# Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

# **Christ Church and Emmanuel**

Weston-super-Mare





# This Week...

- Holiday at Home
- 'Books of the Bible' challenge answers
- More Beautiful Open e-Garden photos

## Verse For The Week

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come

(2 Corinthians 5:5)

# Watch today's service

at <u>www.ccwsm.org.uk</u>

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

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# Holiday at Home!

A week ago, Chris and I enjoyed our first "holiday at home" this year. Our cocker spaniel, Alfie, enjoyed a good number of walks with me in the Mendips. You could tell he'd had a good time because he would come home at the end of each day covered in mud!

I've been realising once again what a beautiful area we live in. The walks were really enjoyable and I only managed to get lost once - tracks in the middle of wooded areas can get very confusing! And whilst I've been getting stuck into a puzzle magazine, Chris has been working her way through quite a number of jigsaws. Throw in a bit of DIY around the house and, all in all, it was a good week.

# **Sermon Snippets**

This current pandemic has brought the reminder that we will all have to face death and it may be sooner than we think. We look this morning at the confidence we should have as Christians about a life after death. What we can know to look forward to and what is still beyond our understanding. Death is part of our great adventure with God and heaven is the place of our final awakening.

# **Prayer Pointers**



#### **Sunday**

Thank God for the opportunity of hearing His Word today and pray for the Holy Spirit to impact those who join the service online who would not normally attend church.

#### **Monday**

Pray with Christians Against Poverty for their clients who are in debt and finding money for rent and food difficult. Give thanks for the clients who are now repaying debt and for those who are now debt free.

#### **Tuesday**

Remember before God those who are not so well and those who mourn. Especially we remember the family of Arthur Rutt who died on Sunday at Weston Hospice, only three weeks after the funeral of his wife Jenny. Also those of our own churches and families who have lost loved ones.

#### **Wednesday**

Give thanks for those who work in medical research who have tested and trialled drugs to bring relief to those suffering with the coronavirus.

### **Thursday**

We remember before God Christians in places of power and influence in our country, praying for a good witness to Christ in their daily work.

## <u>Friday</u>

Pray for the doctors, nurses, administrative staff and patients in our Hospital; for staff at Health Centres; staff and residents at Care Homes; that our compassionate God may meet each carer and patient with the transforming power of His presence.

## **Saturday**

Pray for renewal in the church, for the power of the Holy Spirit to come among us with wind and fire that God's Church may grow and his Kingdom be extended.

# **Newsletter**

For further prayer topics, do have a look at the newsletters on the <u>Christ Church website</u>, 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 <u>Traidcraftshop.co.uk</u>. 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)
- 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...

#### HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

I hope you enjoyed the challenge. The same paragraph is shown below with the books of the Bible highlighted:

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.

- 1. Mark
- 2. Luke
- 3. Kings
- 4. Acts
- 5. Revelation
- 6. James
- 7. Ruth
- 8. Numbers
- 9. Job
- 10. Amos
- 11. Esther
- 12. Judges
- 13. Titus
- 14. Lamentations
- 15. Hebrews
- 16. Peter





Revd Tom tries out his new invention at Morning Service!

For the last three months Helen Brain has been making items to go on their fence every week for the children to see on their walks on their way to the fields next door.







On a beautiful sunny June day, those of us who were not still shielding met in our garden! Three months without seeing my beautiful homegroup family has been hard! However, it took but minutes for us to fit right back into our normal close happy friendly groove with one another! This catch up was welcome on a personal and spiritual level, all that was missing were the hugs! Oh for that time when we can embrace once again! It will be the longest most wonderful bear hug that may well make it into the Guinness Book of Records. God bless my homegroup and everyone we are missing seeing in our wider church family.

# More Coffee, anyone?

## More Beautiful Open e-Gardens!



Thank you to Keith and Jill Hallett for this photo of their lovely garden.



One of our willing volunteers cutting the church grass this week! Thank you to all the people on the grass cutting rota who keep the grass cut throughout the year.







A hedgehog decided to spend the day in the undergrowth and Carl's dog Jinxie spent the day "glued" to that part of the garden in case it moved!!

When it moved
Jinxie barked repeatedly, such a nuisance!!





Tony and Shirley West have a delightful terraced garden that has many different plants and flowers to attract butterflies and bees.

Tony is standing next to a planter and trellis where he is growing tomatoes and beans. Tony handmade the trellis from scratch!

