

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

**Christ Church and Emmanuel**  
Weston-super-Mare



## *This Week...*

- Street Pastors Update
- Ray's Journey of Faith
- Big Brekkie photos

## *Verse For The Week*

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. (*Acts 17: 24*)

## *Watch today's service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

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## Tom On Telly!



Did you know that you can watch our Sunday services on your internet-connected television, sometimes known as a Smart TV? Press your TV's apps button, start YouTube and search for CCWSM. You'll find all of our services and daily prayers there.

It just seems more natural to watch them on the telly!

## Sermon Snippets

**Note that this Sunday's service will include an act of Holy Communion.**

*Acts 17: 24-29*

The word 'isolate' can be so damaging. It can fill us with depression and despair or it can make us ask 'where is God in all this, what is he trying to say to us'.

Paul was in Athens - a city full of gods, even an unknown god. Paul was telling them about this unknown God who made all creation and gave us time and space.

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

May we pray for those advising and those taking the decisions in Government. May they have foresight, integrity and wisdom interpreting the various data streams and conflicting claims and advice, and make the right decisions.

## Tuesday

May we pray for those overseas: the Morrisseys in Senegal, the Potters in the Philippines, Lucy in the Far East, the CITA Training Institute in Ghana, and Andy's contacts in South Africa and staff in Lamb Hospital, Bangladesh.

## Wednesday

Pray for all those contributing to church life in this lock down period. For the many who are contributing on-line encouragements and teaching, the Daily Prayers, Connected, the Home groups, the Toddlers Group on Wednesday mornings, the pastoral phone calls and the prayer chains.

## Thursday

Pray for all the shops struggling to survive, all those people in our country without enough food and supplies, and the work of the Weston Food Bank and those serving in it. Please may we also pray for those helping in refugee camps in the Middle East and in Greece.

## Friday

May we remember those whom we know, either personally or through church, who need God's healing touch in their lives at this time. We think especially of the families and friends of those who have passed away recently: Janet Webb (Janet's funeral is Thursday 28 May), Jean Hancock, and Brian Kellock (both these funerals are on Monday 01 June).

## Saturday

May we pray for the Virtual Service tomorrow morning and pray for Tom and the team for skill in the presentation that it may be an effective tool of the gospel. May we give thanks for all the other services which have enabled us to worship with familiar voices.

For further prayer topics, do have a look at the newsletters on the Christ Church website, under the 'We Are Still Here' menu and clicking on 'Keeping In Touch'.

If you'd like a copy of the latest news from Mike and Helen Morrissey, please email Phil at the Church Office.

# Notices

## *Safeguarding Training*

Do you need to do up-to-date safeguarding training? It is possible to do your 'CO' basic awareness training online:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

If you did the 'CI' course face-to-face last time, it will be possible for you to do this online as well.

For further information please contact Anne Jones, or email the Church Office.

## *Thy Kingdom Come*

There is still time to watch the video from Keith Hallett about how we can respond to the Archbishop's call to pray for the ten days May 21st – 31st for the coming of God's Kingdom among our nation, our town and our friends. You will find it in the new Teaching and Devotional section of the website under the 'We Are Still Here' menu.

## *Prayer Unlimited*

Many people found our series on Prayer Unlimited helpful. The series didn't finish however before the lock-down, so we are starting an occasional series of videos to help folk in their prayer life. The first, by Terry and Margaret Baillie, is called 'A House of Prayer'. You will be able to find it in the new Teaching and Devotional section of the website.

## *Crash Team*

If you are a member of either of our two churches and are in need of some practical assistance, please call the Crash Team:

- Liz Cole (01934 782886)  
or
- Jane Milsom (07766 678446)

## *Don't forget...*

- The 'Daily Hope' free phone line:  
0800 804 8044 (24 hour)
- The Telephone Chaplaincy service:  
0330 229 1700 (8am-11pm daily)

Please see *Connected* dated 03 May for further details. It's on the website, or you can email the office for more details.



# Coffee time after the Service...

## Street Pastors Update

When the Coronavirus arrived in March and all pubs and clubs closed, Weston Street Pastors stopped patrolling our town on Saturday nights. An enforced break! Many of us have been Street Pastors for some years and it feels very odd. Our prayer is that our Volunteers are enjoying a break from this routine. We also pray that they will be keen to step back into action when the time comes. In the meantime we have 5 people waiting in the wings to start training! Thanks be to our God, who is often ahead of us in meeting our needs in so many areas of our lives. Will you join us in praying for those who are having a rest, as well as those who want to join us? Thank you.

