

# Connected

4th Sunday Of Lent / Mothering Sunday / Sunday 15th March 2026

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church

*Isaiah 49: 13-18*

This Sunday, Mothering Sunday, we remember those who, in history, would return to their "Mother Church" during the season of Lent.

The image of Christ's Church providing a nurturing and encouraging place in which to grow in faith could be drawn from our reading in Isaiah, where the prophet speaks of God's love for God's people being like that of a mother.



### Emmanuel

*Isaiah 49: 13-18 + Luke 2: 25-35*

Something of the extent of God's love and care is shown in our reading for Mothering Sunday. Our names are "engraved on the palm of God's hand". It shows us the closeness with which God regards us.

The palms of our hands are something that we see almost all of the time, perhaps even more than our faces! They are also quite personal to each of us - our fingerprints are individual to us all... and our God sees us in this way!



## Open Gardens 2026



With the beginning of spring, we are starting to plan our summer season of Open Gardens. These are a great opportunity to enjoy three things at once - a social get together, a chance to enjoy the outdoors, and an opportunity to share tea and cake.

Some of you regularly sign-up which is great but we also welcome new people to open up their gardens for us. They don't have to be special, tidy, or beautiful - just a space and a host who can gather a few friends to help with refreshments.

Whether you are a new volunteer or a regular, please sign-up on the lists at the back of both churches (there are separate dates for Christ Church hosts and Emmanuel hosts so we do not clash!).



If you have any questions, please contact Terry Baillie.

Thank you!

# Prayer Pointers

**Sunday:** Please pray for our readers, intercessors, and us as worshippers.

**Monday:** Pray for the decision makers in the USA, Israel, and Iran - as the hostilities escalate, that they might seek peace.

**Tuesday:** Pray for those helping and attending the Beacon today.

**Wednesday:** Pray for all staff and patients in our Hospice.

**Thursday:** Please pray for all those who are sick within our community, and for their families.

**Friday:** Pray for our PCC Secretaries and our Treasurers.

**Saturday:** Pray for the work of the many people who prepare our churches for our services and for those who contribute music to our worship.

## Verse For The Week

“ ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever set before me’ . ”

*Isaiah 49: 15-16*

## Watch the Morning Service

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

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# What's On This Week

## Saturday 14th March

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

## Monday 16th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 17th March

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

## Wednesday 18th March

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church  
Alpha Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre  
(for those who have signed up)

## Thursday 19th March

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

## Saturday 21st March

Ambassadors Dance at 10am in The Spire Centre

## Sunday 22nd March

Children's Ministry Training at 12:30pm in The Spire Centre  
Welcome Tea at 4pm in The Spire Centre

## Connected Emails

Please note that there may be some disruption to the weekly Connected emails over the next few months. Sadly, as of this month, Mailchimp appears to have made further restrictions on their free account which means our allowed 'credits' and contacts have been reduced by 50%. I am currently looking into other options but swapping to a new platform and creating new templates and data lists will take some time.

On the weeks where I cannot use our Mailchimp account I will endeavour to email as many people as possible directly. However, if you do not receive a Connected email as usual on a Friday, please visit Christ Church's website (under 'What's On' tab): <https://ccwsm.org.uk/weekly-connected-news-sheet/> where you will be able to view the latest Connected.

I'll keep you updated with regard to this and let you know as and when I'll be starting to send emails from any new platform.

And, if anyone from within our congregations has any experience of using either Brevo or MailerLite, please do let me know!

*Emma*

# Coffee after the Service...

## Welcome Tea

You are invited along to our Welcome Tea at Christ Church on: Sunday 22nd March at 4pm

If you have started attending Christ Church within the last year or so, we would love you to come along to our Welcome Tea which will be held on Sunday 22nd March at 4pm.

It will be a chance to meet with others, have some sandwiches and cake, and learn more about our Church family.

If you would like to attend, please could you let Emma in the Church Office know: [office@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwsm.org.uk) or 01934 641016

## The Ambassadors Women's Group

Saturday 21st March  
Gentle Dance With Kerry  
10am-12noon  
Spire Centre, Christ Church

Everyone welcome - seated options for those who can't stand.

