

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

## Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



### *This Week...*

- Church Services News
- Christian Aid Donation
- Crook Peak Finally Conquered!
- 'Open e-Gardens' keeps growing

### *Verse For The Week*

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

*(1 Peter 1: 3,4)*

### *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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## Services in September

We've been thinking and praying together about how to re-open our churches for worship. Of course, we want to get back to church where the majority are able to attend, but this is still some way off. To my mind, the danger in simply restarting our two morning services at 10:30 am is that a) many folk who cannot yet attend church will feel very left out, and b) those who do attend may well be disappointed with the service under current guidelines. The PCCs have therefore agreed that for a "transitional period" we will have a different form of services starting in September:

– **We keep the existing online service going** and that it represents our main service. This will ensure the significant number who do not feel able to attend at the moment can feel part of what we're doing. When we're watching it, we can sing along and drink coffee which we can't do at church!

– **We start a subsidiary reflective service** of about 30 minutes at 9:45am at both churches. The idea is that those who attend that service can then return home, make a coffee and watch the online service with everybody else. The 9.45 service would not attempt to "become the main morning service". There will be a short meditation – because the main teaching would be for the online service. My hope is that by offering something better suited to our restrictions, i.e. a reflective prayerful service, the sense will be that we are doing something new rather than try to reproduce the previous morning service.

*Tom*

## Sermon Snippets

*1 Peter 1: 3-12*

Christ's resurrection gives us an inheritance that will not fade, and is secure.

Though our faith is tested we can rejoice in that promise.

There may be a 'not yet' to the fullness of salvation, but there is a 'now' to the anticipation and joy of that fullness.

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

We thank you for our virtual Sunday Service which so many of us can share. Thank you for all who put it together and take part, and we pray that You will encourage those who miss this. Thank you that we can know that You are always there listening and speaking to us especially through Your Word.

## Tuesday

O God of love, in these difficult times when many have lost their jobs and some have suffered hunger and deprivation, fill us with your love and make us generous cheerful givers who show our love in practical care for those in need, trusting in You, the Lord who provides.

## Wednesday

We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially women in Syria and Nigeria, who are persecuted because they bear your name. Encourage them and lift them up to know the wonder of your love for them.

## Thursday

We praise You that nothing in all creation is hidden from Your sight or takes You by surprise. Please grant our leaders the heavenly wisdom needed to face an uncertain future; wisdom that is pure, peace-loving, considerate, impartial and sincere.

## Friday

We pray for those who are struggling every day with illness, grief or depression in addition to all the restrictions brought about by the virus: Lyn Hill, Susan and Derek Lewis and others that we know.

## Saturday

We pray that You will be especially close to all those elderly and lonely people living in care homes in our town, especially as they are not able to spend time with their families and friends. Help them to trust in You and grant them patience.

O Jesus, Light of the World, be our guide through the times of uncertainty ahead, with many changes in our lives because of Coronavirus. Teach us to walk by Your light no matter what dark days there may be coming.

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.

# Notices

## *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.

## *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.

## *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...

## Cakes

*This poem came about because of Lock Down this year then disappointingly no Church Open Garden Events or Best Cake competitions. In which case, during all this time of lock down, where have all the flours gone? (Apologies to Peter Paul and Mary).*

Cakes may be found in various guises.  
Colours and shapes in all sorts of sizes.

There are also many flavours too.  
Can't think of them all, but I'll name  
just a few:-

Carrot, Beetroot, and Lemon zest.  
But which cake proves to be the best?



Victorias that carry the  
Summer fete prizes?

Or those light fluffy fairies in  
pleated gowns  
With their silky smooth icing  
and diadem crowns?



If given a choice of just these two  
Which one would you care to choose?

No rush, no haste.  
(Never ever when considering a cake!)  
It really is down to a matter of taste.

Does the Queen eat cakes in her Royal Palace?  
You bet, if they were fairies and made by Alice.

*Dave &  
Stella*

### 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
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## Crook Peak finally conquered!

From our local correspondent

Having rashly promised that he would climb Crook Peak on his 90th Birthday on July 29th, Barry set out from Base Camp "NT CAR Park", accompanied by his experienced native Sherpa Glenys S-J and two Bearers carrying heavy loads of sandwiches, crisps and lemonade.

Given a good forecast that there was little chance of snow, Camps three, four and five were briefly passed, and despite several deep rabbit holes, the summit was reached after an hour without the need for oxygen.

The view from the top was stupendous, with the surrounding towering peaks of Wavering Down, Shiplake Hill and Brent Knoll, and Glastonbury Tor in the far distance.

Asked what his next great expedition would be, Barry thoughtfully replied 'I think we'll eat the sandwiches.'

*Barry*

## Big Brekkie Update

Well done all you Brekkie Fans!

Between us we raised £128.75 for Christian Aid while we munched our Big Brekkies.

Thank you for joining in the fun and making the effort to make a contribution to the essential work Christian Aid does for the poorest of the poor. We loved seeing your pictures here on *Connected*. It seems a long time ago now doesn't it?

*Bev*



# More Coffee, anyone?

## *e-Gardens Photos*

Many thanks to Heather for this week's photos



*'my spectacular hydrangeas'*



*'my wild garden for bees and butterflies'*

*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!*

## *Holiday Club Update*

Nicky informs me that husband Martin joined in with the Holiday Club each evening after work. He was therefore quite rightly awarded a certificate!



## *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*