

# Connected

Sunday 14th August 2022

9th Sunday After Trinity

## Sermon Snippets

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2

This Sunday the Anglican Lectionary has landed us in the book of Hebrews for a one-off session.

The whole of Chapter 11 is about faith. Faith in the Lord Jesus means more than believing about Him. It involves believing in Him. Like the

difference between jumping in the pool or looking on knowing the water will hold you but not doing anything about it.

It may help to use an acrostic thus:

'Forsaking All I Trust Him' or 'Father All Into Thy Hands'.

The writer of Hebrews goes through Old Testament history to show how people used their faith to believe in God. Their faith pointed to Jesus but they never had the opportunity of believing directly in Him. We have that privilege. We must take that plunge of faith if we are ever to reach the Promised Land and see the welcoming Jesus Himself.



## Hello Church Family!

Many of you will know that I have been training to become a Reader for the last few years. I have now

completed the theological part of the training and am being licensed on Saturday 1st October in Wells Cathedral at 2pm as part of the Reader's Day.

So many of you have been my faithful advocates, encouragers, and prayer warriors over these sometimes challenging years and I am so grateful to you all. Some people have kindly said they would like to join me in Wells for the Licensing Service so Chris Cole has graciously offered to organise a coach if there are sufficient numbers. There will be a cost (probably around £15) depending on how many wish to go.

There are sign up sheets at the back of both churches so, if you wish to come and join the celebrations and would like to travel by coach, please sign up by the end of August so Chris can make the arrangements.

The service will be at 2pm followed by refreshments so Chris will update us regarding departure times in due course.

I never for one moment imagined myself as a Reader and this journey is a reminder to me that God has plans and purposes far beyond what we might ever think or imagine! I have been on quite a journey to get to this point and, as I prepare to get licensed, I am so excited for the continuing adventure God has planned for coming season.

Thank you all for your endless support and grace.

*Danna*



## Watch the Morning Service

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page.

# What's On This Week

## Sunday 14th August

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel  
'A Quiet Time With God' at 6pm at Christ Church

## Monday 15th August

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 16th August

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Notices

### *Angeline - Email Address*

Angeline has a new church email address:  
angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk

Please use this for anything church-work-related rather than her personal email address.

### *Church Office Closed*

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Tuesday 16th August.

### *Parish Prayers*

Please note that there are no Parish Prayers at Emmanuel throughout August.

### *Welcome Group*

Please note that the Welcome Group at Emmanuel has finished for the summer & will return on Thursday 8th September.

## A Quiet Time With God

Our next Prayer Service is at 6pm this Sunday, 14th August, in church. Prayer can be passionate and intense.

Prayer can be a struggle either to concentrate or to wrestle with God.

But prayer can also be a time of gentle renewal. A sort of chill-out time with God.

This month in our Prayer Service we will be exploring some of the ways we can be more quietly renewed. If you are used to quiet prayer you are welcome but, if you don't really think of prayer in these terms, you are doubly welcome as a chance to try something a bit different.

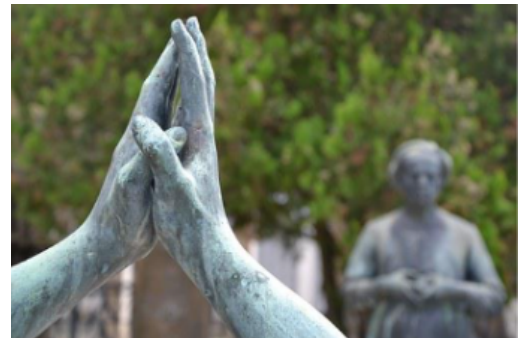
*Terry*

# Prayer Pointers

This week let's pray for Weston's communities; work quietly undertaken by Christians or organisations started by Christians such as:

- Christians Against Poverty - helping people with debt problems;
- Somewhere to Go - working with homeless people;
- Clarence House and Abbeyfield- providing supported housing for the elderly;
- Weston Hospice - care for individuals and families facing terminal illness;
- The FoodBank - in association with Trussell Trust;
- Abbey Care - care homes with a Christian ethos;
- Street Pastors - Good Samaritans for the night-time economy.

You can probably think of others.



## *Verse For The Week*

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

*Hebrews 12: 1-2a*

# Coffee after the Service...

## LADIES TOGETHER



Please join us for Afternoon Tea on Monday 15th August at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre (Room 3/The Garden)



Emmanuel Church was recently visited by a 'Mystery Worshipper'!

- read the review at:

<https://shipoffools.com/mystery-worshipper/emmanuel-weston-super-mare/>



The Weston Area CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre has been running for over five years. It is based in Weston-super-Mare and offers a free debt help service. The key feature for CAP debt help is that we usually visit people in their homes. There are, of course, larger debt help agencies but we visit people who struggle with emotional and mental health issues and who find using the phone or the internet difficult.

To date, we have had over one hundred new client enquiries in the Weston-super-Mare area. As a result, twenty-four clients are now debt-free, ten clients are on CAP debt management plans, and twenty-five clients have gone on to find their own solution after we've visited. The Weston Area CAP Debt Centre is supported by around eighteen local churches within the Weston-super-Mare area, who contribute regularly and provide volunteers to help with clients.

Paul Larcombe and Caroline Williams are Debt Coaches for the Centre.

During the COVID-19 period we adapted our usual debt counselling service to offer a telephone or video-based service (if preferred) but with local help and support to the clients through the process. If at all possible we prefer to see clients face to face.

We are able to take new appointment bookings for our Debt Help Service via our new enquiry team on 0800 328 0006.

Follow Weston Area CAP Debt Centre on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WestonAreaCAP/](https://www.facebook.com/WestonAreaCAP/)

## Missing Specs...?!

Has anyone lost a pair of glasses (in a red case)?

Found in Jeff & Carole Morgan's car during a clear-out!



Please see Emma in the Church Office if you think you may have left a pair in their car at some point!

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