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Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Sunday 5th November 2023

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Next Sunday, 12th November, we will be dedicating all our shoeboxes - both the physical boxes as well as those which have been packed online.

If you are packing a physical shoebox and have not yet brought it to church, please ensure that you either take it to the Church Office this coming week or bring it along next Sunday.

If you have not yet done so but would like to pack a shoebox online please click [here](#).

For further information and all relevant links click [here](#) or go to: <https://ccwsm.org.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/>



Verse For The Week

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

John 17: 14-17

Christ Church Daniel 3: 1-18

It's not always easy living as a Christian in a society which can have very different values from our own. Almost like we're swimming against the tide.

This Sunday we will hear a story about three brave men who had enormous pressure to conform to worship an idol. How did they respond and what happened?

Come / tune in on Sunday to find out...



Emmanuel

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 2: 5

As Paul tells the Corinthians to grow up, is it time to take an honest look at where we are spiritually? How are we growing? From where does my help come?



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Prayer Pointers

MONDAY

We pray today as scripture urges us to always pray for Jerusalem but we also pray for the wider region of Gaza, Palestine, and the other Arab nations. Lord, take away all spiritual blindness and political prejudice. We pray that Israeli and Arab may one day experience the promises in scripture that point to blessings for both seeds of Abraham.

TUESDAY

Father, we pray for Britain and every country as fanatics and terrorists determine to cause hatred and strife. Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace and Justice, bring love and unity to all.

WEDNESDAY

Lord, bring wisdom, integrity, and compassion to all our political and social leaders. May they protect the financially vulnerable and those in any kind of need. May those who are well off share the burdens of those struggling. We thank you Lord and pray for charities and Foodbanks.

THURSDAY

Lord, we thank you for and pray for the vital efforts of CAP that play an important role in getting alongside those who are in serious financial difficulties. Lord, please help us to be supportive in prayer and charitable giving.

FRIDAY

Loving Father, we pray for the growing number of people who suffer from mental issues - whether depression, identity problems, or many other causes. Lord, use our prayers and loving care to help them realise that they can share their struggles with us without needing to feel condemned.

SATURDAY

Father God, with the present focus in our two churches on those who are bereaved - whether recently or even years ago, perhaps through war, sickness, tragedies, or natural bereavements - we pray that those who have lost loved ones may find your peace that passes all understanding but also through the loving prayers and care of friends and loved ones so that all wounds may be healed.



What's On This Week

Saturday 4th November

Coffee Morning at 10:30am at Emmanuel
Confirmation Service at 2pm at Wells Cathedral

Sunday 5th November

Annual Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

Monday 6th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 7th November

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 8th November

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
(please note that this event is currently full)
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel
Bereavement Course at 2:30pm at Christ Church

Thursday 9th November

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

Saturday 11th November

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

Sunday 12th November

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Poppy Appeal

There is a box of poppies outside the Church Office - please feel free to take one & leave a contribution in the charity tin alongside.

New Telephone Number...

Jeff & Carole Morgan have a new telephone number - please see them or speak to Emma in the Church Office if you would like this.

Annual Memorial Service Christ Church

Sunday 5th November at 4pm

The service will be gentle and reflective, and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

The service will be followed by refreshments.



Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

In a change to last week's notice, Emmanuel **will be** having a coffee morning with a cake stall this Saturday (4th November) **but no sale.**



A BIG THANK YOU...

...to all those who came to Christ Church last week to help clean the chairs - we are most grateful.

Angie & John



REPAIR CAFE

Our next Repair Café session, on Saturday 11th November, is going to be a bit special!

As we have now completed a full year of operation, we are going to make our first charitable donations.



At 10:30am a representative from Weston Foodbank will be presented with a cheque to help struggling families in our town.

And another donation will be given to the Christ Church assisted access/door fund.

In total almost £1,000!

Jo Egitto

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our volunteers - repairers, greeters, coffee and cake makers, and admin team. And an equally HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has supported this truly Community-led group.

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

We have all contributed to hundreds of items being given a new lease of life, kept them out of landfill, and saved members of our community hundreds of pounds! And we have all had fun and made new friends along the way.

So, if you haven't managed to get to one of our sessions yet, do give us a try. You don't necessarily need to bring an item for repair - just come and have a cuppa!

Disabled Entry Improvements

At Christ Church, we are aiming to make the doors from the glass entrance lobby into the church push-button automatic. The cost is going to be about £4,000 so we would be very grateful if any members of the congregation would like to contribute towards this.

There are marked envelopes at the back of church for cash or cheque donations or, if you would like to donate directly through the bank, click [here](https://ccwsm.org.uk/door/) or go to <https://ccwsm.org.uk/door/> or select 'Disabled Access Door Appeal' under the 'Church Life' menu on our website. Thank you.



More coffee anyone...

Active Men's Group Visit to SS Great Britain

Date: Saturday 18th November
Time: 9:30am (Avonmouth Park & Ride)
Ticket Price: £20

If you would like to come along, please sign-up on the sheet available at the back of church or speak to either Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Church Office. Places are limited. (Emma will contact you in due course regarding payment).

The plan is to car share up to the Park & Ride so, if you are able/happy to drive, please could you confirm this and state how many people you would be able to take in your car.

After the tour, the plan is to share lunch together - a table has been booked for 12:30pm at The Cottage Inn in Bristol.



BIBLE READING NOTES

It is time to order Bible reading notes for 2024!

You can do this via the following link which takes you to our website:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/product-category/bible-notes/> where you can order and pay online.

Alternatively, please contact Sandra Wilkes to place an order.

If not paying online, please provide payment of one year's subscription with the order. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, or card.

If you have not had Bible reading notes before, please see our website (link above) or speak to Sandra.



Christ Church Flower Rota

The new flower rota will be drawn up at the beginning of December.

We are really in need of some new volunteers so, if you would like to join the team, please speak to Sandra Wilkes.

You do not need to be an expert flower arranger! Or a lady!



Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November
10:30am til 2pm



- Variety of Stalls
- Refreshments (including lunches)
- Homemade Cakes

More details to follow...

Christ Church Christmas 'Fayre'

Saturday
2nd
December
10am til
2pm



Donations needed:

- Books / Puzzles
- Craft
- Edibles
- Brand New / Nearly New Gift Items

More details to follow...

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