

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



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Verse For The Week

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

(1 Peter 3: 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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Serving on the PCC

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? This is the body which meets to discuss matters related to the Church and to assist the minister in the Church's whole mission.

As well as the PCC, each Church has representatives on the Deanery Synod. This is a forum where churches in the area share views and experiences with each other.

At Christ Church there are four PCC vacancies and one for the Deanery Synod. At Emmanuel there is one PCC vacancy. Each position 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.

Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 3 v 1-9

Today we're looking at another area where Peter tells this local church of how their knowledge of Jesus Christ impacts their lives. Last week with Terry we looked at the world of work; this week we look at how it can affect a marriage relationship – although, as we'll see, this teaching is for all of us, married or not. Peter reminds us that Christ gives us all an example of behaviour that is humble and not demanding of our rights. He applies this to wives – but also in exactly the same way to husbands. This teaching was therefore seen as very radical and elevated wives to the same status as husbands. That was not the culture in those days although, thankfully, it is (in theory) today. I think the challenge is to all of us to be humble and not pushy in all our relationships – of course this is no mandate for an abusive marriage for either partner. You may well know that this is sometimes seen as a controversial passage – which is why I thought the Vicar should have a go at trying to make sense of it in our society!

Prayer Pointers

Monday

The Government need our prayers as they deal with Covid 19 after the steep rise in infections. At the same time, Brexit is very much in the news.

Tuesday

Pray for rest and refreshment for Tom and Chris as they holiday this week in the Lake District.

Wednesday

Commit Life Groups to the Lord as they plan their autumn programme probably via Zoom. Pray for those groups unable to meet in this way.

Thursday

Pray for those who are unwell in our two churches, that they will get the right help and medication as needed.

Friday

The Annual Church Meetings are being held in October. Read about these on page 3. Pray that the right people will come forward to serve as PCC members and Church Wardens as needed.

Saturday

Pray for Donna Pilgrim as she starts her full course to be a Reader on Oct 5th. Pray she will soon get into the study, enjoy it, and not be overwhelmed, but get to know God more fully as she studies.
(also see 'Helping Hands at Emmanuel' on page 3)

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'.



"The need for immediate action is so great,
the committee is dedicating the next 6 meetings to discussing it."

Notices

Emmanuel Harvest Service

This is a reminder for anyone going to the Emmanuel Sunday Prayers service this Sunday (20th) that we will be collecting non-perishable food in jars, tins and packets which will be shared between Somewhere To Go and The Beacon. Please prayerfully consider what you could bring to help others in our community.

Thanksgiving Service 04 October

This is a service to remember folk at Christ Church who sadly passed away during the pandemic. There now only a few seats left, so please call Phil at the Church Office as soon as possible to reserve your place and to avoid disappointment. It's at 4pm at Christ Church.

Please note that there will not be a 9.45am Sunday Prayers service on the 4th October at Christ Church. The 9.45am service at Emmanuel will go ahead as usual.

Bible Notes

Reminder. Anyone wishing to make any alterations to their Bible Notes subscription for 2021 is asked to inform Barry (tel 01934 812940 or email barrysj@freeuk.com) by Friday, October 9th.

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](#).

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)

The Battle of Britain



For those of us who are ex-RAF, this time of year has a particular meaning as it was in the summer of 1940 that the fate of England was in the balance.

On the 10th July of that year the German Luftwaffe began a series of daily attacks designed to wipe out our airfields and air defences as a precursor to a sea mounted invasion code-named "Operation Sea Lion". The last attacks were on the 15th September when the Germans realised that they could not defeat the RAF. As a result, Hitler cancelled the operation. This date is now forever known as "Battle of Britain".

However, the Germans now switched to wholesale bombing of towns and cities in what has become known as the Blitz, and these attacks continued until the end of October, so for the whole of the summer of 1940 the air war was the major concern for England's defence and was a battle for the survival of Britain as well as a battle of Britain!

The bravery and sacrifice of the RAF pilots and aircrew in withstanding the greater numbers of German pilots of the Luftwaffe and a possible invasion was recognised by then Prime Minister Winston Churchill who stated "Never was so much owed by so many to so few".

Robin

The RAF Collect.

Almighty God, who has promised that they who wait upon thee shall renew their strength and mount up with wings, as eagles, we commend to thy fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal Air Force. Uplift and support us in our endeavour, that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and a sure defence to our homeland. Help us to fulfil our several duties with honour, goodwill and integrity, and grant that we may prove to be worthy successors of those who by their valour and sacrifice did nobly save their day and generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Helping Hands at Emmanuel



Some of you may know that we're facing a bit of a change in leadership at Emmanuel.

Donna is stepping back as warden so that she can start on what is quite a demanding schedule of Reader Training with the Diocese. Pat will have completed 4 years as warden come next April and so also will be stepping back.

Please pray – the situation is a challenge but also genuinely an opportunity to move forward. To prepare for two new wardens, we have looked at many of the jobs currently done by wardens (e.g. checking the fire extinguishers) – and realised they don't need wardens to do them!! So – we're looking for folk to take up small responsibilities which will help us engage with church and lighten the load on the wardens considerably.

We are hoping many can help – the more the better! There are a variety of roles – do be in touch with Pat Blake (or Phil in the office) if you think you might be able to help.

Annual Church Meetings

These important 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 soon.
- 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 for 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 to register. **Please note that the final deadline for new registrations is Monday 21 September.**

More Coffee, anyone?

Open e-Gardens will be finishing next week!

This has been a very popular item in Connected.
Can I say a big Thank You to everyone who has
contributed photos of their amazing gardens.

This week we are being hosted by Rod & Sandra.



Let's hope we can meet in these
gardens in person next year!