# Connected

3rd Sunday Before Advent Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

#### Sermon Snippets

# Christ Church Psalm 46

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble". This is the first line of Psalm 46.

Did you notice what circumstances this statement pictures? It's 'times of trouble'; this



is not a God who shies away when things get difficult but is there at these times to help us.

This Remembrance Sunday - when there is much to be concerned about in our world - we will reflect on this passage together.

# Emmanuel 1 Peter 2: 2-10



As a royal priesthood we are called out of darkness into light, we are the living stones that make up the church of God, founded on the Cornerstone that is Jesus.

#### Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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



This Remembrance Sunday marks 80 years since the end of World War 2 – I imagine a small number of us will remember that event as children? 1945 marked the end of years of unbelievable hardship and sacrifice; both to many civilians as well as those in the armed forces.

In the coming days we will give thanks for those who have served us as soldiers, sailors and airmen (and all the many support services) – for the fact that most volunteered and especially for those who gave their lives. And, in a world full of increasing tension, we pray for our armed forces today and those who lead them.

### Remembrance Poppies



If you haven't yet acquired your poppy, there will still be a chance to get one on Sunday at Christ Church please do take one and leave a donation in the charity tin alongside.

# Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



We will be dedicating all our shoeboxes, those which have been packed online and any physical boxes collected, as follows: Christ Church - this Sunday (9th) Emmanuel - next Sunday (16th)

For those at Christ Church, if you haven't already dropped-off your shoebox with Emma this week, please ensure that you bring it with you this Sunday.

# **Prayer Pointers**

#### Monday:

Somewhere to Go's AGM takes place at 6:30pm this evening. We give thanks for this Day Centre for homeless and vulnerable people, which has been going for eighteen or so years, and for the way it has been able to extend its opening hours. We pray for Ellie (the manager), the staff/volunteers, and the nursing team, as they support and come alongside those who come in.

#### Tuesday:

Today is Remembrance Day, when we remember and give thanks for those in the armed forces who gave their lives in past wars so that we might be free. We pray for their families and loved ones.

#### Wednesday:

We pray for those today sent out as peace keeping forces - that their presence can bring peace to troubled countries.

#### Thursday:

We pray for politicians and leaders of nations – that they can come together in humility and peace – and that, in some miraculous way, our Lord Jesus Christ and His great love for all can overcome the human need for dominance and power.

#### Friday:

We pray for all those living with life changing injuries, and that they can access the help that they need. We remember those caring for them day-in and day-out, particularly young carers.

#### **Contact Details**

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# What's On This Week

#### 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

#### Monday 10th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

#### Tuesday 11th November

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

#### Wednesday 12th November

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

#### Thursday 13th November

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

#### Saturday 15th November

Ambassadors Christmas Craft at 10am in The Spire Centre (for those who have signed-up)

Tearfund Big Quiz Night at 7pm in The Spire Centre (for those who have signed-up)

## **Notices**

#### Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable on Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th November.

### Verse For The Week

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

Psalm 46: 1-3



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

# Coffee after the Service...



SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 10AM-12NOON - SPIRE CENTRE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND - POP YOUR NAME ON THE 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. THANKS.

# REPAIR CAFE

OUR NEXT REPAIR CAFE
IS THIS SATURDAY,
8TH NOVEMBER,
FROM 10AM-12:30PM
AT CHRIST CHURCH

### **Active Men**

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





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

you can come

# tearfund



Saturday 15th November at 7pm Christ Church Last chance to sign-up this weekend - please pop your name on the sheet (available in both churches) if you would like to attend.

You can either sign-up as a team of four (or five), or sign-up as an individual and join/form a team later.

Refreshments provided. Suggested donation of £5 per person (payable on the night).

### 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.

We are not supplying the clothing this time, just the chance to have the logo printed onto a piece of clothing – this can be an item of clothing you already own or you can purchase an item specifically for this purpose. 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.

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).

# More coffee anyone...?





Caribbean Hurricane Relief



For information on how Samaritan's Purse is helping, and ways to donate, please click here

#### Carol Service Choir



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) via email: angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk

# EMMANUEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



## CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



