Connected

Sunday 2nd November 2025

4th Sunday Before Advent

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

James 1: 19-27

With my head of hair, I don't need quite as much time in front of the mirror as many of us! It's a quick check for me and then I'm off into my day. Now that's fine for a mirror - but do we treat the Bible in the same way? A quick check and then we're off...?

The letter of James picks up this picture and we're going to be reflecting (excuse the pun!) on this together. Are we people who give the Bible a surface glance or do we 'gaze intently'?



Emmanuel Matthew 7: 24-29

This week we meet Jesus as he's just finished giving (arguably) the most famous speech in history - the Sermon on the Mount. Now he turns to a little story that reminds us that life's storms come to everyone - wise or foolish.

Jesus never promised storm-free living but he did promise storm-proof faith for those who obey Him.



Christ Church Clothing Logo

You may have noticed one or two people recently with clothing displaying the new Christ Church logo. The option to have this logo put onto any suitable piece of clothing is now available to all members: t-shirts, sweat-shirts, sweat jackets, polo shirts, anything that will take the print and in any colour you would like (see a couple of examples opposite!).

We are not supplying the clothing this time, just the chance to have the logo printed on your own clothing. The cost will be about £4. Just bring the item of clothing along to church with a note pinned on it stating your name and the colour you would like. You can either hand it to Emma in the Church Office or to Chris Cole.

It would be helpful if we can have a few to do together - so there might be a slight delay while we wait for a few folk to place their order(s) - but we can do singles if necessary.



Prayer Pointers

Monday: Please pray for three people whom you sense need encouragement (and maybe do something about it).

<u>Tuesday</u>: Give thanks and pray for one of the support groups meeting in Emmanuel.

<u>Wednesday</u>: Give thanks and pray for all the people who work for the Foodbank in Weston.

<u>Thursday</u>: Pray for some of the lonely people in our churches (also in our roads and town).

<u>Friday</u>: Give thanks and pray for the Life Group Leaders and those who attend the groups.

<u>Saturday</u>: Give thanks and pray for those who prepare, clean, and open our churches.

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 and leave a donation in the charity tin alongside.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Contact Details

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What's On This Week

Friday 31st October

Lightfest from 4:30pm-6:30pm at Christ Church (for those who have registered)

Saturday 1st November

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

Sunday 2nd November

Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

Monday 3rd November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 4th November

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

Wednesday 5th November

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 6th November

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

Saturday 8th November

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

Sunday 9th November

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable on:
Wednesday 5th November
Thursday 6th November
Wednesday 12th November

Verse For The Week

"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do."

James 1: 23-25

Coffee after the Service...

Annual Memorial Service Christ Church



Sunday 2nd November at 4pm



Please do come and join us this Sunday (2nd November) at 4pm as we remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

As you come to the service, you can suggest the names of loved ones to be read out in the service itself.

If you cannot make it to the service, please do email Tom (revtom@ccwsm.org.uk) and he can make sure they are included.

Refreshments will be served after the service.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Next Sunday, 9th November, we will be dedicating all our shoeboxes at Christ Church - those which have been packed online and any physical boxes collected. (NB/ Emmanuel will be dedicating their boxes on Sunday 16th November).

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-2025/

For Christ Church folk, if you are packing a physical shoebox, please ensure that you either bring it to church this coming Sunday (2nd), or next Sunday (9th), or deliver it to the Church Office during this coming week. Emmanuel folk will need to hand-in any physical boxes by Sunday 16th.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be held this Saturday, 1st November 10:30am-12noon



tearfund



Saturday 15th November 7pm Christ Church

Come and join a fun evening supporting the work of Tearfund...

The quiz will include a broad range of topical questions. Halfway through the evening, drinks and puddings will be served.

Suggested donation of £5 per person.

A sign-up sheet will
be available in both
churches on Sunday.
You can either sign-up
as a team of four (or
five), or sign-up
as an individual and
join/form a team later.

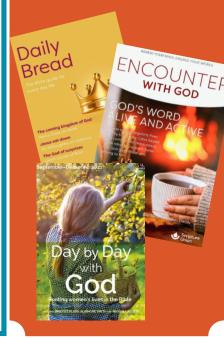
For more details speak to Chris Cole or Emma in the Office.

<u>BIBLE READING</u> <u>NOTES</u>

TIME TO ORDER YOUR
BIBLE READING
NOTES FOR 2026!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PLACE AN ORDER, PLEASE
CONTACT SANDRA WILKES.
PAYMENT OF ONE YEAR'S
SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE
REQUIRED ON PLACING
THE ORDER (SANDRA CAN
LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH
THIS WILL BE). PAYMENT
CAN BE MADE BY EITHER
CHEQUE, CASH, CARD, OR
BANK TRANSFER.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD BIBLE READING NOTES BEFORE, PLEASE DO SPEAK TO SANDRA.



More coffee anyone...?

Ambassadors Women's Group

Saturday 15th November 10am-12noon in The Spire Centre Christmas Crafts

Please pop your name on the sign-up sheet (available in both churches) if you would like to attend, and choose one of the three craft options.

Please also bring a bit of cash with you on the day as there will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials.



REPAIR CAFE

Our next Repair Cafe is: Saturday 8th November from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church



Join us after the morning service in The Spire Centre at 12 noon Please let Nicky know if you can come



If you would like to read the latest Weston Foodbank newsletter please click <u>here</u>

Active Men's Group

Skittles Evening Saturday 22nd November 49 Social Club at 7pm Cost: £10 per head



Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend (or, if at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Office).

Partners welcome to this event!

Non-church friends (and their partners) also welcome if anyone wants to bring a guest(s).

Calling all singers at Christ Church and Emmanuel...



This year our Carol Services are due to take place on Friday 19th December at Emmanuel and Sunday 21st December at Christ Church. We'd love to have a joint choir again to perform and lead the carols at both services.

If you'd like to be part of the choir (it helps if you can hold a tune and be willing to learn) there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of both churches.

Rehearsals will run every Sunday afternoon, 12:30pm-2pm, from 16th November. Bring a packed lunch to church and then join us for rehearsal.

For more information contact Angeline (Christ Church Music Director) - angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk

