

# Connected

Fourth Sunday Before Advent

Sunday 3rd November 2024

## Sermon Snippets

### Christ Church *John 15: 1-5 (ICB)*

We're continuing to look at the 'true vine' passage in John 15. A vine may have beautiful leaves but that's only because its roots are planted in fruitful soil.

Jesus compares that farming picture with what it's like for us spiritually... unless we're abiding in him, then our lives will lack the strength and power that he provides. "Apart from me you can do nothing" Jesus says.

It's quite a simple but stark warning - join us as we reflect on it together.



### Emmanuel *John 15: 12-17*

#### Producer Or Consumer?

Most of us produce very little of the food we eat. We are consumers who buy what others provide. We acknowledge this every Harvest. But, following on from our Weekend At Home, we left the passage from John 15 where Jesus asks us to remain in his love without looking at his intention. Jesus says abiding in him should produce lasting fruit. We are not merely to be consumers of his love but producers also. What does that mean?



Playing a gooseberry is embarrassing, being a lemon is not nice, and he didn't want us to be spouting rhubarb.

What sort of fruit grows from our abiding in Jesus? We shall explore further this morning.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Next Sunday, 10th November, we will be dedicating all our shoeboxes - those which have been packed online and any physical boxes collected.

Please see last week's Connected for more in-depth information about how to pack a shoebox online (including links) and all other options available.

Or, visit our website:

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/shoebox-appeal-2024/>

If you are packing a physical shoebox, please ensure that you either bring it to Church this coming Sunday (3rd), or next Sunday (10th), or deliver it to the Church Office during this coming week.

Thank you!



# What's On This Week

## Saturday 2nd November

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

## Sunday 3rd November

Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

## Monday 4th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 5th November

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 6th November

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

## Thursday 7th November

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

## Saturday 9th November

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

## Sunday 10th November

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Notices

### *Nicky Unavailable*

Please be aware that Nicky will be unavailable on Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th November and on Thursday 21st November.

### *Church Office Closed*

Please be aware that the Church Office will be closed on Friday 8th & Monday 11th November

### *Tom Unavailable*

Please be aware that Tom will be unavailable from Thursday 14th til Saturday 16th November inclusive.

## Verse For The Week

" 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.' "

*John 15: 1-4*

# Prayer Pointers

## **Monday**

We give thanks for all those who organised and presented the Church Weekend At Home, including those who provided the food and moved the chairs.

## **Tuesday**

We pray for all world leaders and our Prime Minister making decisions in our very troubled world.

## **Wednesday**

We pray for all the small island nations watching tides rising higher and threatening their futures. Pray for their leaders to make wise and far reaching decisions.

## **Thursday**

We pray for the Church Wardens in both our churches as they cope with the care of our church buildings.

## **Friday**

May we pray for any of our Church members who are sick, in Care Homes, or in Hospices.

## **Saturday**

We pray for those who will lead services and preach tomorrow, both in our own churches and in all other churches in Weston.

## **Sunday**

Remember all who take part in services in our two churches.

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## 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

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# Coffee after the Service...

## Annual Memorial Service Christ Church

Sunday 3rd November at 4pm

*You are warmly invited to a special service to remember and give thanks for anyone you have known and loved who has passed away.*

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

*There is no need to let us know in advance if you are coming, simply join us on the day. The service will be followed by refreshments.*

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Emma, our Church Administrator:  
t: (01934) 641016  
e: [office@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwsm.org.uk)



*As you come to the service, you can suggest the names of loved ones to be read out in the service itself. If you can't make it to the service - do email me ([revtom@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:revtom@ccwsm.org.uk)) and I can make sure they are included.*



John and Liz Butt, John's mum (Ann), sister (Sandra), and all the family, would like to thank you for your prayers for Jim (John's Dad) while he was in hospital, and for all the family since his passing.

## Mike Hunt's Funeral

Friday 8th  
November  
at 2:30pm at  
Christ Church

*All church  
family are  
invited.*



## Emmanuel Coffee Morning

'Coffee Morning and Sale'  
at Emmanuel

Saturday 2nd November  
10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a browse and  
a chat over coffee and cake.



## Remembrance Poppies



Poppies are now available at Christ Church - these will be at the back of church on Sunday or outside the Church Office during the week - please feel free to take one & leave a contribution in the charity tin alongside.

## Christ Church Christmas Fayre



On Saturday 30th November we will be holding our Christmas Fayre at Christ Church. If anyone has ideas for a new stall or games please speak to Chris Cole.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church for helpers who are required for setting up, assisting at stalls, helping in the kitchen, and clearing up.

We would also be very grateful for contributions to the stalls of the following items (which can be brought to the Church Office from Sunday 17th November):

- Cakes (and other edibles)
- Jigsaws
- Books
- New or nearly new gift items

Keep an eye on future editions of  
Connected for more details!



# More coffee anyone...?

## Volunteers Needed!



Christ Church Primary have asked if there is anyone who might be prepared to listen to children read to them. It's a wonderful thing that builds up our partnership with the school and really helps a child. If interested, please be in touch with Tom.

If you were not able to attend the Church Weekend At Home but would like to hear the teaching, Donna recorded three videos which can be accessed as follows:

Friday evening : click [here](#)  
Saturday Part 1: click [here](#)  
Saturday Part 2: click [here](#)

Or speak to Emma in the Church Office who can email the links to you.

## Ambassadors Group

Saturday 16th November  
10am-12noon  
(Spire Centre)  
Christmas Crafts

Please sign-up and bring £2 in cash on the day to cover cost of materials.

## Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar Saturday 23rd November More details to follow...!



## CAP Newsletter



The latest newsletter from CAP is now available to view.

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

"With our Centre Manager, Paul Larcombe, having retired earlier this year and Caroline Williams also retiring next February, we have an opportunity to reassess our practice. We now please need your prayerful and active input as we move towards a new era and wanting to work with a larger number of volunteers rather than paid staff.

We want to share our thoughts with you and, to that end, invite you to a hot lunchtime meal on November 14th (12noon) at the Church Centre of Locking Church." (Please advise Emma in the Church Office by Wednesday 6th November if you would like to attend this event).

WESTON-SUPER-MARE STREET PASTORS INVITE YOU TO OUR

## Creative Prayer Breakfast

JOIN US TO PRAY FOR OUR TOWN

On the 16th November, 9:00am at  
Holy Trinity Church  
South Road, Weston-super-Mare

GO TO  
[TINYURL.COM/WSMSP](https://tinyurl.com/WSMSP)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
BOOK ONTO OUR FREE  
EVENT

This is a fun event where we can all have breakfast together. Afterwards there will be various prayer stations around the church. Maybe you like to light a candle as you pray? Perhaps you are artistic and like to pray whilst doing something creative? There is a different style of prayer for everyone! Our focus will be on praying for our town of Weston-super-Mare.

## Back To Church Sunday

On Sunday 8th December at Christ Church we will be having a 'Back To Church Sunday' as a precursor to our Christmas Services which, at that time, will be just around the corner!

Over the next couple of weeks we would ask you to please pray about this service and ask God to lay on your heart anyone who he might want you to invite along.

Flyers/invites will be available for you to take away in due course.



Sunday 10th November

## REPAIR CAFE

Saturday 9th November  
from 10am-12:30pm  
at Christ Church