

Connected

3rd Sunday Of Epiphany

Sunday 26th January 2025

Christ Church Colossians 1: 15-20

Sermon Snippets

Emmanuel Colossians 1: 9-14

Mirror, Mirror, On The Wall...

How do you see yourself? Or perhaps more importantly, how do others perceive you? Do you want to come over as strong and decisive? Or perhaps cool and trendy? Many people really strive to present an image of themselves. We have even taken to wearing the label of our clothes on the outside because the 'logo' we wear says something about who we think we are.

Images can be very powerful but is the image any match for reality? Institutions often struggle to preserve the image of themselves they want people to believe. When it is not a true image it can backfire badly as the Post Office and the Church of England have recently found out.

Images were just as powerful as symbols in Paul's day, and he makes some sweeping assertions about them.



Do we pray for each other regularly...?

I am sent, from Mission Societies, dated lists of people to pray for and, on most days, I remember and pray so God hears prayer for that particular person from many sources.

My New Year's Resolution is to produce a new list of church members and friends to use in 2025 so that it is more than who comes to mind as I pray. Sometimes God does lay someone special on our hearts but this is a reminder to pray for our church family and the less visible ones amongst us.

Could I encourage you to think of writing yourself a seven-day list to pray or, if you are very brave, a thirty-day list for praying over a month for each other in the church family. If you have a list already, could you mention it to me after church on Sunday as an encouragement to me to get on with my New Year task!

Church Prayer List		
Name	Request	Date

Life Groups

Our Life Groups are small groups where we meet to get to know each other better - we support each other and we learn more about the Bible and our God. They meet in various places, at various times.

Shortly there will be a noticeboard by the South Porch doorway at Christ Church where you will be able to see who the leaders are and when the groups meet.

If you are interested in joining a group please, in the first instance, speak to Bev Hall at Christ Church or Penny Cockell at Emmanuel. If you can't find us, then speak to Tom. Many groups are full so we will need to spend a little time finding the right group for you.

Bev



What's On This Week

Saturday 25th January

Active Men's Outing to Helicopter Museum
(for those who have 'booked')

Sunday 26th January

Deanery Service Of Light at 4pm at St Peter's Church

Monday 27th January

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 28th January

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

Wednesday 29th January

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 30th January

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
Alpha Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre
(for those who have signed-up)

Notices

Desserts For Alpha

If you are able to supply a dessert for our Alpha course (either home made or shop bought) please add your name to the sheet at the back of Christ Church - there are now only a couple of dates left to fill.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 31st January til Tuesday 4th February inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. "

Colossians 1: 13-14



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 - Prince of Peace, we pray that the ceasefire in Gaza will continue and that lovers of war will not succeed. We pray that other conflicts around the world will come to an end too.

Tuesday - Lord, we cry out to you for the young people in our country who are getting caught up in violence. Please give wisdom to the people who have to devise and deliver programmes to divert them into paths of peace and creativity instead. Please comfort and heal victims of crime everywhere.

Wednesday - Lord, we pray for your help in caring for the world you have given us. Lord, remind us to pause often and appreciate the wonder of creation.

Thursday - Thank you, Father, for all the groups that meet in connection with our two churches. Thank you for those who lead them, and for those who bring their friends to them. May every meeting be an occasion for kindness and building up.

Friday - Lord God, we bring to you everyone we know who needs your healing, comfort, and strength.

Saturday - Please Lord God, may our services tomorrow be a time when we hear from you through all the leaders and preachers, musicians, intercessors, and the children's team. Fill them with your Holy Spirit as they prepare and minister.

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Coffee after the Service...

Ambassadors Women's Group

The Ambassadors Women's Group is having a social breakfast on:

Saturday 15th February
9:30am at The Beefeater

Please do sign-up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend - numbers will be needed asap for the purposes of booking table(s) at the venue.



Hospice Open Sessions

Weston Hospice is running some open sessions throughout 2025 - once per month - see below for dates and times of these sessions

Get To Know Us, Before You Need Us

Open Sessions for Patients, Families, Friends, Public & Professionals



January 29th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
February 21st	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
March 25th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
April 18th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
May 22nd	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
June 20th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
July 30th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
August 22nd	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
September 22nd	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
October 24th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice
November 25th	4 - 5:30pm	Day Hospice
December 19th	11am - 12:30pm	Day Hospice

At Jackson-Barstow House, Thornbury Road, Uphill
BS23 4YQ - 01934 423900

Meet our clinicians, enjoy refreshments and learn about Hospice services.
westonhospicecare.org.uk | Registered Charity No. 900328



This Sunday,
26th January
at 4pm at
St Peter's
Church

Please do
come along!



BRIDGWATER CONVENTION

28TH FEB
& 1ST MARCH

MAIN SPEAKER: ANDY BANNISTER
GOSPEL CONFIDENCE IN A CONFUSED CULTURE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT
THIS YEAR, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) OR GO TO
WWW.BRIDGWATERCONVENTION.COM

TICKETS ARE APPROX. £20

I ATTENDED THIS EVENT LAST YEAR WHEN THEY
HAD ANDREW OLLERTON AS THE MAIN SPEAKER
AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD. IF ANYONE IS
INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE SPEAK
TO ME OR EMAIL: OFFICE@CCWSM.ORG.UK

Emma

OUR BOX OF LOST PROPERTY WILL BE ON DISPLAY
AGAIN IN CHRIST CHURCH THIS SUNDAY - INCLUDING VARIOUS
ITEMS OF CLOTHING. TOYS. PAIRS OF GLASSES. ETC - THESE
WILL BE DISPOSED OF IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT-FUTURE
IF NOT CLAIMED SO PLEASE DO HAVE A LOOK AND SEE
IF ANYTHING BELONGS TO YOU! THANK YOU.

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THEATRE CO



THE HIDING PLACE

The true story of
Corrie Ten Boom

All are welcome to this
performance at

St Nicholas Church,
Uphill, BS23 4SD

Saturday

8th February 2025

@ 7 pm

Tickets are limited so book early

£10.00 Advance

£12.00 On the door

£8.00 Students

www.oddmments-theatre.co.uk

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