Connected

Sunday 28th September 2025

15th Sunday After Trinity

Evening Prayer Service

Next Sunday (5th October) at 6pm we'll be having another 'Healing & Wholeness Service' at Christ Church. These words can be very wide ranging. One aspect of it will be the giving and receiving of mercy and forgiveness which we'll be looking at in the story of Joseph.



Do come along – they are sensitive, reflective evenings. You don't have to have a particular 'need for healing' to find value in these services.

Emergency Support For Christ Church Members

1. The Prayer Chain: We have an emergency prayer support service and it's available seven days a week. Should you or a family member need urgent prayer, you make one call and, within a



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short time, dozens of us will be bringing that prayer request before the Lord. It is confidential and rapid and you can call again to update it if that becomes necessary. This is available for everyone in the congregation. The person to call in the first instance is Pam Smith and, if she is not available, Chris Cole or Pam Waters on her mobile (all phone numbers are in the Church Directory).

As Pam Smith takes over, our Vicar, Tom, pays tribute to Sandra Crocker who ran the service until recently. He says: "The 'prayer chain' has been in existence for well over 30 years and, since its beginning, Sandra Crocker has been involved. For all those years she's acted as the first contact point for prayer. In that role she's been the perfect person for the job — prayerful herself, wise, kind, and with a great sense of humour when appropriate. We are all extremely grateful for this loving and prayerful ministry — thank you Sandra".

2. Driver Service: The second emergency support service available to Church members is for drivers to take folk to medical appointments in Weston, Bristol, or Taunton if they have no other way of getting there. The first contact here is Chris Cole who will put one of the driving team in touch

to make arrangements.

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:8

What is one of the key instructions in both our verse for the year (Colossians 2: 6,7) and the passage about the Bible in 2 Timothy that we're looking at today? It's a simple message – "continue in what you have learned".

It isn't easy at times but it's the place from which our faith can really deepen.

Come along / tune in on Sunday as we reflect on this together.



Emmanuel

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 8

In Genesis, God breathed life into the world. In the same way He breathes life into His Word. Scripture is inspiring and can breathe new life into us.



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Prayer Pointers

Monday

As our government, among others, has made the decision to recognise a Palestinian state, let us pray for the work of the United Nations. Pray also for peacemakers in every area of conflict around the world - for their safety and for God to put his weight and authority behind them.

Tuesday

Today, please pray for the work of chaplains in our community. Pray especially for Julie Birkett and Ray Pilgrim, chaplains in the various Weston colleges, asking that Christian Unions will thrive this academic year. Also pray for Angeline White as she volunteers in the Hospice chaplaincy team.

Wednesday

Thank God for this season of Harvest Festival - may He bless all celebrations in churches, schools, and the wider community. Whilst we are enjoying it, remember those who are in financial difficulties and going without. Please pray for Foodbanks, Christians Against Poverty, and The Beacon.

Thursday

The Gospels give us vivid examples of literally bringing sick people to Jesus, and we can do the same in prayer for anyone we know who is suffering in body, mind, or spirit.

<u>Friday</u>

Please pray for everyone taking part in our services this week; leading and preaching, reading and praying, welcoming and refreshing, making music and worshipping (that's all of us!).

Saturday

Remember to pray for yourself as you read the Bible - that the Holy Spirit will open your ears to hear God's voice and open your heart to follow Jesus more closely as you learn about His love.

What's On This Week

Saturday 27th September

Active Men's Group Outing - West Somerset Railway (for those signed-up)

Monday 29th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 30th 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 1st October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 2nd October

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

Saturday 4th October

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

Sunday 5th October

Evening Prayer Service at 6pm at Christ Church

Notices

Church Office Closed

Please be aware that the Church Office will be officially closed from Monday 6th October til Friday 10th October inclusive (although emails and phone messages will be <u>intermittently</u> picked up during this time).

Verse For The Week

"But, as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from who you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 3: 14-15



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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



Coffee after the Service...

<u> Harvest - Christ Church</u>

Sunday 5th October

Christ Church will again be collecting food items for Weston Foodbank at our Harvest Service.

Please bring an item(s) along with you to the service or, if you cannot make it to the service but would still like to donate, please drop your items off in the box outside the Church Office over this coming week.

They state that their most needed items are as follows:

Instant noodles

Savoury snacks

Tinned spaghetti/pasta

Fruit juice/squash

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





NEW PCC SECRETARY NEEDED

Emmanuel are looking for a new PCC Secretary. Daphne has been fulfilling the role for a number of years but now feels she needs to pass it on. The PCC Secretary is automatically on the PCC and we meet four or five times a year.

If anyone is interested, please speak to either Meg or Daphne. Daphne would be happy to talk to anyone about what is involved. Thank you.

THANK YOU...

...to everyone who sponsored Veronica Treeby on her Moonlight Beach Walk - she raised £200 for Weston Hospice.





Thank you Jeff...

Jeff Morgan was telling me recently he's been preaching for some 57 years! He's now stepping down from that role, but I wanted to mark this occasion on behalf of our

church families and those churches in the past where he's served. Jeff has proved an able theologian, a deep thinker, and not averse to putting in a challenge or two! We are very grateful indeed for his ministry and I will be thanking him Tom on Sunday.

Emmanuel Renewal Project Monday 6th October 12:30pm-4pm



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. 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 church if you are able to come.

More coffee anyone...?

Bob Craig's Funeral

Bob's funeral is due to be held on: Tuesday 21st October at 2:15pm (guests to arrive no sooner than 1:45pm) at Memorial Woodland, Alveston, Bristol, BS35 3TA

If you are planning to attend, could you please let Emma in the Church Office know as soon as possible as the venue would like to know numbers.



Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be on:
Saturday 4th October
10:30am-12noon

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



Contact Details

Rev. Tom Webber (Day Off - Tuesday) t: (01934) 709343 e: revtom@ccwsm.org.uk

Church Office (09:30-12:30 Mon-Fri) t: (01934) 641016 e: office@ccwsm.org.uk w: www.ccwsm.org.uk

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Date For The Diary...

Saturday 15th November at Christ Church Time: tbc (likely 7pm or 7:30pm)

More details (& a sign up sheet!) will be available soon

Don't forget to ...

Choose your favourite Bible verse and write it on the paper provided at the back of both churches ('help sheets' are available to take away) AND...

...take up the challenge of reading through Psalm 119 (one section every day for twenty-two days) and email Angeline with any thoughts or reflections you have as you read: angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk



'Going The Distance' is an event being hosted by Care For The Family. For more information and to book tickets, please either see the poster or pick up a flyer at the back of Christ Church, or visit their website.

If you would like to attend but finances are an issue, please do speak to Emma in the Church Office.

Could your relationship be on autopilot?

In the early days of a relationship, it feels exciting to be starting a new adventure. But without active effort and intentionality, it can be easy to drift apart over time.

We want to help you find simple ways to prioritise each other and stop just going through the motions.

Going the Distance gives you a rare chance to stop, take stock and invest in your relationship. We'll explore the essential areas that will help you spot warning signs, avoid roadblocks and continue your journey together.

Autumn tour 2025

Swindon Oxford 21 October 22 October

> Bristol 23 October

All events 7.30pm



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