

Connected

Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday Of Lent

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Isaiah 53

As we begin to prepare for Good Friday and Easter Day, we look back at the incredible way these events were prophesied hundreds of years before.

But this prophesy isn't just 'lost in history' for it makes an offer to you and me today.

Do join us that we can prepare well for the Easter season to come.



Emmanuel

John 11: 1-45 + Psalm 130



The darkness of the tomb is not too dark for Jesus.

The death of Lazarus does not mean it is

too late for Jesus to be his life...

While he is still dead, Lazarus hears the word of Jesus and obeys it.

Electoral Roll

In official terms, the Electoral Roll is a list of people who can vote at the Annual Church Meeting. However, being on the Electoral Roll also signifies a spiritual sense of membership, belonging, and commitment to the body of Christ.

To be on the Electoral Roll you will need to be at least 16 years old, be baptised, and either a resident in the parish or have been attending services/engaging regularly with the online services for around six months. You will need to complete a form which you can either pick up from Church or obtain from the Church Office/one of the Church Wardens (NB/ this is different to the Church Family Contact Details/Data Consent Form for those who have completed one of these). If you have already completed an Electoral Roll form within the last five years you do not need to complete another one for this year.

Names of those on the Roll are required to be displayed for at least fifteen days prior to the APCM. The **deadline** for any **new additions** to the **Electoral Roll** are as follows:

Emmanuel - Saturday 4th April

Christ Church - Sunday 5th April

The **dates** for our **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** are as follows (both taking place after the morning service):

Emmanuel: Sunday 19th April

Christ Church: Sunday 26th April

If you have any questions please get in touch with Emma in the Church Office or, for those at Emmanuel, Keith Bury. Or speak to one of the Wardens.

Electoral Roll

- Belong**
- Participate**
- Contribute**



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

Sunday: We pray for the Children's Ministry Training taking place at Christ Church after the service and for the Welcome Tea in the afternoon.

Monday: We pray for our farmers as they struggle with this wet weather and the long hours they put in with lambing at this time of year.

Tuesday: We pray for our Curate, Di Vickery, as she prepares to join us in the summer.

Wednesday: We give thanks for the Alpha Course and pray that it has encouraged and helped people in their journey of faith.

Thursday: We pray for the Welcome Group as it meets every Thursday afternoon at Emmanuel - that those welcomed-in will come to know the love our Lord has for them.

Friday: We pray for Tom & Chris and their family - that they find the time to enjoy each others' company and a bonding with their grandchildren.

Saturday: We pray for those preparing to lead and preach tomorrow, on Palm Sunday

SPARE TICKET

IF ANYONE MISSED OUT ON SIGNING-UP FOR THE AMBASSADORS' TRIP TO 42ND STREET (11TH APRIL MATINEE) BUT WOULD LIKE TO GO, ELAINE FAIRS HAS A SPARE TICKET - PLEASE SEE HER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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What's On This Week

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

Monday 23rd March

Ladies Together at 12:45pm at Christ Church
(please note earlier time due to meal)

Tuesday 24th March

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

Wednesday 25th 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 26th March

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

Saturday 28th March

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

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please be aware that Tom will be unavailable from Monday 6th April til Thursday 9th April inclusive.

Connected Emails

Please note that there may be some disruption to the weekly Connected emails over the next few months (for more information, see last week's Connected). 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-newsletter/> where you will be able to view the latest edition.

Verse For The Week

" Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. "

Isaiah 53: 4-6

Coffee after the Service...

OPEN GARDENS 2026



OUR SLOTS ARE FILLING-UP FAST FOR THIS...!

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED-UP. IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO HOST ONE OF THESE EVENTS THIS YEAR, PLEASE DO POP YOUR NAME ON ONE OF THE LISTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES (THERE ARE SEPARATE DATES FOR CHRIST CHURCH HOSTS AND EMMANUEL HOSTS).

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

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

www.opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica

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



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

We still need more people to help – please have a look at the sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church and pop your name down for any tasks you think you might be able to assist with

Donations For Easter Events/Services

The following are needed for the Easter Family Fun event (28th March) and for the Good Friday morning service at Christ Church (3rd April):

Hot Cross Buns



Bags of foil-wrapped mini chocolate Easter eggs



Please bring these to church any time from now (the hot cross buns can be placed in our freezer) and place in the donations basket or pass to Emma in the Office. Thank you!

More coffee anyone...?

Mission Focus - Andy Page

Please do take a look at the new poster about Andy Page, one of our UK Mission Partners. This is shown below and is also displayed on the Missions Board (on the wall next to the automatic doors). It explains what he does and sets out how you can offer support.

To get more information you can scan the QR code or follow the [link](#). From here you can also join a WhatsApp Group which he has recently set up - he intends providing regular, probably monthly, updates via this means.

Andy's heart for the Lord and for prayer, as well as his commitment to Christ Church, are exemplary - we thank God for him and the work he does.



We would like to say a very big thank you to...

...Doug and Dawn Halstead - as of this month they have been keeping our Spire Centre clean for twenty years! Thank you so much!

Daily Prayer Through Passiontide



On Monday 23rd March we begin two weeks of reflections using Matthew 26 & 27 as preparation for Easter. Why not join us (at any time of day that suits you) as we journey, with Jesus, to the Cross. To go to our Daily Prayers, click [here](#).

Some Sad News...

Many of you will have known Tony West. We are sad to inform you that Tony passed away this week.

Please keep Shirley and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Details of his funeral will follow in due course.

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.



Pray4Andy

'DECLARING HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS'
PRAYER · MISSION · MEDIA

Hi! I'm **Andy Page**, a Christian **media specialist** serving the Church by helping mobilise prayer for the world in pursuit of God's Great Commission. (Matt 28:18-20)

For 20+ years I have served alongside churches, prayer movements, and mission organisations, using media to help believers pray with understanding and unity for God's purposes among the nations. The projects are local, national and international.

What I Do
My work focuses on helping the Church pray and engage with God's mission through:

- Creating multilingual **prayer guides and resources** used by believers around the world.
- Supporting global **prayer movements and online prayer gatherings**.
- Producing **TV programmes, videos, songs, websites, and communications** that inspire prayers for mission.
- Equipping **children, families, and churches** to pray for the nations!

At heart, my calling is simple: **to help the Church to pray with faith for the world God loves - and to see lives, towns and nations transformed!**

How You Can Support:
Pray - for wisdom, strength, and open doors.
Partner - this work is largely **faith-supported**.
Connect - sign up for WhatsApp prayer updates.
Together we can help **declare His glory among the nations!**

—1 Chronicles 16:24

More info, WhatsApp Feed, Support and lots more:
www.linktr.ee/pray4andy