

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

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Verse For The Week

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

(1 Peter 1: 23)

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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Christ Church Opens Its Doors



Some of you may know we held a wedding a couple of Saturdays ago – of Zach and Kalie.

It was the first time Christ Church has been used since 15th March for a service (under all the social distancing guidelines). It was such a joy to see the building used again!

Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 1: 22 - 2: 3

On Sunday we'll be looking at our next passage in 1 Peter; about "growing up in our salvation".

We're delighted to say our daughter Lucy is expecting her first baby in November. Needless to say Chris and I are really excited about the birth. . . . but of course the actual birth is only the start of this child's life – they will have the rest of their lives to grow up.

As Christians, our "birth into the faith" is just the start of a bigger adventure and we have all sorts of things to discover and learn and become over our lives in God.

One aspect of our growth is that it is through "the living and enduring word of God" - that's the Bible and all the things the Bible points us to. I wonder . . . can that be an area of growth for you? Getting to know God's word and then follow it all the more faithfully?

Prayer Pointers

Commandment focused prayer pointers (Ex 2:2-12/Mt 22:37)

[6] SANCTITY

Thank God that he created humans in His own image, and ask for His help to value human life as He does. Pray for all who have died, been injured or bereaved because of war, violence, gun & knife crime, drink, drugs, or disasters due to environmental destruction.

[7] TRUST

Thank the Lord that He wants to know you personally. Ask that He will help you to follow His example in your human relationships. We pray for all who are tempted by this world's corrupted standards, in what they think, say or do within their close personal interactions.

[8] HONESTY

Give thanks that we recognise what is unlawful, and ask God to help us meet the high moral standards laid out within the Bible. We pray for individuals and societies that have stolen what was not theirs, and ask that current and historical dishonesties be acknowledged and ceased, and for the achievement of the reconciliation that will lead to a fairer future.

[9] INTEGRITY

Give thanks that Jesus is the perfect example to follow and ask for His guidance each day. We pray for leaders of governmental and commercial organisations, globally, nationally and locally, that they may be challenged by Jesus' example to prevent corruption and stop discrimination.

[10] CONCERN

Give thanks for Jesus' teaching that we should love our neighbours as ourselves, be satisfied with sufficient to meet our essential needs, ready to share with others and not to yearn for what others have. Thank God for all who are selfless and put the needs of others before their own. Ask for Jesus' guidance and strength to behave this way each day and pray for all who are selfish and self-centred, that they may learn to see the world from God's perspective.

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

Dates for your Diaries

- Sunday 6th September - 9.45am
Reflective Services begin at Emmanuel.
- Sunday 13th September - 9.45am
Reflective Services begin at Christ Church.
- Sunday 4th October - 4pm
Thanksgiving Service* (to remember those in our two congregations who are no longer with us).
- Sunday 1st November - 4pm
Memorial Service* (for the community to remember loved ones who passed away during the lock-down period).

**Note - these two services will be ticket-only events. More details will be given soon.*

Emmanuel Church Survey

A survey is coming out on Monday for all Emmanuel Church members and other regular users. We would like your views on the church and what you would like to see happening there in the future.

If you do not receive a survey by email on Monday and would like to participate, or if you would like a paper version, please contact Phil at the Church Office.

Christian Worship and Faith Survey

Bath Spa University are conducting research which aims to deepen understanding and appreciation of the role that our faith plays in our daily lives. They are hoping to learn more about Christians' habits and preferences in order to possibly conduct more qualitative studies in the future. All answers will be anonymous, and participants will be given the opportunity to contact the researcher at the University if they would like more information or clarification on any aspect of the survey.

[Click here to participate in this survey.](#)

Coffee time after the Service...

An Alternative to Open Gardens

Being a flat dweller I am not able to contribute to virtual Open Gardens. Instead I am a walker and have been blessed during lock-down with many lovely places to enjoy around Locking Castle including fishing ponds and views of Crook Peak. However, my favourite place to walk is Weston beach early in the morning especially when the tide is high.

Praise God for the most amazing place that we live in.

ENJOY!

Sheila

In mid-March on the Monday morning when lock-down was announced I took what turned out to be my last walk on the beach for many weeks, on a chilly but bright day.



In early July I once again took an early Monday morning walk during high tide, following a week-end of rain and gales. It was a much warmer and windier morning.



More Coffee, anyone?

The Open e-Gardens series has clearly taken root!

We're off to Carole and Jeff's this week.



The observant among you will notice that the photos were taken on the 22nd July, which was clearly a very nice day! It has taken this long for them to be published because of the queue of contributions, all of which have been very gratefully received.

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!



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)

Are you a writer?

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected* this week, and for the other articles and photos which I have kept for future editions. 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