

# Connected

Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2026

## HAPPY EASTER!

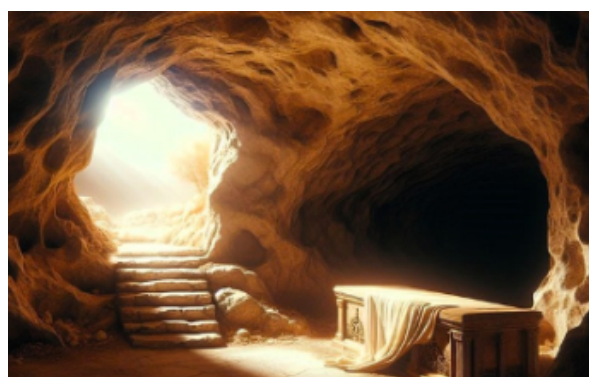
Life can be full of wonderful moments. I think of the expression on one of my grandchildren's faces when their birthday cake is presented to them. There is a look of wonder in their eyes at the lit candles and, no doubt, the considerable amount of chocolate on the cake!

...but nothing compares with what must have been the look of wonder in the disciples' eyes when they realised what had happened that first Easter morning. Two days ago had seemed like the end of a wonderful possibility. This Jesus who, in his teaching and miracles, had seemed to promise so much – had been taken down from the cross a dead man. All hope was crushed... until his grave was discovered empty – he had risen!

The possibility of a new life had begun through the risen life of this Jesus. And not just for those followers then; but for us now too. It's amazing, it's 'wonder-full'!

I pray that we can all recapture that sense of wonder once again. Happy Easter!

*Tom*



### Christ Church :

*Matthew 28: 1-10 +  
Ephesians 1: 18-20*



We gather together this morning to celebrate an event that sits at the heart of our faith but, for some, it is a story so well-known that we have lost the wonder of it. Let's come prepared to be amazed at the power of God – a power that is available to us today!

### Good Friday

Interactive Service  
10:30am at Christ Church  
John 19:28-30 (ICB)

Jesus said "it is finished" as he hung on the cross. In fairness it looked like "he was finished" at that point. But he meant something else - so what was he saying?

### Easter Sunday

*Reflective Service - 10:30am at Emmanuel  
'Last Hour' Service - 2pm at Christ Church  
Luke 23: 1-32*

*The final hours of Jesus' earthly life are eventful and poignant. Good Friday holds the great mystery of the God who loved us enough to die for us.*

**Emmanuel :**  
*Acts 10: 34-43 + Matthew 28: 1-10*

Do not be afraid the two Marys are told. Not once but twice, echoes of the angels at Christ's birth. They run to the disciples with fear and great joy. What a mix of emotions! Come and join us at Emmanuel on Easter Sunday to explore this in more depth.

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church

John 20: 19-31

'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you'... Jesus' kingdom work is complete, but his mission to all is not. He immediately commissions his followers and gives them the all-important gift of the Holy Spirit. This power at work in them, in John, and in us will bring many to saving faith in Jesus.



### Emmanuel

1 Peter 2: 19-25 + John 10: 11-18

*The shepherd raced across the field waving his crook and shouting angrily at the dog worrying his sheep. He turned to the sheep huddled into a corner of the field and his voice changed to one of soothing care.*

*Now their fears were his concern and they gently responded to his voice.*

*The Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, is both our protector and our loving friend.*

### 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

## Notices

### Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office is now closed. It will re-open at 9:30am on Wednesday 8th April.

### Tom Unavailable

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

### For Easter Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for the message of Easter, the assurance that life is not in vain, that love is not blotted out, and that faith is not futile.

Forgive us that we live and speak and act as though Jesus is still in the tomb. Forgive us our sin and selfishness, take away our doubts, answer our questions, and set us free to know and praise you forever.

We praise you that death is not the end but a new beginning - a gateway to heaven and a door on to the untold blessings that you hold in store for us.

Receive the worship we offer you, and teach us to live each day in the light of your Easter triumph. May the joy of Easter Day give us courage to face whatever comes in the days and years ahead.

### For Week Commencing 12th April:

We thank you Father for this lovely time of year - a season of new beginnings, not just your glorious resurrection from the dead. We praise you that you created the world to reflect your love and truth and that everything in the world relies on you for its life.

We pray for all who are having new beginnings in their lives. Help them to cope with all that is required, knowing that you are always there to support and comfort them.

Lord Jesus Christ, a world is waiting, hurting, longing, and searching for new hope and a reason to believe in the future. Come again in your living power, and bring new life to all. Lord Jesus, where faith has died and dreams have faded, may hope flower again. In your name we pray.

## Verse For The Fortnight

**" Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'. "**

*Matthew 28: 18-20*

# What's On...

## Thursday 2nd April - Sunday 5th April

For details of all our Easter events/services taking place - those at Christ Church/Emmanuel and those put on by Churches Together - please see opposite...

## Monday 6th April

No Ladies Together this week

## Tuesday 7th April

No Parish Prayers this week

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 8th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Thursday 9th April

No Craft & Chat this week

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 11th April

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

Ambassadors 42nd Street Outing at Playhouse

*(for those with pre-purchased tickets)*

## Sunday 12th April

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 13th April

No Ladies Together this week

## Tuesday 14th April

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 15th April

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

## Thursday 16th April

Active Men's Walk - *contact Dave Milsom for info*

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Sunday 19th April

APCM after the morning service at Emmanuel

# Coffee after the Service...

## Please do join us for our EASTER EVENTS/SERVICES

2nd April at 6pm

Maundy Thursday Communion

Emmanuel

3rd April at 10:30am

Good Friday

Family Service - Christ Church

Reflective Service - Emmanuel

3rd April at 12noon

Good Friday March Of Hope

starting at Emmanuel

3rd April at 2pm

Good Friday 'Last Hour' Service

Christ Church

4th April from 11am-3pm

Worship & Outreach

Italian Gardens

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



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# More coffee anyone...?

## Men's Breakfast Christ Church

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

Breakfast together followed by "Pig Food Or Roast Beef - You Choose!" brought to us by Bishop Mike.



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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.



**JUST A COUPLE MORE SLOTS LEFT TO FILL... ONE AT CHRIST CHURCH AND ONE AT EMMANUEL...**

If you think you would be able to host one of these events this year, please do have a look at the remaining dates available and pop your name in the slots - lists are available at both churches.

## Tony West's Funeral

The funeral for Tony West will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 2pm at Christ Church

All church family are invited.



## Electoral Roll

Please note that the **deadline** for any **new additions** to the Electoral Roll are as follows:

**Emmanuel - Saturday 4th April**  
**Christ Church - Sunday 5th April**

For further details about the Electoral Roll, and/or how to be added, please see previous weeks' Connected sheets.

If you have any questions please contact Emma in the Church Office (or Keith Bury for those at Emmanuel), or speak to one of the Wardens.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

A reminder that the dates/times for our annual meetings this year (both taking place after the morning services) are as follows:

**Emmanuel: Sunday 19th April**  
**Christ Church: Sunday 26th April**

The new Electoral Rolls will be displayed shortly at both Christ Church & Emmanuel - once available, please do check these and advise Emma in the Church Office (Christ Church) or Keith Bury (Emmanuel) if any corrections are needed.

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 are now available at the back of church, from the Church Office, or from the Wardens. 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.