

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Please Pray For Wisdom
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Verse For The Week

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"

(John 15: 12)

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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Please Pray for Wisdom



We're delighted that opening our two churches again is now at least possible. . . .

This is something we, most of all, want to "get right". There are a number of issues we're looking at – making the churches safe places to gather, and ensuring those who cannot come at the moment can continue to be included.

There is quite a lot of technical planning involved, much of which is being done by volunteers and we don't want to open until the necessary teams are fully ready. We would appreciate your prayerful support during this time.

Up-to-date information will be in *Connected* and on our website. Our Sunday Services and Daily Prayers are also available on that website too.

Tom

Sermon Snippets

John 15: 9-14

During these months when we've not been able to see our friends, it might have reminded us how precious and special friendship is.

But what does it mean to be a friend? And what does it mean to be a friend of Jesus? Join in with our online service to find out.

Prayer Pointers

Monday

Please pray for the leaders of our churches all over the country as they make plans concerning the re-opening of churches. It's not just a matter of unlocking the doors! At the same time let's pray for similar plans in all sorts of businesses and other places of worship.

Even as we think about meeting up with friends and family, we all need wisdom to keep safe.

Tuesday

We pray especially for the people of Leicester, who must be feeling disappointed and frustrated. May they have the resilience to keep going until they are safely able to open up. Also please ask God to take care of anyone who has lost their job, or is likely to, because of the lock-down.

Wednesday

Remember in your prayers areas of particular tension in the world:

- The people of Hong Kong facing very difficult decisions for their future
- Renewed tension between Israel and Palestine
- Famine in Yemen.

Thursday

Please persist in prayer for scientists to find a good quality vaccine for Covid 19. Continue to bring to God anyone who is sick, bereaved or struggling in any way.

Friday

Friday is Neighbourhood Prayer Day. Pray for your neighbours to hear the still small voice of God calling their names. Ask God how, in his strength, you can foster community with them or meet any need they have.

Saturday

Tomorrow is the All Together Service. Thank God for the amazing work of our Family, Youth and Children's Ministry team. Remember to pray for them as they prepare for online Holiday Club.

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

Life Christian Bookshop Update

Andrew and Lydia have been busy making preparations, and will be re-opening on Saturday 4th July. Their new opening hours will be Mon-Sat 10am to 1pm.

If you are unable to get to the shop in person, do continue to contact them and they will be pleased to help:

Phone - (01934) 418109

Email - office@life-wsm.org

Help When Church Re-starts

When services restart we will be hoping to live-stream the Christ Church services so they can be watched on YouTube and on the website. In order to do this we need a little more help on the AV team.

We would like to hear from anyone who intends returning to church as soon as services restart who would be willing to assist. You would need to have some computer knowledge but specific training will be given.

The main requirement is in setting up and packing up, so you would need to be at church about three quarters of an hour before the service starts. During the service the need is simply to keep a watchful eye on things. If you can help please contact Chris Cole or David White.

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 on this amazing offer.



Coffee time after the Service...

On Being Yourself

I have had the poem shown below in my purse for a number of years, put there at a time when my confidence was at a low pitch. As I began to realise that it was useless to try to be all things to all people, that I am how God made me (not to say that there isn't a lot of room for improvement!), I stopped trying to change how I was with different people and just went back to being me.

We all have different gifts and all have something to offer, without trying to emulate other people and their gifts. We are part of a vast tapestry, each stitch important to the whole, whether it is in the middle of the picture or tucked away in a corner. Without each stitch the whole suffers. Or, again, we are part of a jigsaw, each contributing to the finished picture. If you've ever done a jigsaw and found the last piece missing you will know how frustrating that is.

God made us to be who we are, and we can be the best of who we are if we submit to His will and guidance. Be a good apple!

Pat

You must learn that you cannot be loved by all people.

You can be the finest apple in the world – ripe, juicy, sweet, succulent - and offer yourself to all. But you must remember that there will be people who do not like apples.

You must understand that if you are the world's finest apple, and someone you love does not like apples, you have the choice of becoming a banana.

But you must be warned that if you choose to become a banana, you will be a second-rate banana. But you can always be the finest apple.

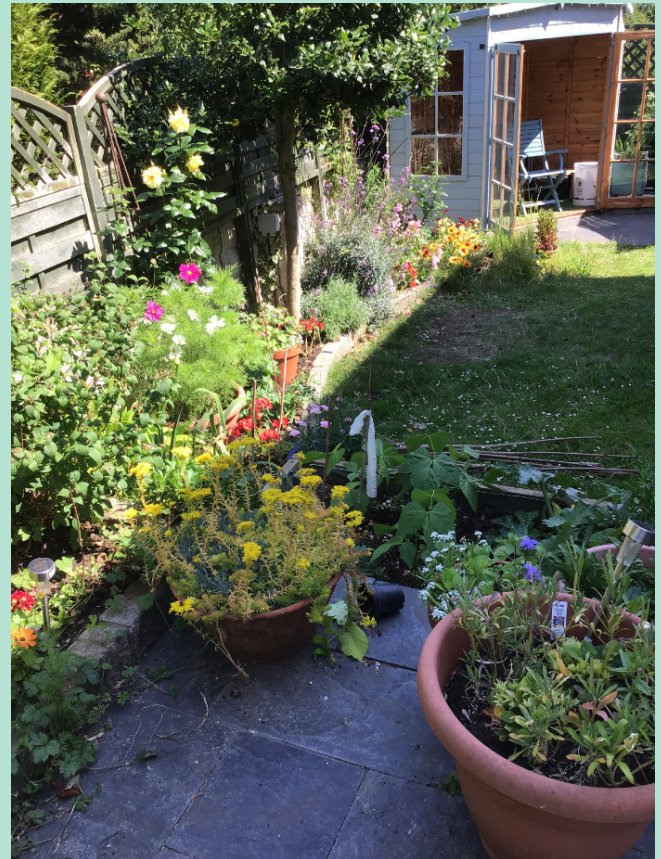
You must also realise that if you choose to be a second-rate banana, there will be people who do not like bananas.

Furthermore, you can spend your life trying to become the best banana – which is impossible if you are an apple.

Or you can seek again to be the finest apple.

Another Open e-Gardens photo!

We have Jane & Dave to thank for this one.



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

Christians Against Poverty

Despite the current lock-down, the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) continues unabated.

Their latest newsletter is now available on the [Christ Church website](#). Do have a look at this, and pray for their amazing work.



More Coffee, anyone?

Thank You

I'd just like to say a big Thank You to Dawn for doing such a great job producing *Connected* last week.

It was very much appreciated by a number of people, and meant that I could have a week off knowing that everything was in good hands. I just hope that I can maintain Dawn's high standard!

Thank you, too, to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week. As it's likely that there won't be a Link Magazine covering August and September, 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.

One other point - if you know of someone who is not receiving a copy of *Connected*, please email me at the office, or you can phone and leave a voicemail if I'm not in.

There are now 26 people without a computer who are receiving a printed copy, thanks to some dedicated deliverers!

Thank you

Phil

The Mechanics of Longleat

During our week off last week, Julia and I took a trip to Longleat. The weather was glorious and it was great to see lots of animals roaming around. I won't bore you with all the photos, but I thought you'd be amused by these.

Phil



One of the monkeys tried to get to the windscreen washer for a drink. He didn't succeed.

Then one who was clearly more experienced tried....



.... and succeeded when he put his teeth into it!



Here's a good reason why we shouldn't open our churches too early!



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.