

Connected

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday 10th September 2023

'Back To Church' Sunday

This Sunday at Christ Church
10th September at 10:30am

If you are a regular, why not invite someone else along...?

If you haven't been to church for a while, we would love to see you back...!

If you have never been to church before, why not give it a go...?

You are very welcome to join us!

Christ Church 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

We're starting a series about the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church.

Being a busy bustling port, Corinth was full of commercialism, money, greed, immorality, and many many different ideas and philosophies. Not the easiest place for a fledgling Christian church to find it's feet! In fact, not only was the church finding itself right in the middle of these, but the attitudes of society were starting to get inside the church.

How does an experienced Christian like the apostle Paul help and encourage them?

Listen in to the start of this series!




Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community.

Come along to Christ Church on Sunday morning to hear about the work of Street Pastors in Weston-super-Mare

Luke 4: 14-30 & Isaiah 11: 1-10

This Sunday at Emmanuel we are marking Housing Justice Sunday.

This passage in Luke is sometimes known as the Nazareth Manifesto. In it, Jesus delivers his mission statement for ministry which is to put the poor front and centre of his work.

These two readings are all about relationship. Through good relationships with God and one another, the Holy Spirit transforms our lives to look more like Jesus'.

As church families, we are called to love one another and we are called to work for justice.

By listening to the stories of different people, we are all empowered and enriched. This is our commission and this will be at the heart of our service today.



Emmanuel

Housing Justice Sunday

This Sunday at Emmanuel we are holding a Housing Justice Service - as we think about the issues of homelessness faced by many in our community. This is particularly relevant to us as a town centre church where people regularly sleep and gather.

It is a challenge for us as a Christian community, as we seek to both show Christ's love and compassion whilst also dealing with the difficult and often unpleasant realities that come with people sleeping in the church grounds. We find ourselves being challenged to live as salt and light; not notionally, but in the practical day to day life and ministry of the church.

The truth is, it's often easier to pray it, sing it, and preach it than it is to live it out! And that's why we need God's daily equipping.

We have used resources from the Christian Charity Housing Justice for our service (for info: <https://housingjustice.org.uk/>).



What's On This Week

Saturday 9th September

Repair Café from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Sunday 10th September

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 11th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 12th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 13th September

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 14th September

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 16th September

Open Garden from 2:30pm-5pm

(see programme for further details)

Notices

Tom & Chris Unavailable

Please note that Tom & Chris will be unavailable from Friday 15th to Friday 22nd September inclusive.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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Prayer Pointers

Monday

As we celebrate the King's first year on the throne - give thanks for the heritage that is ours, for the pageantry of state occasions, for parliament and all it stands for, and for the freedoms we all enjoy in this country.

Tuesday

Remember before God all those who have suffered as a result of the extreme weather of this year. Pray He will give wisdom to those in authority who must prepare for such events in the future.

Wednesday

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters imprisoned for following the Lord Jesus. Pray that they will be able to endure their suffering and remain steadfast in the Faith.

Thursday

We are in harvest time. Give thanks for all who have worked throughout the year to provide our food. Thanks also to the Lord who has sent the sun and the rain.

Friday

Give thanks also for the Christian harvest. Praise the Lord that the Faith is growing in so many parts of the world. Ask for a similar revival of the Church in this country.

Saturday

Pray for God's guidance in the week ahead so that, in all the hustle and bustle, we may know His peace in our hearts and approach the new week with confidence in Him.

Verse For The Week

" A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord - and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. "

Isaiah 11: 1-3a

Coffee after the Service...

Open Garden

Our next Open Garden will be taking place on:

Saturday 16th September
from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme
for further details



Evening Prayer Service

Sunday 17th September
6pm at Christ Church

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” – prayers for our planet.

This ecumenical service has the theme ‘Let Justice and Peace Flow’ and is based on a reading from Amos.



Further information will be provided in next week’s Connected...

Do come along as we focus on God’s love for his world.

The Bereavement
Journey.
a place to talk

A place to process grief for anyone bereaved, any time

Bereavement is a difficult experience that affects us all at some point in our lives. We all experience different emotions and these don’t always seem to make sense so it can be helpful to think about or talk these things through.

Larissa and Tom are running ‘The Bereavement Journey’ course starting at 2:30pm on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at Christ Church for eight weeks (see the sign-up sheet or last week’s Connected for the range of topics which will be covered).



This is a gentle course suitable for anyone who would like to think about or talk about losing a loved one. This may have been recently or long ago.

Each session comprises two films followed by an opportunity for discussion in a small group with a break between. Tea, coffee, and cake will be provided.

To book please add your name to the sign-up sheets (available at both Christ Church & Emmanuel), email Larissa at curate@ccwsm.org.uk, or phone Emma in the office on 01934 641016.

If you think this might be for you but are unsure, or would like to know anything more about the course, please speak to Larissa or Tom.

Dates for the Diary!

The harvest season will soon be upon us...



Emmanuel: Harvest Service
Sunday 24th September at 10:30am
Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch (Items brought to the service will be auctioned off and the money sent to the Diocesan Appeal for Zambia).

Christ Church: Harvest Service
Sunday 1st October at 10:30am
(Food donated will be given to Weston Foodbank).

 **Repair Café**
Toss it? No way!

The next Repair Café will be held
Saturday 9th September from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church