

# Connected

17th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 22nd September 2024

## Farewell to Larissa (Part 1!)

I think Larissa will be writing a short piece for next week's Connected but, as it is her last Sunday at Emmanuel this Sunday, I wanted to write something too.

The three years have completely flown by and I've been so grateful for such a brilliant, faithful, and committed colleague. She has grown and developed so much over this time and has done it in ways that "are her", keeping her character and good humour.

Larissa is an insightful and thoughtful person (and has taught me a thing or two!). She is a great encourager and easy to pray with.

Do tune into "Daily Prayers" this coming week as she will be leading them for the last time:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/daily-prayer/>

Larissa, as you hold your final services (this week at Emmanuel and next week at Christ Church), we will all be so sorry to see you go but very proud of being your training churches. Our thanks to you and our continued prayers for you.

*Tom*



## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church John 10: 22-30

*As we prepare for the Church Weekend At Home, we're continuing our series in John's Gospel thinking about the fullness of life we have in Jesus. This week we'll reflect on a wonderful promise Jesus makes which will give us hope and peace no matter what we're facing.*



### Emmanuel 1 Thessalonians 5: 4-28

This will be Larissa's final service at Emmanuel and she'll be returning to the first passage she preached on as curate.

In this text, Larissa will be looking at the theme of belonging. Belonging to God and belonging to a church family. She'll also be reminiscing a little on her time as part of our church family.



We will focus on the verse "He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him." (v10). She'll also be unpicking the verses "don't quench the Spirit" (v19) and "encourage one another and build each other up" (v11) exploring how all this deepens our relationship with God and how we 'Live God's Love' in the world.

## 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

## Monday 23rd September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 24th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 25th September

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 26th September

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 28th September

Active Men's Group Skittles at 7pm in Locking

## Notices

### *Tom Unavailable*

Please note that Tom is unavailable from Saturday 21st September til Saturday 28th September inclusive.

### *Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Monday 7th October til Friday 11th October inclusive (although it will be manned on occasion during this time).

## *Verse For The Week*

" My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. "

*John 10: 27-28*

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# Prayer Pointers

**Sunday:** Pray for our curate, Larissa, as she celebrates her last Communion at Emmanuel today. May she know how much she has been appreciated by the whole Benefice.

**Monday:** Pray for Ladies Together and for Life Groups who are meeting to continue studying God's message in John's Gospel.

**Tuesday:** Pray for The Beacon, Somewhere To Go, Foodbank, and CAP in our town; may God bless those who attend and all who assist in any way.

**Wednesday:** Pray for Seedlings, after-school clubs, young people, and those who teach/support/care for them as they settle into a new school year.

**Thursday:** Pray for Craft & Chat at Christ Church and the Welcome Group at Emmanuel - pray for all who welcome, befriend, and encourage the people of our community.

**Friday:** Pray for peace and compassion in our troubled world, and for God's guidance for all who lead the nations; may they seek the 'common good'.

**Saturday:** Pray for care and comfort for all those known to you who are unwell or struggling with the hard challenges of life.

## Larissa's Licensing

For those who have signed-up to attend Larissa's licensing, please note that parking will be very limited. Please share lifts if possible and bring a torch (and wear a hi-viz jacket if you have one).

If you are able, please park in Locking Playing Fields Car Park (29-41 Old Banwell Road, Locking, BS24 8BT) and walk to the church. Old Banwell Road, at the church end, is narrow with no pavement. The alternative is to walk down Mendip Rise, along Meadow Drive, and up Elm Tree Road to the Church Centre.

We'd be really grateful if you didn't park in Lychgate Park unless you have limited mobility. The Church Centre car park will be reserved for the Bishop, Archdeacon and Deans.

Please be seated by 6:45pm.

# Coffee after the Service...

## Lucy's Sponsored Run

If you were in Christ Church on Sunday morning, you would have heard me talking about my work in my adopted country - educating and supporting men and women during pregnancy, childbirth, and early infancy.

