

Connected

Sunday 1st February 2026

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Exploring Our Vision & Mission at Emmanuel

Last October at Emmanuel, we had an afternoon together to think and pray about our vision and mission. It's nearly fifty years since the church was divided in order to create the hall, kitchen, toilets, and first floor - which are all heavily used by the community.

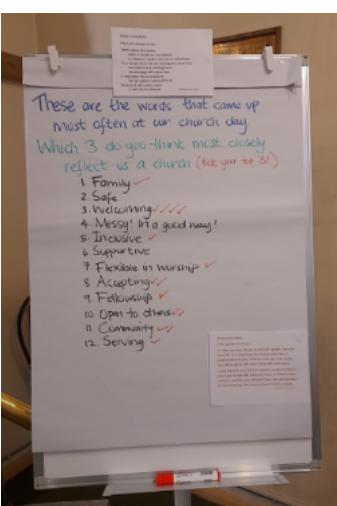
So, where is God leading us in the coming season to enable us to continue to minister to our town for the next fifty years?

Last Sunday, we put lots of our ideas up around the church so we could continue to think and pray about our vision and mission.



There was also a list of twelve words offered by people last October to describe Emmanuel. Each of us were encouraged to tick our top three. I wonder what you'd choose!!?

Please do leave your thoughts and feedback in the box at the back of Emmanuel Church over the next few weeks. Or share them with the Wardens or any of the ministry team.



And, most importantly, continue to pray that we will know God's direction for what He is calling us to, as Emmanuel Church, in the years ahead.



Donna

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Isaiah 43: 1-3a (ICB)

Sometimes our lives can be a bit overwhelming. If you've ever felt like you're drowning or that everything is falling down around you, join us as we think about a wonderful promise of God's.



Emmanuel

Luke 2: 22-40 + Malachi 3: 1-4

If Jesus was born to be a light to the Gentiles, what does that mean for us today?



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

What's On This Week

Saturday 31st January

Active Men's Darts Evening at 7pm at Allstars Sports Bar
(for those who have signed up)

Sunday 1st February

Evening Prayer Service at 5pm at Emmanuel
(Theme: *Diocesan Year Of Prayer Launch*)

Monday 2nd February

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 3rd February

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

Wednesday 4th February

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
Alpha Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre
(for those who have signed up)

Thursday 5th February

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

Sunday 8th February

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

Prayer Pointers

Ephesians 3: 17-18 : "So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. 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."

Church Family:

For the life of our two churches and all who attend.

We pray for the seeds sown so far in all those taking part in Life Groups and Alpha, asking the Lord for guidance, for the Holy Spirit's prompting to feel encouraged. Give praise to God for the family ministry within Christ Church - pray for strength and efforts of all those who work tirelessly to make this happen.

We lift to you Lord our loved ones - those in our Church family who are suffering, sick, hurting, or bereaved at this time.

The Local Area:

We live in troubled days. Pray for those in our community who are struggling to overcome poverty and living with the consequences to daily life that arise from this - thinking especially of the Foodbank and CAP as they help increasing numbers of people in poverty.

We pray for our Diocese, and for The Right Reverend Dr Fiona Gibson as she prepares for her installation of the role of Bishop of Taunton.

National Prayer:

We praise God that Christian Gospel music charts will be recognised on a national level.

We pray for the NHS and all medical services, for care services, and for all waiting for appointments/surgery/care.

Global Prayer:

We hold up to you, Lord, in prayer all heroes of the past who suffer with post-traumatic stress and yet try to carry on with daily life. And those, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, who have suffered immensely due to persecution and violence. We pray for a world where all persons are treated with respect and can live in peace.

Notices

Verse For The Year Bookmarks

'Verse For The Year' bookmarks are available at the back of both churches for anyone who would like one.

Desserts For Alpha

If you are able to supply a dessert for our Alpha course (either home made or shop bought) please add your name to the sheet at the back of Christ Church - there are just a few spaces left now! Thank you!

Verse For The Week

" But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour "

Isaiah 43: 1-3a

Coffee after the Service...

Evening Prayer Service

This Sunday, 1st February
Emmanuel Church at 5pm
(please note earlier time)

We will be launching
our "year of prayer"
together on Sunday.