Jane

## Latest advice from C of E as to how to dress when celebrating Communion



I know whenever the church re-opens, things may be a little different.... but we're not planning on this!

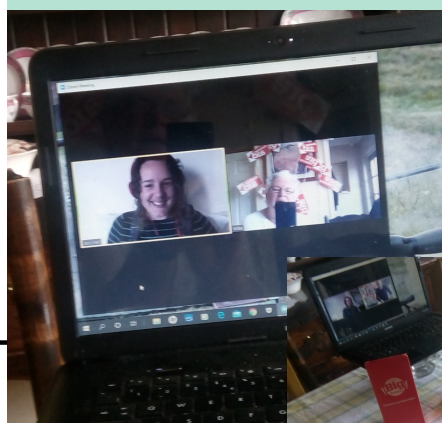
Tom

## Birthday Celebrations in a Lightened Lockdown

My daughter was 47 last Saturday and longed for a family gathering. She and her son live in Maidenhead. We all met up on the road below Crook Peak: Duncan, Gemma and their 3 boys from Uphill, me from WsM, and Charlotte and Oliver each with our own picnic. We walked up Crook Peak and along to the trig point where we had our picnic and birthday cake but no candles - we couldn't have someone blowing over the cake! A glorious day, lots of space and a perfect birthday.

Meg

## Big Brekkie Photos in aid of



From Bev & Mike



"We 'Zoomed' with our daughter Jess in London who works for Christian Aid."

From Doug & Dawn

"Here is a photo of Doug taken this week. We had a full English breakfast!"



From Dave & Jane

Two breakfasts but only one knife and fork. Someone has an appetite!



# More Coffee, anyone?

## *A Poem For These Times*

*This poem, by the priest-theologian Sam Wells, is based on the Hymn 'I Cannot Tell' written in 1929 by the Baptist leader William Young Fullerton.*

*(Tune: Londonderry Air)*

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I cannot tell why grief and sadness linger  
Why jobs are lost, and people face despair;  
When this will end, if vaccines come and rescue,  
Why isolation stalks the earth again.  
But this I know, Christ feels the hurt upon the cross  
The Spirit weaves our lives together still.  
And some glad day, through Providence, the Father  
May turn this wave of loss to glory by his will.

I cannot tell how we can be together  
When all our ways of doing so are lost;  
How we can be one body in communion  
If every form of touch comes at a cost.  
But this I know, we're sealed upon the heart of God  
The Spirit dwells within our fearful souls.  
And Christ finds ways to show his face to all of us  
To lift our hopes and meet us in our mortal fears.

I cannot tell how long this time of fear will last  
If there'll be months, or years of damaged lives;  
When once again we'll gladly throng together,  
To sit and laugh, to dance and play and kiss.  
But this I know, we're finding things both good and true  
About our God, each other, and ourselves.  
So after this we'll know we've met our darkest hour  
And now there's nothing we will have to face alone.

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week.

You may already be aware that there will be no June/ July edition of Link Magazine. Because of this, more contributions to *Connected* would be very welcome. They help us all to stay connected - hence the title!

Please email your articles to the church office and I'll do my best to include them. Thank you.

## *My Journey of Faith*

*Ray Pilgrim*

**Q.** For how long have you been a Christian, and how did that come about?

**A.** I've been a Christian for 12 years, and I've always had a belief but it wasn't until I went to New Wine in 2008 with the family that I really made the commitment. It was in the evening Worship where Mick Pilavachi was speaking about Peter stepping out of the boat to meet Jesus and his preaching was a message that spoke to me, that led me to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit that opened my eyes to Jesus.

**Q.** Were you brought up in a Christian home?

**A.** Coming from a West Indian background both my parents were brought up through Church, so I always had that grounding in me, even although I didn't go to church on a regular basis growing up.

**Q.** What led you to do youth work, and how challenging (and rewarding!) can that be at times?

**A.** As with a lot of youth workers when asked this question they will say "it happened by chance," being in the right place at the wrong time (just joking). As with most things that happen in church there is always the ever-faithful volunteer that will step forward to lend a helping hand. That's how it all started for me as a volunteer; then over days, weeks, months and years I gained more experience, and enrolled on a youth workers' course to gain the qualifications needed to help me in my youth work.

Working with young people does have its ups and downs as their moods can change very quickly with no warning, but definitely without a doubt it is more rewarding than challenging. It's a real privilege to be someone they can come too, feel they can build a relationship of trust with, and be there to support and encourage them as they go through their journey growing up in life as they are becoming young adults.

*Read more of Ray's journey  
in next week's Connected.*