

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

## Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



### *This Week...*

- Deadline for Shoebox Donations
- More Information about Services
- LightFest! Online
- Attributes of God Word Search

### *Verse For The Week*

When the Chief Shepherd appears,  
you will receive the crown of glory  
that will never fade away.

*(1 Peter 5: 4)*

### *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.

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## Shoebox Sunday 25th October



A big Thank You to those who have already donated to this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal.

There are still some shoeboxes available for collection from the lobby at Christ Church during office hours if you'd like one. Don't forget to collect a leaflet with each box. There are other ways to get involved too. Please have a look at the [Christ Church website](#) for more details. You can also watch an inspiring video on this website page.

The deadline for donations is next week - Sunday 25th October. Just to let you know that the office will be closed on Friday 23 October but completed boxes or loose items can be left in the church lobby as usual.

It's also possible to send a £20 donation to Samaritan's Purse and they will fill a shoebox on your behalf. Click on this link for more information - [Shoebox Online](#)

*Thank you!*

## Sermon Snippets

*1 Peter 5: 1-4*

On a beach, after a night's fishing, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells Peter to take care of his sheep. Peter goes on to become one of the main leaders in the Jerusalem church and years later he writes to other church leaders passing on Jesus' message to them: "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care."

So what kind of leaders does this mean they should be, and how can those of us in positions of responsibility at school, college, work or in committees follow Jesus' example of leadership?

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

Lord, we pray for our Life Group leaders and members. Continue to give them ingenuity in how they still fellowship together, receive Bible teaching and are able to pray for many peoples' needs.

## Tuesday

For our evolving church services, may they bring together our two church congregations in worship and unity. We pray that those unable to physically attend may be able to engage where possible through new communication methods.

## Wednesday

We remember those in care homes, those on their own in their own home and also hospital patients. We pray for growing opportunities to receive visitors, for healing from or protection against coronavirus and all illness. We especially include all care workers, medical staff and their families.

## Thursday

Following our two AGMs we pray for our two churches' vision for the future. We pray for our personal renewal and a deep love for our parishes and town. Lord, help us to shine with Christ's light amid much darkness around us.

## Friday

Father, you remind us through scripture that the poor (including the homeless) are always with us. Help us all to adjust to new ways of meeting people's needs. Give us wisdom in better recognising the many causes and dealing with them more successfully.

## Saturday

We pray for our political, social and spiritual leaders, particularly our Archbishops and Bishops, especially Bishop Peter. We ask that he might know your special fellowship, power and healing, and a real sense of our supportive prayers.

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'.

The latest Prayer Sheet from the Morrisseys is now available from the Church Office if you'd like a copy.

# Notices

## *Help at Emmanuel*

Very many thanks to those who have signed up to take responsibility for the different jobs needing to be covered at Emmanuel. If there is anyone else who would like to be more involved, please have a word with Pat or Meg.

## *Emmanuel Church Opening Times*

Following the introduction of the 9.45 Sunday Prayers service, it was decided not to continue with the Thursday morning opening for private prayer. However Parish Prayers are restarting this Tuesday 20th, from 9.30am to 10am in church. We will be using the Oxford street entrance. All are warmly welcome.

## *Office closed Friday 23rd October*

Please note that the office will be closed on Friday 23rd October as Phil is on a course. However the lobby will be accessible for the delivery of shoebox donations.

## *Vacancy for School Governor*

We are looking for a new Governor for Christ Church Primary School. It takes just a few hours a month and is a great way of working with our community. Tom Webber, Stella O'Brien, Ray Pilgrim, Carol Au Yeung and Pat Hurst are all governors and can tell you more. If you're interested, please have a word with Tom in the first instance.

## *Connecting with the Church Family*

Now that we have started to meet together in church again, some people are able to catch up with others (in a socially-distanced way, of course!). However, there are a number of folk who are unable to get to church, and won't have the same opportunity. This is the whole idea of *Connected*.

Do contact Phil in the Office if you have something you'd like to share with others. Remember that those without computers receive a printed copy of *Connected*, and would love to hear more of what's going on.

# Coffee time after the Service...

## Return to 10.30am Services

In last week's *Connected* we published a letter from Tom in which he set out the vision for church services for the near future.

Starting on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, services at both Christ Church and Emmanuel will start at 10.30, and the 9.45am services will stop. The current online service will also cease, but instead you will be able to watch the Christ Church morning service live on a computer, tablet, smartphone or a 'smart' TV. The details of how you can access the services online will be published in the near future.

If you would like to come to the Remembrance Sunday service at Christ Church **you will need to book a place** as we expect this to be a popular service. Please contact Phil in the office to reserve your place.

Starting on the 8th November we will be reverting to the pattern of services we had before lockdown started earlier this year:

Sunday in Month	Christ Church	Emmanuel
1 <sup>st</sup>	All-Together service	Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Service	Morning Service
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Service	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Morning Service
5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Service	Morning Service

Let's join Tom in praying for three things in particular as we move forward:

- That the new 10.30am services will be genuine encounters with God given the restrictions we face – both for those present and those online. For wisdom as we plan the basic structure of them, and also for the “tech” teams.
- For our young families, for whom the restrictions have made meeting together far more complicated. We are talking, planning and praying about what to offer in terms of actually meeting together.
- Against tiredness and frustration as the consequences of the pandemic will continue to be with us for a considerable time – that this won't get in the way of our church community, worship and mission.

## Annual Church Meetings

Don't forget that the Emmanuel Annual Church Meeting is on Monday 19th October at 3.30pm in church. We look forward to seeing as many Emmanuel members as possible.

