

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel
Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Dates For Your Diaries
- Congratulations!
- Open Veg Patch Photos

Verse For The Week

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

(1 Peter 2: 15)

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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Mental Health, Wellbeing and Coronavirus

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The Church of England have published guidance on Mental Health and Wellbeing during this very difficult time. The document states: "Often we think that our faith should get us through alone. But the reality is, we are all human and subject to both physical and mental ill health."

The guidance includes suggestions based on those published by the Mental Health Foundation on how to best look after ourselves as well as each other. They include:

- Try to avoid speculation; look up reliable information
- Follow the Government advice on staying safe
- Stay connected with other people
- Try to anticipate distress
- Look after your own spiritual health

For more details on the above, [click this link](#).

Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 2 v 11-17

Peter our letter writer calls the Christians 'exiles' or 'foreigners'. He means that they are different because they have asked Jesus to be in charge of their lives. They march to a different beat and the quality of their lives should stand out. We are similar - we march to a different beat to the world around us. Our world does not finish when we die; the friendship and partnership with Jesus that we enjoy here moves with us to our life beyond the grave.

Prayer Pointers

Monday

Ask for the Lord's blessing on all who have suffered mental health problems as a result of the pandemic. Pray they will now be able get the help they need.

Tuesday

While we mourn the high death toll, yet give thanks in your prayers for the lives of Christians lost to the disease and that they are now with the Lord in paradise.

Wednesday

Pray for children and teachers as the new school year begins, that they may be able to make up for lost time and achieve success in the year ahead.

Thursday

Pray for a just society, and that movements such as 'Black Lives Matter' will help achieve equal opportunity and treatment for ethnic minorities around the world.

Friday

Give thanks that our online services have been shared by a wider audience and God's word has been taken beyond our own congregations.

Saturday

Praise the Lord for, throughout all the trauma of this year, he has been working his purpose out, and we can put our trust in him.

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 Emmanuel Church members and regular users only. We would appreciate your views on things like what you value about Emmanuel, its relevance to you, and your views on it's community's needs.

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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

This is a follow-on reminder from last week's issue of *Connected*. It is something our two churches get involved with each year, and we want to make sure that despite the current restrictions we can do the same this year.

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.](#)

Free To A Good Home...

Stella & Dave have a barely-used Mothercare travel cot which they'd love to pass on free to anyone in our two churches who needs one.

Coffee time after the Service...

Dates for your Diary

Reflective Services (now called 'Sunday Prayers')

Sunday Prayers 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. They will run weekly in both Churches with a couple of exceptions at Christ Church. These will be announced nearer the time.

Thanksgiving and Memorial Services

These will be ticket-only services because of the need to limit the number of people attending. Bookings are being taken at the moment, and there are still spaces available.

The **Thanksgiving Service** 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.

The **Memorial 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The meeting at Christ Church will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm. The date for the Emmanuel meeting will be announced as soon as possible. Please watch this space for more news about how the APCMs will be run this year.

All are welcome to attend these meetings, but only those who are registered on the Electoral

In Other News...

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Guy Boardman, Lucy Boardman, Zion Chen, Matthew Maynard, Tia Pilgrim, Dom Boardman. Mike Butt, Anna Jones and Laura Page on their results this summer. They've achieved what they hoped for and they're now all able to go on to their chosen further studies or employment.

Special congratulations to Mike, Anna, and Laura who have all been awarded first class degrees. Pray for them all as they take their next steps in moving towards their chosen careers.

If you got results which you'd like to share with our church family please get in touch and we'll include them in a future edition of *Connected*.

More Annual Leave

Please note that Phil will be off from Friday 28 August for a week, returning Monday 07 September. Jane has kindly offered to check phone messages and emails, but apart from this the office will be closed for the week.

Dawn will be compiling the next edition of *Connected*. This won't be emailed out until Saturday 5th September. The paper copies will be distributed early the following week.

If you have any contributions, please email them to Dawn directly.

Roll will be able to vote for new PCC members and any other matters discussed at the APCMs.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll, or if you have moved house or reached your 16th birthday since 8th April last year, please get in touch with Phil at the Church Office as you will need to complete a form. The deadline for new registrations is Monday 21 September.

More Coffee, anyone?

A Variation On A Theme - Open e-Veg Patch!

This week, Nicky gets excited about her vegetables...



...and is clearly very proud of her rhubarb umbrella!



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!