

Items for Prayer

Issues, Events and People to remember in your prayers

Pray as you wash your hands: each verse of Lord for the Years [MP 428] is 20 seconds long said silently or sung out loud!

Lord for leaders **may your love keep and guide** all in authority, locally, nationally and globally to make wise decisions about Covid19 following scientific advice.

Lord for carers and providers **receive your people's praise**, for health/social care staff and volunteers, essential service workers, medical researchers and all who put others before self **may your word of life inspire them**.

Lord for our land, for those facing protective isolation and those in need of prayer: Christine Baker, Lyn Hill and Dodie Waterhouse. Please also remember Bekah who is being licenced today (22nd), and as she faces the first week in her new role. **Be pleased to hear our prayer**.

For all affected by Covid19 **Lord for your world**, suffering, bereaved and vulnerable, **hungry and helpless**, refugees and homeless **we pray that Christ's** comfort **may reign**.

Lord for ourselves, with social responsibility and resilience, common sense and cheerfulness **may we live for Christ alone**.

Finally, please support in prayer those who are preparing the online service for next Sunday.

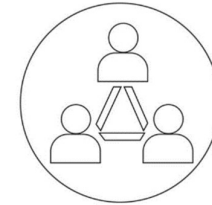


Christ Church &
Emmanuel Church
Weston-super-Mare



CONNECTED

Sunday 22nd March 2020
4th Sunday of Lent



Welcome to the first edition of Connected!

These are unprecedented times, and whilst we may not be able to **meet** as the body of Christ, we **are** still the body of Christ. Hence 'Connected':

- We remain connected with Him who is our Head
- We remain connected with each other in fellowship
- We remain connected with the world in which we live

A message from Tom

"Thank you to Phil who has put this 'new look' format together in no time! If you have got a computer with access to the internet – do look regularly at our website ccwsm.org.uk (or our Facebook page). The love and care shown amongst our churches has been really encouraging – let's keep in touch with one another – especially those who are isolating. Do call our Crash team (Liz Cole on 782886 or Jane Milsom on 07766 0678446) or Phil in the office (641016) if you need any help or would appreciate a chat."

Tom

Verse For The Week

'My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people.' (Luke 2: 30-31)

Sermon Snippets

Luke 2: 25-35

The plans we make do not always work out and we wonder where God is. Mary in the Bible found that she was always facing changing circumstances. The pregnancy was a big unwelcome surprise, the birth plan was wrecked by the census, she had to flee as a refugee and at 12 Jesus left them to learn in the temple and Mary realised he would eventually have his own life to lead. In our reading she was warned that this special child would cause her grief rather than joy. The reality resonates with many mothers, and those who care for others like a mother, in our present world. Yet Joseph and Mary were told this child would be called Emmanuel – 'God with us'. Jesus to be fully human as well as fully God went through real human experiences so that he could understand and make it possible for us to know God is with us. Not to help us avoid difficulties but to go through them with us.



Watch the whole service on our website – www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'We are still here!' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page.

Next Sunday

Holy Communion Service - Luke 23: 32-43

Notices

Save the Date - **Holiday Club** will hopefully take place Wed 22nd to Sun 26th July (viruses permitting!) Please be praying for the preparations which are already under way. We will be asking for help, too, so please do consider joining us!

We await news regarding the **Annual Church Meeting**, due to be held on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm. Please watch this space for further information.

If you consider yourself to be part of our congregation and are not on the **Electoral Roll**, or if you have moved house or reached your 16th birthday since 29th April 2019, please complete a form available from the Church Office. The deadline for new registrations will be Tue 31st March.

Thank you to the members of Christ Church and Emmanuel who have offered to host an **Open Garden** event this year. We are hoping that at least some events will still happen, so if anyone else would like to host one, please contact the Church Office by Sunday Mar 29th.

The funeral of **Marion Lee**, a long-standing member of the Craft & Chat group, will take place on Tuesday 24 March. Please pray for the Lee family at this time.

A message from Bekah

"Thank you very much for gifts – I have used some of the money to buy a new study chair for myself. Putting it together nearly defeated me – so I was relieved when I found out it was meant to be built by a 2-person team!"



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