

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

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



## *This Week...*

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## *Verse For The Week*

Let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us. Let us look only to Jesus.

*(Hebrews 12: 1b-2a)*

## *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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## **Open for Private Prayer**



Emmanuel Church is now open on Thursday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 for private prayer.

Members of both churches are welcome to come along and pray, and volunteers will be on hand to ensure social distancing is maintained. Having just the one church open aligns with the vision to maintain unity during this time. Our thanks go to those at Emmanuel who have worked hard to make this possible.

Both PCCs will be meeting on Monday to look further at the possibilities of opening our churches for services. Please pray for them, and watch this space for further news.

## **Sermon Snippets**

This week at Holiday Club we've heard about heroes from the Bible who show us what it means to trust in God. As we read their stories, it's as if we're surrounded by them and others like them who show us what true faith is. They have already run the race and received their prize.

And now these biblical heroes are cheering us on as we run the race of life, encouraging us to fix our eyes on Jesus, trust in God, and never give up.

See page three for more Holiday Club fun!

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

Today both Emmanuel and Christ Church PCCs meet to make decisions concerning church opening. Please pray for God's wisdom and for unity between us.

## Tuesday

Having enjoyed Holiday Club online last week, the Family, Youth and Children's Ministry team have to work on how they can best help families and young people as lockdown eases without compromising safety. Please pray for them.

## Wednesday

We thank God that while the coronavirus has been here, rough sleepers have been provided with safe places to sleep. Now Somewhere to Go is working on a way to carry on provision which will help homeless people to move into restored lifestyles. Ask God to bless their work and those they are supporting.

## Thursday

Don't forget to keep persisting in prayer for the vaccine development programs to be successful.

## Friday

Please pray for the governments of our country and China to find long lasting diplomatic solutions to our differences. Pray the same for relations between China and USA. Also pray for those who are persecuted for their beliefs, ethnicity or political views.

## Saturday

Remember in your prayers everyone who is unwell, lonely, grieving or struggling in any way. We especially pray for Lyn Hill and Grace Monk.

Please also pray for Zach and Kalie who are getting married in Christ Church today.

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'.

The latest Prayer Sheet from the Morrisseys is now available from the Church Office if you'd like a copy.

## *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)

# Church News

## *News about Services*

We are putting on two special services for people to remember those who have passed away during the last few months.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday 4th October where we can give thanks for the lives of members of our two congregations who are no longer with us. The other is a Memorial Service on Sunday 1st November which will be for folk in the community to remember loved ones. Unfortunately, because numbers will need to be restricted, the services, both at Christ Church starting at 4pm, will be ticket-only events.

## *Annual Leave Dates*

Phil will be away Monday and Tuesday, 3rd and 4th August. The Church Office will therefore be closed on these days.

Tom and Chris will be having a week's holiday from Tuesday 4th to Tuesday 11th August inclusive.

## *Houseparty News*

Christ Church and Emmanuel had a houseparty booked for October 2021. Sadly this has had to be cancelled owing to the closure of Brunel Manor.

However there will be a HOUSEPARTY AT HOME in 2021. Those who remember the one we held a few years ago will recall a wonderful time together. It is also an opportunity for people who don't usually join the Houseparty Away to come and enjoy time together at Home. We hope you will be able to join us!!

*Sandra*

## *Preschool updates*

We have now finished for the summer holidays but if anyone is looking for a place for their 2, 3 or 4 year old please contact Sarah on 07720 488967.

We will be back on Tuesday 01 September, and will be open from 9am to 3.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will review this during the half term break.

# Coffee time after the Service...

## Holiday Club Special

I just want to say a quick something about Holiday Club 2020 - Running with the Heroes.

It's funny because I've felt a mix of things about Holiday Club this year. I've been sad that we can't be together in church with the children and volunteers (and I still kind of am) but also I've been making sure to sit down ready to watch the premiere along with everyone else at 10:30am each day to hear the story and learn about these Bible heroes. You can probably relate to the awkward feelings of seeing yourself on a screen!

Regardless, I know that already the children and their families have been having a great time at holiday club. I am very grateful to each person that has volunteered their time in some way to make this year's club happen (and for some it's been in very new ways!)

I want to ask you to pray that God moves in the lives of these families and that they can continue to feel part of our big church family long after this club is over. I hope you all tune into the Holiday Club Sunday Service this week so that you can all see what fun has been going on!

Hayley

"Thank you everyone for your amazing hard work both mine loved it. It was fantastic."



"Fascinated" and "Amazed" by Terry's Challenges!

Look everyone - Holiday Club is on TV!



Nicky in the Crafty Cave

"We have loved it ... Brilliant job done by everyone ... Much fun jumping around like superheroes!"

"We have had so much fun, thank you. Evie and boys woke up saying hooray its holiday club! (Day one) Mine would not stop laughing (at Ronald Raven) Arthur nearly fell off his chair!"





# More Coffee, anyone?

## *A Bumper Crop of e-Gardens Photos!*



Sarah sent in these wonderful photos of her garden - thanks Sarah!



*I hope you're enjoying the Open e-Gardens series. If you would you like to include photographs of your garden, simply email your photos in to the Church Office for inclusion in a future edition of Connected. Hopefully, next year we'll get back to enjoying the gardens in person!*

## *Free to a good home*



This is a folding transit wheelchair, in very good condition, with seatbelt and cushion. We don't want any money for it but donations to church would be appreciated. Please email the Church Office. We can deliver. Thanks.

*Anne*

## *Are you a writer?*

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week. There won't be a Link Magazine covering August and September, so 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.

*Phil*