

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel
Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

Verse For The Week

'Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord! Peace
in heaven and glory in the
highest!
(Luke 19: 38)

Watch today's service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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Say Hello

One of the things I have been doing is taking my cocker spaniel, Alfie, out for his daily walk. From where we live the best route is down along the front. Sometimes we venture onto the beach; although, if we do that, we find quite a lot of sand starts appearing in our house after we return! One thing that has struck me over the last fortnight is that when I'm having my daily walk, how I may pass a complete stranger and they will say "hello" to me. There's a genuine sense that we all are in this together and are supporting one another.

Are there appropriate ways in which you can say "hello" to someone? It may be you aren't going out at all . . . maybe by phoning someone or sending them a message saying you're thinking of them? I appreciate these are simple things – but at the moment they are making all the difference.

Tom

Sermon Snippets

Luke 19: 36-40

We have good days when we're happy and at peace and we know that God is with us.

We have ordinary days which can sometimes be boring and difficult to fill - but God is with us.

We can have bad days when God seems far away and silent - but God is with us.

It might just take us a while to see him in the pain.
And bad days pass - and hope comes again.



Prayer Pointers

Monday 6th. Pray that some of the excellent filmed presentations of Holy Week may be shown again on television this week to renew the reality of these events.

Tuesday 7th. As congregations are unable to meet together, pray for the alternative ways which most churches are putting in place to maintain a sense of worship and fellowship. Give wisdom to Church Leaders and audio/visual teams as to the best way of doing this, and for the ability of church members to access this provision.

Wednesday 8th. Is there someone you could telephone or email today, just to keep in touch? Pray for any you have heard about who are unwell or going through a hard time, especially for those over 70 who are 'shut in'.

Thursday 9th. It was on the Thursday before Easter that Jesus gave us 'The Last Supper' as an everlasting memorial of the offering of himself for us which he was to make on the following day.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One"

Friday 10th. Good Friday. "He came unto his own, but his own received him not". Many people ask – "What's good about it?" Perhaps it's because man's greatest sin in not only rejecting the loving hands of Jesus, but in nailing them to a cross and hanging him up to die, has been turned into the greatest blessing of Redemption, for those who believe in him.

Saturday 11th. There is a strange calm about this day. We gain a sense of relief from that final triumphant cry from the cross: "It is accomplished!" He's done it! That torn curtain in the temple proves it so! No doubt it was stitched together again. But nothing – except our own stubbornness can ever again separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Next Week and Beyond

Easter Services next week:

- Good Friday online service
- Easter Sunday online Communion (*If it would feel appropriate, do get some bread & wine/juice ready to have during the service*).

The new edition of Link Magazine is now out. A copy of this is available on the website. Click on the 'We are still here!' menu and select 'Keeping in touch'. If anyone is able to post a physical copy through the letter boxes of those who don't have computers, please email the church office. Thank you.

Here are some links to financial giving pages on the Christ Church website:

- A form to print that can go to your bank to switch your giving to a standing order: www.ccwsm.org.uk/bank
- To give online either as a one off or to setup a regular donation without leaving home: www.ccwsm.org.uk/give
- To raise funds as you shop online: www.ccwsm.org.uk/gayl
(Give As You Live)

Living God's Love in practical ways



The Crash Team have been doing an amazing job responding to calls for practical help from folk from our two Churches. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved!

For those who are not part of our church family, North Somerset council are co-ordinating requests for help via a dedicated phone line. If you know of anyone who needs help, ask them to phone (01934) 627637 in the first instance. These calls for practical help are then passed on to local agencies like us. We are also thinking of getting a small team together to make calls to folk who feel lonely or isolated. If you'd like to be considered for this, please email Tom.

Special Moments

Floods, Brexit and Coronavirus,
Threats like these are sent to try us.
There is a balance to this strife
With all the good things in our life.
Strangers talking, helping hands
And so it is throughout the lands.
Walking out in good fresh air
"Hullo, good morning, please take care."
Nurses, Doctors, heaven sent;
Our grateful thanks, sincerely meant.
No tourist planes criss-cross the sky,
But birds aplenty flock on high.
Spring is here and buds are popping,
Lambs are bleating, cows are cropping.
That tunnel with the shining end
We know it's somewhere round the bend.
So keep on smiling and be bright;
We will see this through. I know I'm right!

Brenda White