

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- God At Work
- Job and the Leaning Tower
- Open Gardens Photos
- Coffee and Carvaggio

Verse For The Week

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 1: 6)

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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This Sunday will be one of our All-Together services. Please do join us with your coffee and cake - or your preferred alternative!

The amazing Family Pack is available for anyone of any age, and can be found on the [Christ Church website](#) - in the Sunday Service section under We Are Still Here. Click on the service for Sunday 07 June 2020, and you'll see the word 'Notes' underneath.

If you'd like to share how God is working in your life at the moment, please do send your thoughts to the Church Office for inclusion in next week's *Connected*.

Sermon Snippets

Philippians 1: 1-6

Paul wrote his letter to the believers in Philippi while he was in prison – probably in Rome, waiting for his appeal before Caesar. Considering how seemingly bleak his situation was, it is incredible that this letter is full of joy and gratitude.

Paul knew God would carry on working in his and in the Philippians' lives even though he was isolated from them.

God is still working on us, and we may not be able to see all that he is doing right now. One day, when Jesus returns, the work that he began in us will be complete! We will see the whole picture!

Prayer Pointers

Sunday

We thank God on this Trinity Sunday for the opportunity of online weekday and Sunday services and pray for receptive souls to the message of the day. Thank God for the blessings of this life, for his daily mercies and his unfailing care.

Monday

Pray today for the residents and staff in our local care homes and in particular for those homes that we would normally visit but cannot at the present time.

Tuesday

We remember before God those who are not so well and those who mourn. Especially we remember Sue Hartley, Val Kellock and family, John Knight-Olds and Elsie Mountstephens.

Wednesday

We pray with Christians Against Poverty for those who are facing uncertain income during this time and who are worried about debt. We pray for wisdom and the right words to say as phone conversations take place instead of face to face meetings.

Thursday

We remember in our prayers the management, staff, doctors and patients in Weston General Hospital. Pray for guidance for those who make the critical decisions to contain the virus.

Friday

Remember before God friends and family around the world and those who live closer but who we have not seen for a while.

Saturday

We pray for our church mission partners around the world, praying that God would keep them strong in faith, safe in health and clear in the gospel.

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'.

This includes the CAP Newsletter for 31 May, following on from Paul Larcombe's slot in last Sunday's service.

Notices

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.

Bible Notes

Barry writes: "There has been a delay in the delivery of CWR Bible Notes beginning July 1st. As soon as these are received I will arrange for them to be delivered to the homes of subscribers, along with those who have Scripture Union notes."

More Bible Notes

There are some old Bible notes available for collection, free of charge, for anyone who would like to take and use them, or to give to someone who would benefit from them. They are on the table in the Christ Church lobby, which will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning next week.

Crash Team Contacts

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)

Crash Team Requests For Help

- Does anyone know of a gardener who could possibly help an elderly couple with their garden? Please phone Jane on the number shown above.
- We are also in need of a foot cradle for a bed for someone who has injured their foot. Please call Liz if you can help.

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 email the office for more details.

Coffee time after the Service...

Painted Pictures

Prior to lockdown, and whilst Stella was at her weekly ladies keep fit dancing, then what better pastime but to have an hour in the cafe with a coffee and a crossword.

The lady making and serving my coffee freely admitted she was 'rubbish' with applying the requisite finishing touch to my latte. Over the coming weeks we, along with her work colleagues and even some times queuing customers would try to interpret her handiwork. Hence this dedication entitled 'Painted Pictures' and looking forward again after lockdown to work out more of Deb's wonderful creations.



I move along the counter sliding the big brown tray.
That smile - 'Good morning David, - Latte for you today'
She operates the "steamy" thing, but never in a rush.
Then carefully she pours the milk
Like an artist with a brush.

'It's supposed to be a leaf' she said as we gaze into the froth.
'But looking at it closely it's an insect or a moth'
'It's a branch' I said quite kindly 'and autumn in the fall.
A gust of wind has come along and blew away them all.

Or maybe a Caravaggio, with his shades of light and dark.
The time before, a stirrup pump and once a question mark'.
There's great imagination with every creation.
So it always will be a Latte for me.
Cause you can't paint froth on a plain cup of tea.

*Dave &
Stella*

Looking Forward

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.

The Leaning Tower Effect



Have you ever had that strange experience where you see a familiar image for the first time in real life?

Celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary some years ago, Mike and I visited Pisa in Italy. As we came into the cathedral square, we saw the Leaning Tower in all its glory. It was the strangest thing! Here was an image I've been familiar with as long as I can remember, but there it was in front of me; in the flesh as it were. It was hard to take it in for a moment.

A couple of weeks ago I had a similar experience on Weston sea front. This time it was Tom taking Alfie for a walk. I had got so used to seeing Tom on my computer screen, that I was quite taken aback to see him in person!

It made me think of poor old Job. He had such a rough time didn't he? In the middle of his questioning what all his experiences meant he had a moment when a sudden certainty struck him:

'I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last day he will stand upon the earth ... I myself will see him with my own eyes.'
(Job 19: 25,27)

Job didn't have the experience or the theology to associate this flash of inspiration with a coming Messiah. He barely had the language to express what he was feeling. But one day he, like us, will have the indescribable experience of seeing Jesus the Saviour of the world with his own eyes – for real! For us that's a familiar thought but when it happens we will be seeing something we could not truly imagine.

*Bev &
Mike*

More Coffee, anyone?

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!



Staying Connected

There are now 24 people who are currently receiving a paper copy of *Connected*. I am very grateful to Dina, Felicity, Dave and Jane, and Dave and Sandra for helping with this.

If you know of someone who, like these 24 people, does not have access to a computer, please email the office, or you can phone and leave me a voicemail.

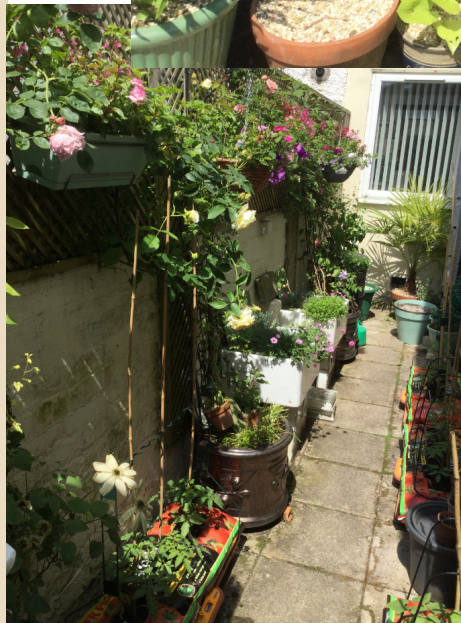
Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week. I'm on the look-out for more budding writers!

As there will be no June/ July edition of Link Magazine, 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.

Phil

More Open e-Gardens!



Following on from Meg's piece in last week's *Connected* about Open Gardens, Kathy and John sent in some photos so that we can all enjoy their amazing garden.

Please do send your garden photos in to the Office for inclusion in a future edition of *Connected*.