There will be lots of
different opportunities to pray
together and engage with Bishop
Michael's call. You can watch his
invitation to prayer on the
Diocesan website:

<https://youtu.be/SpoZN-sXZaQ?si=eeoeGFOeAncQhqjB>

Do come along and join us!



Jolyon Trickey is
joining the Weston
Hospice Men's
March (10 miles)
on 21st February,
in memory of
Frances...



To make it more of a challenge, before the walk, he
also plans to first run the Weston ParkRun twice -
officially at 9am and then re-running the course -
a total of an additional 10k. He would be glad of
sponsorship &/or company in any part of this - do
speak to Jolyon, or you can donate via this link:
www.justgiving.com/page/jolyon-trickey-2



LOCKING DEANERY

Presents



An Evening with

Simon Guillebaud

Join us for an inspiring evening with Simon Guillebaud MBE — evangelist, author and founder of Great Lakes Outreach. Hear powerful stories of faith, courage and hope from over 20 years serving in some of the world's toughest places, and be encouraged in your own walk with Jesus.

(For more on Simon please check out <https://simonguillebaud.com/>)

At St Peters Church

Baytree Rd, Milton, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8HG
21st February at 7-8.30pm



Mugs For The Beacon...

If anyone has any spare mugs that they could donate to the Beacon please speak to Meg Hill or Emma in the Church Office. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who sent their condolences and cards when my sister died. I was very grateful for all your kind words and for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Mary Passey

Christ Church Clothing.

We will be taking some items down to get printed in the next week or so. If you haven't yet placed an order but would like to, please bring your item of clothing into the office with a note pinned on it stating your name and confirming the colour you would like the Christ Church logo to be. Please also bring £4 which should cover the cost. If you would like to know more, please speak to Chris Cole. Thank you!



More coffee anyone...?

**Ambassadors
Ladies' Group
Saturday 11th April
Weston Playhouse**

42ND STREET

Final chance to sign-up
will be this Sunday (1st).

Please also ensure you
have paid your £27.50
per head as follows...

[1] via this [payment link](#)
(use 'Pay as guest')

OR [2] Bank Transfer
direct to our bank:

Churchwardens & Council
of Christ Church
Sort Code: 60-23-32
Acc No: 54084423

**PLEASE QUOTE REF:
42ND STREET**

OR [3] see either David
White or Emma in the
Church Office to pay via
cash or card

christians
against
poverty



TO HEAR OF THE CHALLENGES IN WESTON, AND HOW WE CAN
HELP, PLEASE SIGN-UP BY COMPLETING [THIS FORM](#)

TERRY HADLEY'S FUNERAL

THE FUNERAL FOR TERRY HADLEY IS THIS
COMING WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY
AT 2:30PM AT CHRIST CHURCH
ALL CHURCH FAMILY ARE INVITED.

Parish Giving Scheme

Please see the last
couple of week's
editions of Connected
for further information
regarding this scheme.



Please do consider
switching your giving
to the PGS. Our FAQ
is available [here](#), or,
to set-up your account
online, use [this link](#)
which will take you
directly to the page
for Christ Church on
the PGS. Thank you!

All Who Are Thirsty

ReSource are hosting a Regional
Day in Wells United Church on
Saturday 7th February,
10am to 4pm (including lunch).

See last week's Connected/posters
at both churches for more
information or pick up a flyer
Tickets are £20.

To register and
find out more
please go to:

www.resourcingrenewal.org/events

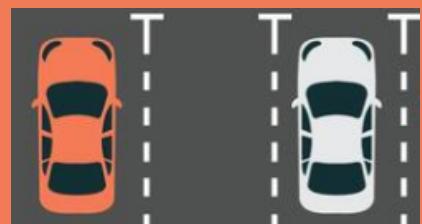


Car Parking At Christ Church

Could we please ask all who use
our car park at Christ Church to
ensure they park considerately
and, in the first instance, within
the spaces provided.

In particular, with regard to
the three spaces which abut the
garden, please ensure that the
two outside spaces (i.e. the one
nearest the road and the one
next to the church wall) are
parked in first so that the
middle space is filled last.

This will enable us to achieve
maximum capacity, which is
particularly vital when we have
a lot of people needing to use
the car park. Thank you!



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BRIDGWATER CONVENTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

13TH & 14TH MARCH 2026