

Connected

Sunday 16th November 2025

2nd Sunday Before Advent

**SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY
2025**

Safeguarding Sunday 2025

During November 2025, churches across the UK will once again come together for Safeguarding Sunday – a national awareness-raising campaign led by thirtyone:eight, the UK's leading independent Christian safeguarding charity.



Creating safer places. Together.

This year, Emmanuel Church are marking it this Sunday, 16th November, and Christ Church next Sunday, 23rd November.

National Safeguarding Sunday is now in its 7th year and provides an opportunity for churches of all sizes and denominations to pause, reflect, and take meaningful action to create safer communities for all. Last year, more than 5000 churches participated, united by one simple belief - safeguarding matters.

In a year where public trust in the Church continues to be tested by revelations of abuse and silence, Safeguarding Sunday offers a moment for honest reflection – and a bold call to transformation. "When we look at the life of Jesus, he didn't just teach – he took action", says Peter Wright, Head of Strategic Communications at thirtyone:eight. "It's time for us to move from talking about safeguarding to taking action that reflects our calling to love, protect, and care for others."

Safeguarding Sunday is a chance to celebrate what's working, acknowledge where more is needed, and build a future where everyone – children and adults – can feel safe and be safe in church.

Anne



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church Ephesians 3: 14-21

How do we go about trying to understand something? If it's a new subject we're learning about, there might be various things we do to help get it into our minds.

But how do we understand how much someone loves us? Is that possible to measure?



On Sunday we'll try and take a step towards understanding and measuring the unknowable, immeasurable love of Jesus.

Emmanuel 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.

When there is much to be concerned about in our world, we will reflect on this passage together.



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



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

Prayer Pointers

Monday

Pray for Di as she prepares to come next summer as our Curate. Pray that suitable accommodation can be found for her and her dog, Bessie, and for her final year of study at Trinity College Bristol.

Tuesday

Pray for the Deaf Church that meets every second Sunday of the month at Emmanuel. People come from across the Deanery for a service in the church followed by tea in the hall.

Wednesday

Pray for Rev. Julie Birkett in her role as Chaplain to Weston College. Pray for wisdom for her as she sits and listens to students.

Thursday

Pray for Angeline White as she heads up the Christmas choir, and for all the work she does as Music Director at Christ Church.

Friday

Friday is usually the day when people prepare for our Sunday services. We pray for them - that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

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What's On This Week

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)

Monday 17th November

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 18th November

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

Wednesday 19th November

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 20th November

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

Saturday 22nd November

Active Men's Skittles at 7pm at 49 Social Club
(for those who have signed-up)

Notices

Carol Service Choir Rehearsals

Carol Service Choir rehearsals start this Sunday, 16th November, 12:30pm-2pm at Christ Church. Bring a packed lunch to church and then join us for rehearsal.

Verse For The Week

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God."

Ephesians 3: 17b-19

If you would like to have the Christ Church logo printed, in any colour you like, onto a piece of clothing (e.g. t-shirt, sweat-shirt, sweat-jacket, polo shirt, basically anything that will take the print) - this can be an item of clothing you already own or you can purchase an item specifically for this purpose - then 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. The cost will be about £4.

We already have a couple of orders so do get yours in too if you would like to take this opportunity!



Coffee after the Service...

tearfund



If you are not coming to the Big Quiz this Saturday but would still like to donate some money to Tearfund, please click [here](#) which should take you to the JustGiving page.

Active Men

Skittles Evening
Cost: £10 per head



Saturday 22nd November at 7pm
49 Social Club

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP ON SUNDAY

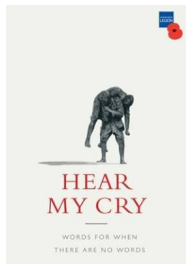
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to attend (or, if at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Office).

Partners welcome to this event!

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

Book Review

Hear My Cry - Words For
When There Are No Words
(The Bible Society)



If the Memorial and Remembrance Services of the last couple of weeks have stirred up feelings that are hard to express, then this little book is for you.

It is a collection of Psalms, poems, and reflections for when you have run out of words.

It has references to combat, but could be equally helpful in other circumstances.

Find it on the top display shelf of the Christ Church library. *Bev*



Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 29th November
10:30am til 1:45pm

- Variety of Stalls
- Homemade Cakes
- Refreshments (including lunches)



If you are able to donate any items for the gift bags please put them in the box at the back of church at Emmanuel.

Also, any good quality jewellery and bric-a-brac items would be appreciated. Thank you.

Christ Church Christmas Fayre



Saturday 6th December from 10am-2pm
(light lunches will be available)

Donations for the stalls can be brought to the Church Office from Sunday 23rd November:

- Cakes (& other edibles)
- New/nearly new gift items
- Jigsaws
- Books
- Craft

Volunteers needed for various tasks - please pop your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of Church if you can help in any way. Thank you.

CORRECTION...

Please note that the 'Welcome Group Carol Service' is at 2:30pm and not 12:30pm as stated in Connected last week.



Caribbean
Hurricane
Relief

For information on how Samaritan's Purse is helping, and ways to donate, please click [here](#)

