

# Connected

Sunday 14th September 2025

13th Sunday After Trinity

## REFLECTIONS & CHALLENGES FROM RECENT SERVICES...

At Christ Church on Sunday we were challenged to read a section of Psalm 119 every day and reflect on it. If you haven't started yet, why not start today? There are twenty-two sections so it will take just over three weeks.

We encourage you to send Angeline any thoughts or reflections you have as you read: [angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk) and she'll compile an article for Connected so we can see how God is speaking to us as we read the Psalm together.

Don't forget to choose a Bible verse that you find helpful, encouraging, or maybe challenging(!), and write it on the paper provided at the back of both our churches. Help sheets are available to take away.

If you're not able to make it to church, please do contact Emma in the Office with your choice.

On Sunday 17th August at Christ Church, we were thinking about running the race set before us... this made Stella recall an unusual race that she once watched...

Watching my child's first School Sports Day... they had seen their big siblings, and even their parents, racing. Now it was time for the little brothers and sisters. They lined up (more or less!) and the whistle blew. Some ran straight back to Mum. Quite a few turned around and spread out into the rest of the inviting green field. About half set off in the right direction until one noticed the daisies under her feet and sat down to pick them. Several others joined her. Others began to trip and fall. The last two runners, suddenly realising they were alone, stopped and looked doubtfully at each other and then behind to see where everyone else was. They went back to the nearest one who had fallen, helped him up, and all three crossed the line together.

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12: 1b

### Sermon Snippets

#### Christ Church - Deuteronomy 8: 1-11

Jesus loved to quote Deuteronomy. It recounts the Lord's love for and rescue of an undeserving people, like us. It also invokes obedience as the only pathway to fruitful living, for us.

We are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength. We are to live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Do we remember?

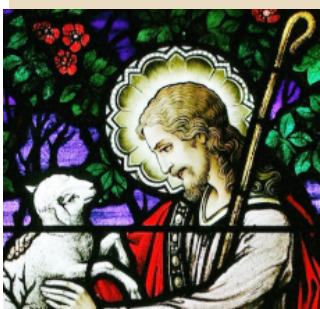
Do we observe the commands of our God, walking in his ways? Or do we forget?



#### Emmanuel

Deuteronomy 8: 1-11  
Luke 15: 1-10

The good things as well as bad things we can learn from sinners!



### 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

## Monday

We pray for a resolution of the situation in the Israel/Gaza conflict: for those whose homes have been destroyed and those who have lost everything. For all, on both sides, who have lost loved ones.

## Tuesday

The whole world is restless and in upheaval. Please pray that, somehow, peace and justice can be restored.

## Wednesday

Give thanks for our church community which gives us an extended family and a sense of stability in such a restless world.

## Thursday

In our local community, give thanks for all the services and facilities we have and which we may take for granted: the NHS, local government, the Hospice, and other local and national organisations which provide support to us.

## Friday

Weekends often mean there are more events and visitors in town. Pray for our town, that it may prosper. And for those involved in keeping us safe: police, paramedics, door staff, etc.

## Saturday

As summer comes to a close, we give thanks for the good weather we have had, for the benefits of living where we do, and for the opportunities to enjoy and experience nature and God's wonderful creation.

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# What's On This Week

## Saturday 13th September

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church  
Open Garden at 2:30pm (*see programme for details*)

## Sunday 14th September

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre  
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel  
Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Christ Church  
(*Theme: Peace With Creation*)

## Monday 15th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 16th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel  
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel  
Parentalk at 7pm in The Spire Centre (*for those signed-up*)

## Wednesday 17th September

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

## Thursday 18th September

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

## Saturday 20th September

Ambassadors Garden Centre Visit at 10am at Cadbury

## Notices

### *Tom Unavailable*

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Saturday 13th September til Saturday 20th September inclusive.

### *Nicky Unavailable*

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September and also Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September.

## *Verse For The Week*

" Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors... Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. "

*Deuteronomy 8: 1, 6*

# Coffee after the Service...



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

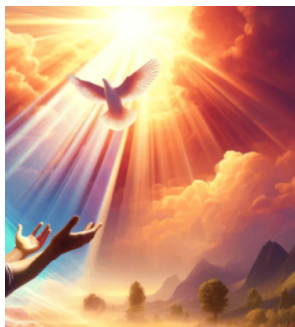
**A Service Of Prayer  
Sunday 14th September  
6pm at Christ Church**

We are called to pray for creation during the month of September so please do come along to our prayer service this Sunday.

