

# Connected

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026

## Christ Church

*Matthew 21: 1-11 + Genesis 49: 9-11*

Are we able to acknowledge the sovereignty of God during both the good times and the bad times? Matthew's account of the Palm Sunday story encourages us to do so.

God is always with us, through the happy and sad times, and it is our calling to acknowledge his supreme power at all times.



## Sermon Snippets

## Emmanuel

*Matthew 21: 1-11 + Isaiah 5: 1-7*

*This Sunday we're looking at Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem. He arrives not as a fierce warrior, but as a humble prophet.*

*As he travels through his final days on earth, Jesus continues to turn everything upside-down.*

*Please do join us on Sunday.*



28th March from 2:30pm-4:30pm

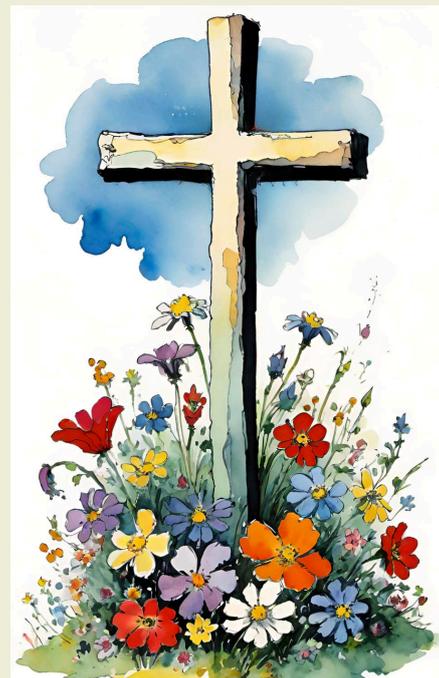
Easter Family Fun!  
Christ Church

29th March at 10:30am  
Palm Sunday Morning Service  
Christ Church & Emmanuel

2nd April at 6pm  
Maundy Thursday Communion  
Emmanuel

3rd April at 10:30am  
Good Friday  
Family Service - Christ Church  
Reflective Service - Emmanuel

Please do join us  
for our Easter  
Events/Services



3rd April at 12noon  
Good Friday March Of Hope  
starting at Emmanuel

3rd April at 2pm  
Good Friday  
'Last Hour' Service  
Christ Church

5th April at 6:30am  
Easter Sunday Sunrise Vigil  
Marine Parade - opposite  
Carlton Street

5th April at 10:30am  
Easter Sunday Communion  
Christ Church & Emmanuel

# Prayer Pointers

This week we are using the prayers from the Love Weston's Vigil For Peace...

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are still the Prince of Peace. Faced with the horror of war, we are confident that you still reign and are in control. You are the only answer to the turmoil of the nations.

Forgive those of us who have lived in comfort and not turned our ears to the cries of the suffering.

Your people are suffering globally. When one of us suffers, we all suffer. And, in the midst of this suffering, we cry out to you, our great Hope and great Peace. We pray, come Lord Jesus, come and reign in peace at this time.

We pray that your protection and security prevail and that death and destruction would end.

We pray for those who want to escalate violence - that your Holy Spirit would move them to de-escalate. And for those who seek to kill steal and destroy - that they would be inspired to seek peace and adopt a posture of love.

We pray that, in nations where conflict abounds, you would raise up righteous leadership - leaders who care for all people they serve and are willing to pursue peace over power.

Lord, we pray that you would meet with our brothers and sisters in these conflict ridden zones - filling them with your peace, comforting them with your presence, and giving them the strength to be Christ-like within the storms of war.

Lord Jesus, we dare to believe that you are the Prince of Peace. Lord, have mercy. Bring peace to our world and be glorified throughout the globe.

# What's On This Week

## Saturday 28th March

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

## Monday 30th March

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 31st March

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 1st April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

## Thursday 2nd April

No Craft & Chat this week

No Welcome Group this week

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 6pm at Emmanuel

## Friday 3rd April - Sunday 5th 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 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 15th March edition of 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-newsheet/>  
where you will be able to view the latest edition.

## *Verse For The Week*

" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! "

*Matthew 21: 6-9*

**Don't forget...**

***...the clocks go forward this weekend !!***



# Coffee after the Service...

## Prayer For Holy Week & Easter

We will have a series of Prayer Stations for Holy Week leading up to Easter. They are illustrated by pictures with some suggestions for meditation or prayer on a card. How you use them is up to you. They are best taken in numerical order but you needn't do so. You may use as much or as little as you wish but we suggest you do not rush.



The stations will be **launched this Sunday, 29th March**. At Emmanuel they will be available both before and after the morning service and, at Christ Church, from 6pm-7pm. They will then be available as follows...



### **Christ Church:**

Monday 30th March from 9:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday 31st March from 9:30am-12:30pm

### **Emmanuel:**

Tuesday 31st March from 10am-1pm (come in via The Beacon)

Thursday 2nd April from 5pm-6pm (before the Maundy Thursday Communion)

Friday 3rd April from 9:30am-10:30am (before the Good Friday Service)

## 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.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have made puddings for our Alpha course - they have been much appreciated!  
*Tom & Sian*



### *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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# More coffee anyone...?



**CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
Weston-super-Mare & Worle

**Easter Hope!  
2026**

Sharing the message of Hope across  
Weston-super-Mare & Worle at Easter!

<p><b>March of Hope</b> Good Friday - 12 Noon, Emmanuel Church, Oxford Street, WsM</p>	<p><b>Joint Church Service</b> Good Friday - 11.15am, Outside Co-op, Worle High Street</p>	<p><b>Worship &amp; Outreach</b> Easter Saturday - 11am-3pm, Italian Gardens, High Street, WsM</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> Easter Sunday - 6.30am, Marine Parade, Opp Carlton Street, WsM</p>
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## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Please be aware that we have a few vacancies for our PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) this year as follows:

**Emmanuel** - three vacancies  
**Christ Church** - six vacancies

We are also due to renew all our Deanery Synod Reps this year and the vacancies for each church are as follows:

**Emmanuel** - two vacancies  
**Christ Church** - three vacancies

**These are important roles.** Nomination forms will be made available in church soon but, in the meantime, please reflect on whether you would like to put yourself forward or maybe suggest it to someone else you think would be good in that role.

## Open Gardens



### JUST A COUPLE MORE SLOTS LEFT TO FILL...

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.

## Men's Breakfast Christ Church

**Saturday 25th April  
8:30am-10am  
COST: £5**

We will enjoy breakfast together followed by "A Chat With Bishop Mike".

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at Christ Church.

Or, if you are at Emmanuel and would like to come along, please notify Paul Sodzi or contact the Church Office.

Thanks!



# THE TEARS OF JESUS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

SERVICES & SCHEDULE

Night 1: Human & Prophetic Tears  
30th March 8pm

Night 2:  
Struggling Tears — Gethsemane  
31st March 8pm

Night 3:  
Forsaken & Redeeming Tears  
April 1st 8pm

## **At St Paul's Church**

Each evening will be around an hour and will create space for reflection, scripture, imagery, worship, silence, and prayer ministry as we walk through the tears of Jesus during Holy Week.

## LOST PROPERTY

FINAL WEEK TO CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY TABLE AT THE BACK OF CHRIST CHURCH. WHATEVER IS LEFT AFTER THIS WEEKEND WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

## Weston-super-Mare Foodbank

Just a reminder that we have a Foodbank donation box outside the office should you wish to make use of it. Thank you!