In an effort to raise more funds for the project while I am here in the UK, I have set myself a challenge and entered the Bournemouth 10km race on 13th October...!

{note - I've only ever done 5km (Parkrun) before - I'm training and increasing my distance but am still very slow...!}

If you are able to sponsor me that would be wonderful!

[https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Lucy\\_Run10k\\_SavingLives\\_AtBirth](https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/Lucy_Run10k_SavingLives_AtBirth)



Thank you for your warm welcome, and your interest and prayers!

*Lucy*

## Christ Church Harvest Service

At Christ Church on Sunday 6th October we will have our Harvest All Together Service.

During the service we will be collecting items for Weston Foodbank.

Please see the list of items most urgently needed (and those they don't need!). Please bring any donations with you to the service.

For more information on the work of the Foodbank please visit their website:

<https://westonsupermarket.foodbank.org.uk/>

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

PASTA & COOKING SAUCES  
TINNED MEAT/FISH  
TINNED POTATOES & INSTANT MASH  
LONG LIFE MILK  
CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING  
RICE/PASTA/NOODLES  
TINNED AND INSTANT SOUP  
SHOWER GEL/SHAMPOO/DEODORANT  
WASHING POWDER/TABS  
WASHING UP LIQUID  
NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND MORE

### WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

SANITARY & INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS  
SMALL SIZE NAPPIES

## Active Men's Skittles

The Coach House in Locking has been booked for a skittles evening at 7pm on Saturday 28th September as our first event back.

Wives/partners/teenagers also invited! There will be a buffet meal provided.  
Cost: £8 per head.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend.



## Ambassadors' Breakfast

The Ambassadors Group is meeting for breakfast at The Beefeater again:  
Saturday 12th October  
at 9:30am



There is a sign up sheet at the back of both churches - please sign-up soon if you would like to attend as Kathy will need to know numbers by the end of the month for booking purposes.

## New Email Address!

The Vicar has a new email address!  
He can now be contacted on:

**revtom@ccwsm.org.uk**

Please update your email address books accordingly.

(NB/ he will still receive emails to vicar@ for a while but this will eventually be closed down)



# More coffee anyone...?

## Larissa's Leaving Gift

If you would like to give towards Larissa's leaving gift, you can either pop some money in an envelope marked 'Larissa', visit our website (under 'Church Life' / Larissa's Leaving Gift), or click [here](#).

If you would like to pay by card, please see either David White or Emma in the Church Office.



## Tallie's Baptism

Following Tallie's Baptism, on Sunday 6th October, there will be a bring and share lunch at Christ Church. Sam & Darren would love it if you could join them to share in this special day.

If you can bring a plate of something to share, that would be wonderful. It would be great if this could be dropped off before the service but, if you don't have time, after the service is fine.

They look forward to seeing you there!



## New Life Group

If you are interested in joining John Birkett's new daytime Life Group (running on Thursdays from 2:30pm-4pm), please speak to John.



## New Address...

Gordon Blackman has moved house. If you would like his new address, please speak to Gordon or Emma in the Church Office.



## Spare Magazines

If anyone has any RSPB, butterfly, or gardening magazines (including photography) that they no longer need, could you please let Shirley West know or speak to Emma in the Church Office. Thank you.



The latest newsletter from CAP can be found either on our website ('Church Life' / 'Mission Partner News') or, alternatively, please click [here](#) to view.



*Evening of Worship for UK  
Charity, Compassion*

*Saturday 12 October 2024*

*St Paul's Church, Weston-super-Mare, is hosting a regional praise and worship night for UK charity Compassion on Saturday 12th October. Doors open from 7pm.*

*Event begins at 7:30pm. The night will be led by worship leaders Philippa Hanna and Lou Fellingham.*

*The event is ticketed, costing £11.55, but there is a concession for seniors, students, and under-18s.*

*If you would like to purchase a ticket, click [here](#).*