

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Pentecost Sunday
- Ray's Journey of Faith part 2
- More Big Brekkie photos

Verse For The Week

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Acts 2: 4)

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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Pentecost - United We Stand



For ten days people across the world have been following the Archbishops' initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come', a call to prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom. Keith's video explaining this is still available on the Christ Church website in the [Teaching and Devotional](#) section.

This Pentecost Sunday there was due to be a service of united worship and prayer for our town in the Italian Gardens. For obvious reasons this is now not taking place.

However the church leaders across Weston are uniting in the One Spirit by reading the passage from Acts 2 together. Hopefully it will convey a great message of unity among the Weston Churches. You can watch the video of this as part of this Sunday's Service.

Sermon Snippets

Acts 2: 1-13

The disciples waited in Jerusalem. Power, Jesus said, would come upon them but day after day they waited. On the Day of the Feast, the 50th day after Easter, they were ready with their thank offerings for the Harvest and as they sat, wind and tongues like fire sat on each of them. The power of God descended and they were filled, and the church was born.

God is still building the church today through the power of the Holy Spirit. The problem is not the availability of the power but of our reticence to let God hold greater sway in our lives and in our churches than we might like.

Prayer Pointers

Monday

Pray for safety and protection from the virus for all the staff working at Weston Hospital in the present very difficult circumstances, and pray for the patients suffering from the virus and other illnesses. Pray for the many Nurses, Doctors, and other medical staff connected to our church families.

Tuesday

Give thanks for those who produce the high quality children's videos, morning prayers, teaching sessions and the Sunday services. Pray for continued creativity and skill for the Vicar, Nicky, Terry, David, and many other church members that you recognise in the videos.

Wednesday

Pray for those in our town helping others with mental illness and anxiety, and for those within our fellowships who feel isolated or under pressure from loneliness, family breakdowns or financial hardship.

Thursday

Pray for the many members of our congregations who are being shielded or in lock down away from their families. Pray especially for those who are alone and ask for God's wisdom whom you might phone today to offer friendship and possibly a shared prayer.

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, Jean Hancock and Brian Kellock.

Saturday

Give thanks for the high standards of the virtual services each week and pray for Tom and the team preparing tomorrow's service. May we pray that God uses it greatly to encourage and challenge all who listen.

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 'C0' basic awareness training online:

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

If you did the 'C1' 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.

Bible Notes

There are unexpired subscriptions for New Daylight from June to December and for Inspiring Women from July to December, paid for by two subscribers who are no longer with us. If anyone would like to have either of these for themselves or to give to a friend, please contact Barry on 812940.

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...

My Journey of Faith

Ray Pilgrim

Part Two



Q. What started your love of gardening?

A. I've always had an interest in nature but it wasn't until we moved to Weston from London that I had a career change that gave me the opportunity to study, so I retrained and did a horticultural course at Cannington college which gave me my love of gardening.

Q. Do you think your job offers more opportunities for witnessing than, say, sitting behind a desk? (I'm assuming here that visiting people on a regular basis builds up some kind of relationship trust).

A. I wouldn't say my job offers more opportunities for witnessing than sitting behind a desk, as you can be a witness in any work environment, but visiting people on a regular basis does allow me to build up a relationship and trust as I'm there so often. I do have the best of both worlds: being able to share my faith with people I garden for who do not have a faith, as I am able to show my faith through my actions and have conversations with them about faith when they know my involvement in church. And of course, my lovely church family I garden for are a wonderful witness as we are able to share our faith, and they are always giving me encouragement and looking out for me, I'm truly blessed.

(As told to Pat Allchorne)

More Big Brekkie Photos in aid of



*From Liz
& Chris*



*From
Chris &
Tom*

Technology Is Here To Stay!

We are hoping to be able to meet together in our churches again in the not-too-distant future. This will obviously depend on Government guidelines.

People who will need to continue to self-isolate will be able to watch the services live from Christ Church. More details will follow in due course.

A big thank you to David White and others who are working hard to make this possible.

Don't forget that you can watch our Sunday services on your internet-connected television.

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!

More Coffee, anyone?

Open e-Gardens!



My garden was starting the Open Garden season which should have been this weekend.

The big red poppies are in flower, the roses blooming and the runner beans starting to wend their way up the sticks. However, I think on Saturday afternoons this summer we will have to make our cups of tea, take a piece of cake, and just imagine we are in a garden surrounded by friends from our church families.

Thank you so much Barry for organising Open Gardens for so many years.

Meg

Pre-School Reopening Soon

Sarah and her team have been in to set up Room 3 of the Spire Centre ready for the re-opening of the Pre-School.

It was originally going to re-open on Monday 01 June, but we have had a call from Sarah on Friday lunchtime to say that this will now be postponed at least for a week.

They ask that nobody else uses Room 3 in the meantime in order to keep risks of infection to a minimum.

Watch this space for more news.

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week. I'm on the look-out for more budding writers!

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.

Adventures on the High Seas

We are blessed with having each other and, being retired, have no job loss worries. Even so, after weeks of lock-down we were struggling to keep our spirits up, when we received an exciting invitation from our 8 year old grandson. He challenged us to a battle on the high seas via SKYPE that evening.

We all duly sat down with our Battleship sets and loo roll telescopes, fortified by ship's biscuits and our rum (water or wine) rations. Daddy swept would-be pirate destroyer (little sister) upstairs for a night round the camp-fire on the spare bedroom floor and battle commenced. The enemy captain's cunning strategy sunk all of our ships, accompanied by sound effects and actions, while Admiral Grandad only sunk one of his.

Despite the defeat, we ended the day feeling so much happier than when the day began.

*Dave &
Stella*

Insurance Offer

Our church insurance company, Ecclesiastical, have extended their offer to donate £130 to the church nominated by anyone taking out a new home insurance policy at any time this year.

Please go to www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130 for more details. This is an amazing offer, and we have received a couple of donations already!



Do you know of a church family member who doesn't have a computer?

There are some people who are delivering *Connected* to 22 such people at the moment, but please do let me know in case we have missed someone.

Please either email the office, or you can phone and leave me a voicemail. Thank you.

Phil