

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Operation Christmas Child
- Lots Of Notices
- More About Church Services
- A Bumper Crop of Garden Photos

Verse For The Week

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(1 Peter 2: 9)

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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Operation Christmas Child



This is something our two churches get involved with each year, and we want to make sure that despite the current restrictions, this year is not going to be any different.

Samaritan's Purse say on their website:

"The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child."

We will be posting more details on how this is going to work from a practical perspective, but in the meantime why not click on one of these links to the Samaritan's Purse website:

- [Here are some great craft ideas of what to make for your shoebox.](#)
- [This is a link to the main website where you'll find lots of information and an inspiring video to watch.](#)



Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 2 v 4-10

God's people have been chosen for a glorious purpose. These verses from Peter reassure his readers, and us, that we are already members of God's household - His family.

God's new spiritual house is believers themselves, the living stones.

Prayer Pointers

Monday

Pray for countries that are particularly struggling to cope with the effects of the pandemic. We pray especially for Brazil and other South American nations, for India and for South Africa.

Tuesday

Remember in your prayers Christian missionaries overseas as they confront the additional burdens caused by the pandemic. Pray that they will get the support they need.

Wednesday

Pray for the homeless of our town, many of whom have now had to leave accommodation and return to the streets. Remember especially those suffering from drug or alcohol addiction.

Thursday

Give thanks that Emmanuel Church is now open for prayer each Thursday morning, and for all the work done by the Churchwardens to achieve this.

Friday

Pray for those whose health condition means that they are still having to isolate, and for God's healing touch on all infirm members of our churches.

Saturday

Give thanks to the Lord for the fine spiritual leadership from all our ministers and readers throughout this time of crisis, which has enabled us to maintain our church community.

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'.

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)

Notices

Emmanuel Church Survey

A survey is now out 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 would like to participate, or if you would like a paper version, please contact Phil at the Church Office.

Temporary Accommodation Required

We have had an enquiry in the Office asking if there is anyone who has, or knows of, a local caravan, an unoccupied granny annex or spare house waiting to be sold. This would be for a couple, who are known to us, to use for a short period or for occasional use. Please contact Phil in the Church Office for more details.

Dog Walking

Jane has been helping someone out by walking a small friendly dog once or twice a week. With a holiday looming she wonders if anyone else may be interested in helping out too? Please contact Jane for more details: 01934 417776 or 07766 678446

Every Day With Jesus

There is a complete year's worth of Every Day With Jesus in the office. If you would like to take it (there's no charge), please let Phil know in 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...

Dates for your Diary - Expanded version

Reflective Services

Getting back together in church is something I'm sure we're all looking forward to, although we are very aware that not everyone will be able to at the moment. For this reason, the main service will continue to be online as this is where the majority of our members are able to 'gather'.

The reflective services will run as additional services for a transitional period. They will start at 9.45am, will last for approximately 30 minutes, and will include a short meditation. The main teaching will continue to be part of the online service.

The services commence at Emmanuel Church on Sunday 6th September, and Sunday 13th September at Christ Church.

Christ Church Thanksgiving Service

You are warmly invited to attend this service which will be on Sunday 4th October at 4pm at Christ Church. We will be giving thanks for the lives of Christine Baker, Jean Hancock, Brian Kellock and Janet Webb, all of whom sadly passed away during the lock-down period.

Because of the current limit on the number of people we can accommodate in church, we ask that people reserve seats in advance in order to avoid the disappointment of not being allowed in. Please phone or email the Church Office to book your place.



Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These meetings would have been held in April, but have been delayed for obvious reasons.

The meeting at Christ Church will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm. Because of the need to limit the number of people attending, we ask that everyone who wishes to attend reserves their place in advance by phoning or emailing the Church Office.

It is very much hoped that people who are unable to attend in person will be able to participate, and even to vote, online. We will be giving more details about this in due course.

The date for the Emmanuel meeting will be announced as soon as possible.

United Memorial Service

This service will take place at Christ Church on Sunday 1st November at 4pm. The aim is for members of the community to remember loved ones who passed away during the lock-down period.

This will be a ticket-only service because of the need to limit the number of people attending. Bookings are being taken at the moment.

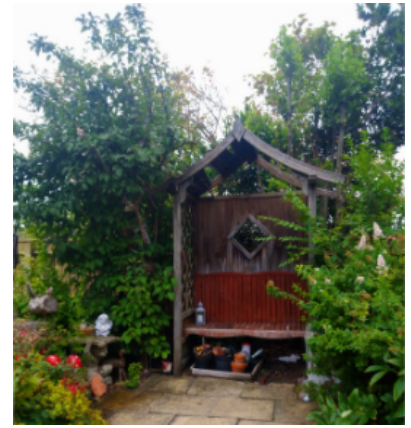
If you know of anyone who would like to come along and remember someone they have lost, please contact Phil in the Church Office. There are invitation cards available in the lobby at Christ Church during office opening hours if you would like something to give to someone personally.

More Coffee, anyone?

A Bumper Crop of Open e-Gardens photos!



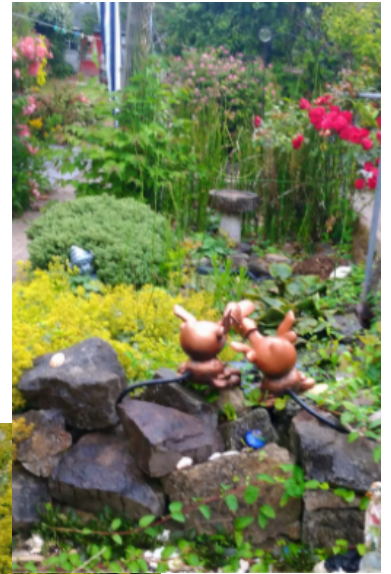
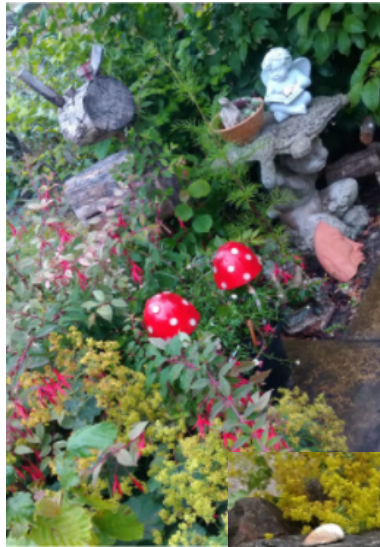
Thanks to Julie and Nigel
for this week's photos.



Julie writes:

I miss seeing you all in my garden and sharing bacon rolls and cream teas with you.

God bless and may your own special spaces give you peace - love Julie x



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!