

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Administrator On Leave
- 'Books of the Bible' Challenge
- Heaven's Grocery Store
- Open Veg Patch Photos!

Verse For The Week

"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

(Mark 4: 41)

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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Now it's his turn to take a holiday!

During this week the Vicar has been on leave, and not to feel out-done the Administrator has decided to follow suit.



Maybe it's the strain of creativity when putting Connected together; maybe it's the solitude of lone working; maybe it was writing all those process notes during lock-down!

The Church Office will be closed for the week starting Monday 22 June and will re-open on Monday 29 June.

So what's happening with Connected next week, I hear you ask? Dawn has very kindly offered to step in and use her creative skills to put Connected together, so if you have any articles for next week's edition, please email them directly to Dawn. Her email address is d.d.halstead55@gmail.com.

Sermon Snippets

Mark 4: 35-41

We are all facing a perfect storm with hundreds dying most days, many job losses announced and real fears for the future.

Keith asks 'Who do we trust for the future?', and uses the Mark 4 story of the sinking fishing boat and Jesus stilling the water. He suggests that these men will never forget that Jesus has the power to guard them.

When God meets us in our storms and rescues us we will never forget that He has the power to guard us in our lives.

Prayer Pointers

Sunday

On this Fathers' day we give thanks for our homes and family life, for those who raised us, for the male role models in our lives and for the opportunity of learning from them.

Monday

We pray today for our neighbours, for those living on our street, for those who pass by our homes, for those we see when out on exercise. We pray God's blessing on each of them.

Tuesday

We remember before God those who are not so well and those who mourn. Especially we remember those known to each of us personally, and the struggles they are facing at this time.

Wednesday

We pray with Christians Against Poverty, for God's continued blessing on the Weston Foodbank, and for those who receive the food parcels.

Thursday

We remember before God the work of medical missionaries abroad as they tend the sick, feed the hungry and show God's love in their surgeries and hospitals to those in need.

Friday

Take time today to bless the Lord, to praise him for his greatness, his majesty, and for the works of his hands; praise him for his creation, for food in due season, and for the daily goodness of the Lord that we receive at his hand (Psalm 104).

Saturday

We remember before God our clergy, lay readers and worship leaders, our Bishops, Archdeacons and Area Deans, that God's Word would come alive through them as they proclaim the Gospel of Christ tomorrow.

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'.

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. 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.

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

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)

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!



Coffee time after the Service...

Books of the Bible Challenge

There are sixteen hidden books of the Bible to search for and find in the following paragraph:

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

The answers will be in next week's edition!

Barry, who organises the annual Open Gardens programme, writes:

"With the curtailment of the Open Garden season, it has been good to see the flowers which some people have been able to grow. We don't have many flowers at the moment so I am sending a photo of my vegetable patch. It is only small, but we have 12 different varieties of vegetables, fruit and herbs, including spring cabbages, which grew enormous leaves 16 inches wide!"



A different perspective on Open e-Gardens!

Here's a stunning photo of one of Carl's hanging baskets.



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*.

More Coffee, anyone?

Some Uplifting Words of Scripture for these times

The Lord your God goes
with you; He will never
leave you nor forsake you.

(Deuteronomy 31: 6b)

We know that we live in
him and he in us, because
he has given us of his
Spirit.

(1 John 4: 13)

I lift up my eyes to the
hills - where does my help
come from? My help
comes from the Lord, the
Maker of heaven and
earth.

(Psalm 121: 1-2)

Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and do
not be afraid.

(John 14: 27)

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day, I saw a sign that said 'Heaven's Grocery Store',
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere
One handed me a basket and said 'My child shop with care'.
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE; LOVE was in the same row,
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free.
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,
For I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.
Then I said to the Angel, 'Now, how much do I owe?'
He just smiled and said 'Just take them everywhere you go'.

Again, I said 'How much do I really owe?'

He smiled again and said

'MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!'

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! Please email your articles to
the church office and I'll do my best to include them
in future editions.

If you know of someone who is not receiving a copy
of *Connected*, please either email the office, or you can
phone and leave me a voicemail for next week.

Thank you



"We need forward thinkers in this department...
like we had back in 1973."