

# Connected

Sunday 24th September 2023

Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

## Christ Church 1 Corinthians 1: 10-17

United we stand, divided we fall. Today's hot topic - Unity!

When we disagree about so many things is it possible to remain one with each other?

What does Paul have to say to a divided church?



## Emmanuel 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!



## Harvest Service – Emmanuel

Don't forget... this Sunday, 24th September, is Emmanuel's Harvest Service.



This will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch and an auction to raise money for The Ripple Effect in Zambia {see last week's Connected for further details}.



Please do come along as we enjoy time together and thank God for His provision this harvest season. For those who will be attending the service at Christ Church, you are more than welcome to join us for lunch and the auction afterwards down at Emmanuel.

*"We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.*



*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love."*

# What's On This Week

## Saturday 23rd September

Men's Breakfast at 8:30am at Christ Church

## Monday 25th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 26th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 27th September

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

*(please note that this event is currently full)*

Bereavement Course at 2:30pm at Christ Church

## Thursday 28th September

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Notices

### *Larissa Unavailable*

Please note that Larissa will be unavailable on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October.

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

There is a Confirmation Service at **WELLS** Cathedral on:  
Saturday 4th November (2pm)

***(Please note the correction of venue from last week's edition of Connected)***

Confirmation is an outward sign of living out your Christian faith. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Tom or Larissa

## *Verse For The Week*

" I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. "

*1 Corinthians 1: 10*

## *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

# Prayer Pointers

Almighty and loving God, fan a new flame of love within our hearts so we may set out into another week with renewed purpose, resolved to live and work for you, in the assurance that You are with us, now and always.

We pray for Bishop Ruth as she prepares to take up her role as Acting Diocesan Bishop of Coventry on 6th November. We give thanks for all the support and care she has given us as Bishop of Taunton and ask that the Lord equips her for all that she will need in her new role. We pray for her husband, Howard, too.

We pray for our Wardens - Keith, Mary, Angie, & John - as they watch over us and our churches.

Thursday is the International Day of Peace. In John 14:27 we read 'Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give you. We pray for all who are searching for peace in their lives - those burdened with anxiety and turmoil, whether for themselves or their loved ones, due to war and conflict. May the Lord bring them that peace that only He can give.

We pray for all those battling with flooding, particularly in Libya where the situation is beyond our understanding. But we also pray for those coping with it on a different scale. May help and support be there in a way that it can be used and accepted.

This weekend is World Quaker Day. We do give thanks for the incredible social reforms in this country that have been led by Quakers, particularly prison reform, and we pray for them as they continue to work for justice in our world.

# Coffee after the Service...

## Active Men's Group

This Saturday 23rd September  
8:30am-10am at Christ Church  
Men's Breakfast

Bacon butties,  
toast, and drinks...  
then "Weston Town  
Centre at Night"  
with Dave Milsom  
(a Street Pastor)  
Cost £3



If you did not get a chance to  
sign-up but would like to attend,  
please speak to Paul Sodzi or  
Keith Hallett

Future events...

In October there will be a guided  
walk and in November we are  
planning a guided tour of the SS  
Great Britain  
(further details will follow  
in due course...)

## VERA CLOTHIER'S FUNERAL

*The funeral for Vera Clothier  
will be held on:  
Friday 29th September at  
10:30am at Emmanuel  
All church family are invited*



## Open Doors

There is considerable persecution of Christians  
in many places which goes unnoticed by most  
media and the world at large.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in  
Christ who are suffering persecution.

For some latest news (including from  
Pakistan and Afghanistan) click [here](#) or  
visit Open Doors website.

## Notice for Emmanuel

Next Sunday, 1st October, is World Quaker Day  
and the Emmanuel Church family have been  
invited over to the Quakers for coffee and cake  
after our services to join in their celebrations.

So no coffee and biscuits at Emmanuel next  
week - we will be going over the road...

*Meg*



The latest CAP newsletter can be  
found on our website  
(under 'Mission Partner News')  
or via this link:

[Newsletter about the Weston Area CAP  
Centre \(\[mailchi.mp\]\(mailto:mailchi.mp\)\)](#)

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