

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

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



## *This Week...*

- God At Work, Tom On Leave!
- A Celtic Prayer
- Janet's Funeral Service Video
- More Open Gardens Photos

## *Verse For The Week*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*(Colossians 3: 1)*

## *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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I don't know if it was all that talk last week about God being at work which has prompted Tom to take a week off, but actually I think you'll all agree that he deserves a well-earned rest. He and Chris will be off from Monday 15th to Sunday 21st June.

Tom has worked tirelessly during lock-down to maintain pastoral oversight of the church with the invaluable help of others, and has also facilitated the worship, prayer and teaching through his newly-found online skills.

It's unlikely that he will be able to return to Venice (pictured above), but the Thames near Woolwich Ferry doesn't look too dissimilar, so maybe that's a possibility!

## Sermon Snippets

*Colossians 3: 1-4*

During this period of isolation it's very easy to get distracted and worried about the future. Of course there are issues to be concerned about and this is a call for us to pray. . . . but the Bible reminds us to set this in the context of our ultimate future: *"set your hearts on things above"* (Col 3 v2).

And one of the most important things is knowing how the results of the cross protect us from all accusation. *"Your life is now hidden in Christ"* (v3). The cross for the Christian isn't just the "means by which we enter into the Christian faith", it's also there to keep and guard us all the way to eternity!

# Prayer Pointers

## Sunday

We thank God for our churches' continuing ministry in this difficult time, and for those who log on to our Sunday services every week. We pray that each viewer may grow in the grace of Christ.

## Monday

We pray for our troubled world, that all forms of prejudice may be eradicated and for justice, peace and liberty to thrive for all under the mighty hand of God.

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

We pray for our national government, local government, town council, Mayor and MP; for wisdom in decision making in all things as we face an uncertain future.

## Thursday

We remember before God those who have lost their jobs during this coronavirus outbreak and those for whom the future looks bleak. Pray, too, for household relationships and for good future employment

## Friday

Remember before God the medical staff of the town, for those in the hospital, doctors' surgeries, dentists, pharmacies, Care Home staff and emergency services. Pray that God would grant them strength and courage, grace and compassion.

## Saturday

We pray for the isolated and housebound, the fearful and the anxious, that God our Father would keep them under the shadow of his mercy.

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.

# Notices

## *Traidcraft Available Now*

As some of you will be aware Traidcraft went through a major restructuring last year to help it survive. It is now suffering because of the Coronavirus shut down.

Most of their usual items are available to order through Liz Cole, and Liz and Chris will deliver any items you may wish to order. In addition to their usual stock they are now doing a range of eco-friendly cleaning products which can be purchased in small containers or in bulk.

All their products can be found online at [Traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://Traidcraftshop.co.uk). Just decide what you would like and phone Liz with your order. By buying from Traidcraft you are supporting trade justice, social justice, environmental justice and the church gets 10% of all sales. Thank you.

## *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.

## *Life Christian Bookshop*

Andrew and Lydia hope to re-open from Saturday 4th July on reduced hours. In the meantime, do continue to contact them if you're looking for anything:

Phone - (01934) 418109

Email - [office@life-wsm.org](mailto:office@life-wsm.org)

## *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)

# Coffee time after the Service...

## *A Celtic Prayer*

You may have noticed that I've been using the prayer of St Patrick in Daily Prayers over the last couple of weeks. It's a wonderful prayer speaking of Christ's presence with us always – particularly special to me at the moment as it was something Brian Kellock valued. During my recent visits to him before he died, we used this together.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

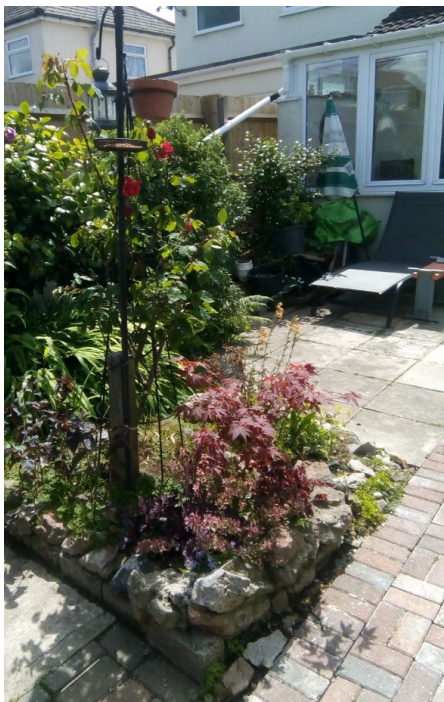


## *Janet's Funeral*

For the many who fondly remember Janet, here is a link for her funeral service that can be downloaded and saved, so that anyone can watch the service again or share with others who could not watch at the time:

<https://we.tl/t-DS8iSSHpsC>

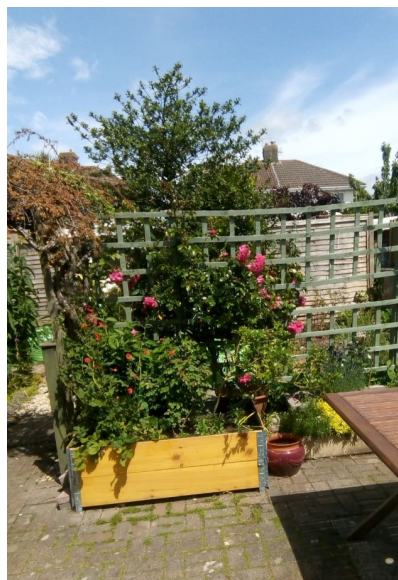
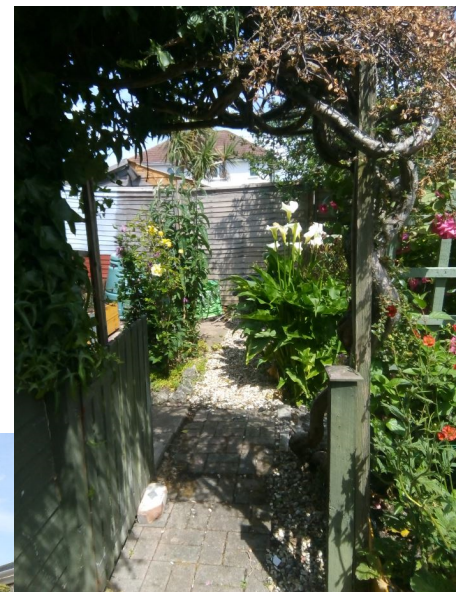
Please note that the link is only valid until the 16th June. However, once you have downloaded the file using the link, you can keep it for as long as you would like to. Please feel free to forward onto anyone else that you think would like to watch the service.



## *More Open e-Gardens!*

This week, Bev & Mike show us the delights of their garden.

Would you like to include your garden in this series? Simply email your garden photos in to the Office for inclusion in a future edition of *Connected*.



Only three pages this week? I think the Administrator needs a bit of help, Nicky!