The Christ Church meeting took place on Wednesday 14th. 33 people attended the meeting in person, and thanks to David, Terry and others, it was available to watch live online. It's still available to view on the [Christ Church website](#). If you watched the meeting online we'd love to hear your feedback. Please email the office with any comments you may have.

Angie Girling was elected to serve as Church Warden alongside Bev Hall. Hayden Taylor and John Birkett are the Deanery Synod Reps, and the new PCC members are Val Fish, Anne Jones, Jane Milsom, Rosanne Sodzi and Alan Whitfield. We thank them for standing and ask God's blessing on their time in office.



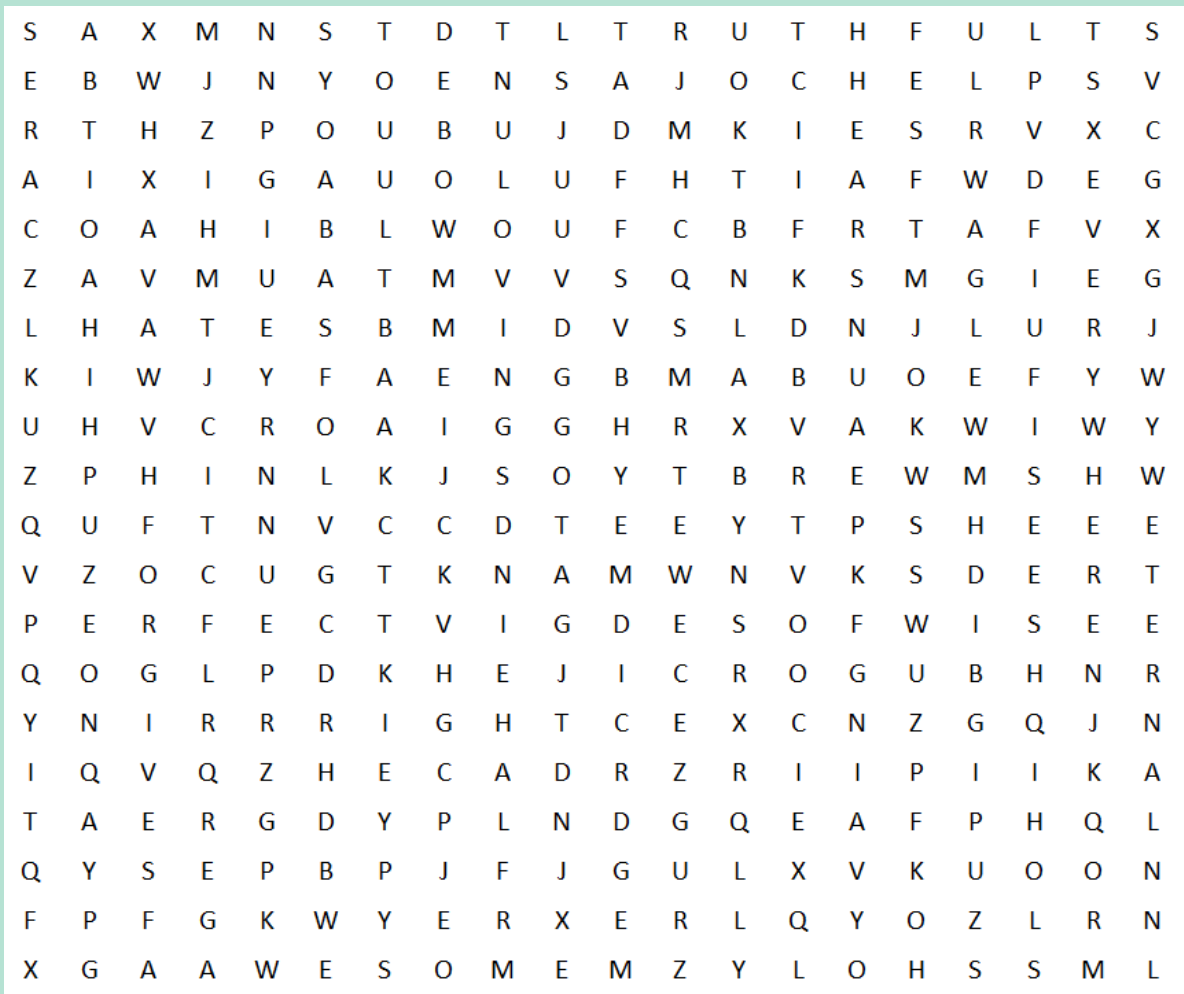
*We have exciting news – our 10th LightFest! will be going online.*

*There will be fancy dress, crafts, songs, a game and an interactive talk (you'll need a torch!). Families will be able to register to get a pack with all they need to take part. It will all be up on the website soon, and more information will be published in Connected.*

*Nicky*

# More Coffee, anyone?

## Word Search - 30 Things About God



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| ALMIGHTY   | JEALOUS   |
| ANGRY      | KIND      |
| AWESOME    | KNOWS     |
| CARES      | LIVING    |
| ETERNAL    | LOVING    |
| EVERYWHERE | MERCIFUL  |
| FAITHFUL   | PATIENT   |
| FAIR       | PERFECT   |
| FORGIVES   | RIGHT     |
| GOOD       | SAVES     |
| GREAT      | SEES      |
| HATES      | SOVEREIGN |
| HEARS      | TRUTHFUL  |
| HELPS      | UNIQUE    |
| HOLY       | WISE      |

## Signs of the Times

