul.

It is the beginnings of a rather sad story for him - he can't cope with the "rising star" that David is and lets his jealousy get on top of him. This has lessons for us; for jealousy is alive and well in our society. So, how do we recognise it and how do we cope with it?

Come along on Sunday to find out...



Celebration of Lay Ministries

It is our joy to invite you to our annual Diocesan 'Celebration of Lay Ministries' event this year, taking place at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 14th June, from 2pm until 4pm.

The Celebration is an opportunity for both lay and ordained to come together with the Bishop to be valued, affirmed, and thanked for the gifts and ministries we offer.

This year our theme is 'Varieties Of Gifts'. At the event there will be:

- A Celebration Service where we will hear from different people speaking about their gifts and ministries;
- A Marketplace Of Stalls where we can see and explore the variety of ministries that are on offer;
- A time to meet old friends and to make new ones!

And there will be cake...!

We'd love it if you could come. To book your place, and for more information, please click [here](#).

*Bath & Wells
Diocese*



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk
Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

Prayer Pointers

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Church Family:

Let us pray for the new PCC members as they join the PCC for their first meeting, together with Deanery Synod members, on Monday - for wisdom and God's guidance for all discussions and decisions made. Let us also pray for our Churchwardens. We also lift up to you, Lord, our loved ones, our neighbours, and those in our church family who are sick, suffering, lonely, frightened, bereaved, or hurting. And for those who may have an operation this week.

The Local Area:

We pray for our communities - praying for the children in our community - those you know in your family, your neighbours, and those connected to our churches. And those you don't know but see around in our local community - those in local schools and colleges, youth clubs, uniformed organisations, and those who are not able to be at church as they are taking part in tournaments.

National Prayer:

We pray for immigrants in this country and the whole situation surrounding migration. Please consider how you are prompted to pray today with regard to these matters.

Global Prayer:

Let us pray into this, this week: Vladimir Putin has invited Zelenskyy to a meeting for a possible discussion to end the war in Ukraine. We also pray for the new Pope as he prepares for his new office - may he bring an essence of freshness and peace to the people world over.

What's On This Week

Saturday 17th May

God, The Bible, & Everything Event at Christ Church
Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start
(this is a ticketed event - for those who have registered in advance or those who would like to buy a ticket on the door)

Monday 19th May

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 20th May

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

Wednesday 21st May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 22nd May

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

Notices

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Monday 19th May and Tuesday 27th May.

Church Office Closed

Please be aware that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 23rd May til Tuesday 27th May inclusive.

It will also be officially closed from Monday 2nd June til Friday 6th June inclusive (although emails and phone messages will be intermittently picked up during this time).

Verse For The Week

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalms 139: 23-24

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Coffee after the Service...

Active Men's Group



The Active Men's Group is planning a trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum on Saturday 31st May at 10am (leaving Weston at 8:30am)

Cost: to be confirmed
(maximum £23)



This will be followed by lunch at 1pm at The Podymore Inn (Yeovil, BA22 8JF)

If you would like to attend, please pop your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church (or, for those at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please let Emma in the Church Office know).

And, if you are happy to drive/offer lifts, please note this on the sheet. Thank you.



Part-Time Manager needed for The Hughenden Centre

The salary will be £14,560 for an average of 20 hours per week.

For further details please see the noticeboards at both churches.

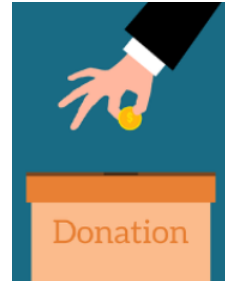
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING - 18 MAY 2025

For those at Emmanuel, please do not leave boxes unattended - just give them to me or one of the Wardens. For those at Christ Church, please let Emma have your boxes and she will pass them on to me.

The 18th May is not a hard and fast date - just bring the boxes to church as you are able. I shall return the boxes when they have been counted and let you know how much was raised.

Many thanks to all who continue to support the Children's Society.

Carl



SAVE THE DATE!

WE WILL BE RUNNING OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER SUMMER SPECIAL AGAIN THIS YEAR FROM THURSDAY 24TH THROUGH UNTIL SUNDAY 27TH JULY!

PLANNING FOR THIS EVENT IS ONGOING AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON BUT, FOR NOW, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES AND, IF YOU CAN BE ON TEAM, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH - IT IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN!

(ALL TEAM WILL NEED CURRENT DBS CLEARANCE)



13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



Chris Cole and some of his family are taking part in the Weston Hospice Mendip Challenge on 1st June in memory of Liz and to raise funds for the Hospice.

If you would like to support him, please click [here](#) to donate or speak to Chris direct.



IF YOU HAVEN'T YET BOOKED YOUR TICKET FOR THIS EVENT, BUT DECIDE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG, THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A TICKET ON THE DOOR.

More coffee anyone...?

Event at St Paul's Church, Weston

Saturday 24th May at 7pm

(see poster on noticeboards at both churches for further details)

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

To book your place, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code on the poster.

MACHINE GUN PREACHER
SAM CHILDERS

I DON'T THINK ABOUT THE ONES I RESCUED
I THINK ABOUT THE ONES I DIDN'T
SAM CHILDERS

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



**ROC WSM
MENTOR
SCHEME**

We have had some encouraging enquiries for this child mentoring initiative but would welcome some more!

This is an exciting opportunity to support the children at Haywood Village Academy.

If you have one or two hours a month you are willing to volunteer, please send an email to express your interest. Online training will be offered in June and the scheme will be fully supported by the school and our ROC staff team.

To express an interest, please email president@ctwd.org.uk

See also:

<https://www.ctwd.org.uk/news/item/161-roc-recruiting-mentors-at-haywood-village-academy-wsm.html>

The closing date is 31st May. Thank you.



**URBAN
SAINTS**

**Free Training Event
Locking Castle Church
Monday 9th June
from 7pm-9pm**

Locking Castle Church are hosting an Urban Saints training session: 'Supporting Children and Young People with Additional Needs In Church'. This is an evening session for any paid workers or volunteers in Weston churches.

To book your place, please click [here](#) or visit:
<https://lockingcastlechurch.churchsuite.com/events/eies51tk>

You are invite to join us for our

Ladies Day

Saturday 14th June 2025
Locking Castle Church, Jasmine Way
BS24 7JW

Registration 9.30am, finish at 3.30pm
Worship Leader and Speaker: Gill Bough
Theme: Ephesians 2:10

WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE
Tea, coffee & cakes will be provided -
Please Bring your own lunch
£10 Per Person.

To purchase your ticket please via our Facebook Page
or our website at <http://lockingcastlechurch.org>

LOCKINGCASTLECHURCH LOVE



OpenDoors Volunteers Needed!

Every year hundreds of people use their time, skills and energy to support the persecuted church through volunteering with Open Doors.

So... could you help spread the word?

We are currently looking for: • Office Volunteers • Advocacy Reps • Events Volunteers • Prayer Group Leaders • Volunteer Speakers. To find out about all the roles and how to apply click [here](#).

Thank you, as ever, for your support for the persecuted church.