The theme focusses on Peace. Peace is not so much being quiet as being in a right relationship with God, other people, and the world around. We are to seek a life that lives in 'Peace With Creation'.

Where we have caused harm and death, we need to restore life.

So we join in this ecumenical and worldwide time of prayer.



## Open Gardens

Our final Open Garden of the season will be held this Saturday, 13th September, from 2:30pm-5pm



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT WILL STILL GO AHEAD EVEN IF WEATHER IS INCLEMENT - IF THERE IS RAIN, THEN TEA/COFFEE & CAKE WILL BE ENJOYED INDOORS RATHER THAN OUTDOORS!**

Please see the Programme for host/address details.

## REPAIR CAFE



**Repair Café is re-starting after the summer break... if you have something which needs fixing, do bring it along. Or, even if you have nothing which needs repair, do come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and some cake!**

**The next Repair Cafe is this Saturday 13th September from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church**

## PLEASE NOTE...

If you're bringing children to church this Sunday, please ask them to bring their favourite book with them! Nicky and Lizzie will be leading the children's teaching on Platform 2 and we'll be sharing our favourites and thinking about another very special and important book too!

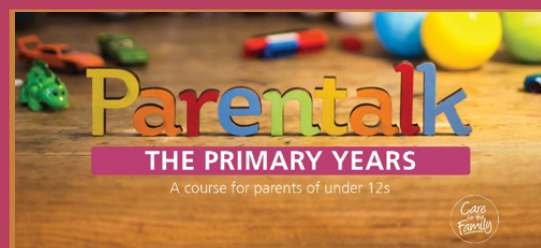


...is back

**this Sunday, 14th September, after the morning service. We'll be having a pizza lunch and exploring more of a Bible story that we heard in our All Together Service from July! The story of Mephibosheth and, so, kindness is our theme this month!**

**If you can, please let Nicky know if you are coming so we can make sure there is plenty of pizza! email:**

**family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk**



**Parentalk - The Primary Years** is a six-week video-based course for parents of children under the age of 12.

**Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm**  
Starting on 16th September  
The Spire Centre  
Refreshments provided!

For more information, and to sign up, please click [here](#) or visit our website and go to 'What's On' / 'Events'.

**Last chance to sign-up this weekend!**



# More coffee anyone...?

## Harvest - Emmanuel

At Emmanuel we will be celebrating Harvest together next Sunday, 21st September.

This year we are collecting food for local charities - The Beacon and Weston Foodbank.



You can pick up a list of MOST NEEDED items at the back of church.

We also plan to send a financial gift to The Ripple Effect (previously called Send A Cow) who work alongside families in rural Africa so they can grow more food, earn a living, and break the cycle of poverty - for good.



It starts on an African farm

Please give your donation to Carl in an envelope marked 'Harvest Donation' or

send by BACS with the ref: HARVEST.

And, lastly, we will be enjoying a bring and share harvest lunch together after church, so please sign up at the back if you are able to stay.

Christ Church Family - we'd love to invite you to join us for lunch at 12:30pm on Sunday 21st September if you would like to. There's no need to bring anything - there will be an abundance of food!! But please email or text Donna if you're joining us, just for numbers. We'd love to see you!



## Emmanuel Church Renewal Project

**Monday 6th October**  
**12:30pm-4pm at Emmanuel**

Claire Horton, our Parish and Deanery Advisor, is coming to Emmanuel to launch our Church Renewal Project as, together, we seek God's direction for how the church will be used in the next chapter of its ministry to the town centre.

We will have a shared lunch together followed by an afternoon facilitated by Claire as we build on our Vision Day from last year. Together we will explore where we see God at work at present, where we sense he is leading in the future, and how to continue to tell God's story in the centre of our town. This time of discernment will shape our plans for how Emmanuel Church needs to look and work as we continue to love and serve our community.

We encourage all the Emmanuel church family to join us if you can - to talk, pray, and listen for God's leading. This is an important event in the next season of our life at Emmanuel.

Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to come.



## Life Groups

There is capacity in Life Groups which are restarting this month - if you are interested in joining one, please do contact Bev Hall at Christ Church or Penny Cockell at Emmanuel for more information.

## Ambassadors' Outing.

**Cadbury Garden Centre**  
**at 10am**

**Saturday 20th September**

Please sign-up on the list if you would like to attend and also indicate if you could provide a lift for anyone who needs one.

For anyone at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please speak to Kathy Hinchliffe or Anne Jones (or contact Emma in the Church Office).