£2 charge - please bring cash with you on the day.

If you would like to attend, please pop your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. Or, if at Emmanuel, please speak to Anne Jones or Emma in the Church Office.



## Easter Family Fun!



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
2:30pm - 4:30pm

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

Crafts and Games, Easter Story Trail, Easter Egg Hunt

Refreshments

Collect a story and a goody bag on the way home!

£1 per person - (babies under 6 months go free!)

To register, please go to [www.ccwsm.org.uk/events](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk/events)

Can you help with our 'Easter Family Fun' event this year...?

We need:

- (1) team to help - there is a sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church - please do have a look and add your name/place a tick against any of the jobs you might be willing to do;
- (2) bags of foil-wrapped mini chocolate Easter eggs - please bring these to church and place in the donations basket (or pass to Emma in the Office). Thank you!

## Helen Morrissey - Arrow Course



Please see the last couple of weeks' Connected for more information regarding this appeal. If you would like to give, please click on the following link: <https://givealittle.co/c/HelenMorrisseyArrow>, or use the QR code (on the flipchart in church), or put your gift in an envelope in the collection plate marked 'Helen Morrissey'.

Thank you so much.

## REPAIR CAFE

THE NEXT REPAIR CAFE WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH, FROM 10AM-12:30PM AT CHRIST CHURCH

## Hot Cross Buns!

Donations of hot cross buns are needed for the Easter Family Fun event (28th March) and for the Good Friday morning service at Christ Church (3rd April). These can be brought to church any time from now as they can be placed in the freezer here. Either pop them in the donations basket or deliver to the Office.



# More coffee anyone...?

## Dates For Your Diaries...

Please note that both APCMs this year will be held after the Sunday morning services as follows:

Emmanuel : Sunday 19th April

Christ Church : Sunday 26th April

## Christians of Weston unite!

Let us gather together and

Sunday 19th April 2026 hear about the suffering

5.30 - 8 pm of our persecuted

brothers and sisters in Christ

@ The Hughenden Centre

25 Hughenden Rd, Ashcombe, Weston-super-Mare BS23 2UR

An evening featuring the work of

## OPEN DOORS



Films . Speakers . Discussion . Prayer . Praise

Enjoy a buffet of

West African food and  
vegetarian curry with us



The evening is free but donations to cover costs would be most welcome

[www.opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica)

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This Open Doors event is free to attend but, to book a place, please click [here](#) or contact one of the named people above.

## Lost Property



There are a few lost property items (mainly gloves and scarves) which will be on a table at the back of Christ Church for the next couple of Sundays - please do take a look to see if anything is yours.

Please note that whatever remains at the end of the month will be disposed of.

## Candle Recycling.



Does anyone recycle candles (or know someone who does)? We have a number of partially burned red candles left over from Christmas.

If anyone can make use of these for crafting purposes or something else, please see Emma in the Office.

## THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE GIFT CATALOGUE



Samaritan's Purse  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

## CHARITY GIFT IDEAS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CAME ALONGSIDE LANG'S FAMILY WITH PRACTICAL SUPPORT DESIGNED TO LAST. THEY RECEIVED AN ADULT COW AND CALF, 40 CHICKENS, RESILIENT GRASS SEEDLINGS, CHICKEN FEED, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BUILD PROPER SHELTER FOR THE ANIMALS. LANG WAS ALSO TRAINED IN LIVESTOCK CARE—LEARNING HOW TO PREPARE FEED, TREAT DISEASE, AND MANAGE HIS GROWING ASSETS.

"WHAT WE RECEIVED CHANGED EVERYTHING" LANG SHARED.

TODAY, GIFTS LIKE BABY CHICKS, HELPING A FAMILY RAISE LIVESTOCK, AND DAIRY GOATS ARE TRANSFORMING HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES LIKE LANG'S. WHY NOT PARTNER WITH US IN THIS LIFE-CHANGING WORK BY DONATING THROUGH OUR [GIFT CATALOGUE](#).



## Multiply Estates Mission

Bristol Thursday 23 April 2026

Di, our curate joining us in July, is attending this day on which there should be some inspiring and useful teaching. It's £15 for the morning and lunch. If you're interested, please let Tom know.