

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

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



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## *Verse For The Week*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

*(1 Peter 2: 24)*

## *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.

## Contact Details

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## Annual Church Meeting Dates

The Annual Church Meetings will be held as follows:

- Christ Church - Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm. Further information on how this meeting will be run will be given as soon as possible.
- Emmanuel - Monday 19th October at 3.30pm in church.

All are welcome to attend these meetings, but only those who are registered on the Electoral Roll of the church will be able to vote for new PCC members and any other matters discussed at the meetings.

The Emmanuel Church Electoral Roll was updated earlier this year. If you are a member of Christ Church and not on it's 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. Please note that the final deadline for new registrations is Monday 21 September.

## Sermon Snippets

*1 Peter 2 v 18-25*

Peter develops the idea of how we are to live a Christian life in the area of our work.

We are to do our work for our boss, whether they are good or bad, as if we are working for Jesus who is not only our shepherd but also our foreman. If we suffer unjustly then we are not to retaliate but rather show grace to others.

He challenges us to follow the example of Jesus who suffered graciously for us so that our behaviour will be part of our witness to others.

# Prayer Pointers

## Sunday

Please pray for the first Sunday reflective service - Sunday Prayers - at Christ Church today. May it, and the continuing services at Emmanuel, be a blessing to all who are able to attend.

## Monday

Pray for the Pre-school that Sarah Quick runs at Christ Church, that the children and staff will be kept safe and that numbers will increase so they can run 5 days a week.

## Tuesday

Pray for the people who will be affected by the new ruling that only 6 family members or friends can meet together. Pray for the virus to be contained quickly, and the ruling lifted soon.

## Wednesday

Pray for any who are unwell at this time, for the Lord's care and protection for them.

## Thursday

Give thanks for all the Sunday services that have been on the website, for the time people have spent planning and preparing them and continue to do so.

## Friday

Ask the Lord to refresh Tom and Chris as they start a week's holiday today.

## Saturday

Pray for the Mission Partners we support who are working overseas in Africa and Asia. May they know the Lord's care, protection, and guidance.

The latest newsletter from Christians Against Poverty is now 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

## *Tom & Chris On Holiday*

Tom and Chris will be on holiday for one week starting Friday 18th September.

## *Office Closed (again!)*

The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, 14th & 15th September.

## *Last Call for Emmanuel Survey Responses*

This survey was sent out to 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 still like to participate, please contact Phil at the Church Office.

The deadline for responses is Friday 18 Sept.

## *Bible Notes*

Would subscribers to Bible Notes who are intending to go to Sunday Prayers and who could collect their notes at church, please let Barry know, (tel 812940 or email [barrysj@freeuk.com](mailto:barrysj@freeuk.com)) so that he can arrange for them to be there.

## *Operation Christmas Child*

We will be collecting again this year for the annual Operation Christmas Child 'shoebox' appeal. Details of what this is all about can be found on the [Samaritan's Purse website](#).

Obviously the practicalities of organising the collection of items are going to be somewhat different this year. Details of how you can get involved can be found on the special page on the [Christ Church website](#).

## *Thanks to Dawn*

I'd just like to say a big Thank-you to Dawn who compiled last week's edition of *Connected*.

It was very well received, and also meant that I could have a week away knowing that this publication was in safe hands!

*Phil*

## *Dates for your Diary*

*Emmanuel Harvest Service -  
Sunday 20th September at 09.45*

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival a bit differently this year. We won't be able to set up the harvest gifts beforehand, nor will we be having a harvest lunch. However, at our 9.45am Sunday Prayers we would like to receive harvest items in tins, bottles, jars and packages, which will be shared between Somewhere To Go and The Beacon as is our usual custom. Do bring your contributions along to the service and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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### *Thanksgiving Service*

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.

This is a ticket-only service because of the need to limit the number of people attending. Bookings are being taken at the moment but there are only a few spaces left. Please call Phil in the Church Office or send an email as soon as possible to reserve your space and avoid disappointment. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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### *Memorial Service*

This service will be on Sunday 1st November at Christ Church starting at 4pm. It is open to everyone to remember loved ones, especially people who have passed away during the lock-down period.

Again, this is a ticket-only service, so if you know of anyone who would like to come along please ask them to get in touch with Phil in the Church Office. There are still a few spaces available.

## *Thank You*

Dear Tom and all the people who put together our wonderful Sunday services,

I just want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to you all. You have all inspired, encouraged, and challenged Barry and I so much over the last few months. I honestly don't know what we would have done without these services.

Having so much time on our hands, there has been time to really look at the messages each week, apply them to our lives and consider where we are with God at the moment, and what we need to change. I like to make notes about particular points and keep looking at them during the week.

Thank you again, all of you, so much.

*Barry & Penny*

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## *Serving Our Churches*

Have you thought about how you can take an active part in the church you belong to? Why not consider serving on the Parochial Church Council?

The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, section 2 states that *"It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish."* It also sets out some of the functions of the PCC, the first of which is *"co-operation with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social (i.e. helping members of society) and ecumenical."*

In addition, each church has representatives on the Deanery Synod. This is a forum where churches in the area share views with each other.

At Christ Church there are four vacancies for the PCC and at least one for the Deanery Synod. At Emmanuel there is one PCC vacancy. Each of these positions will be for a three-year period.

Please pray for the PCCs and whether you feel God is leading you to serve in this way. If you'd like to know more, please talk to Tom or one of the Church Wardens.

# More Coffee, anyone?

*Open e-Gardens are back!*



We're being treated to the delights of Barry & Penny's garden this week.

