

Connected

7th Sunday Of Easter

Sunday 17th May 2026

Solar Panels At Christ Church

This summer at Christ Church we are planning to install some fifty-two solar panels onto the roof of the Spire Centre. We're delighted the PCC has supported this as it recognises a significant contribution to lowering the church's carbon footprint. And, by lowering the church's electricity costs into the future, it will also represent a real investment.

We're very nearly there - the Diocese is still to give its final approval but we've had agreement from North Somerset and we've received a grant from the Benefact Trust towards the cost (with another grant application in progress).

We're also looking to raise £10,000 from our congregation... is this something you could give towards? There's a letter at the back of church if you'd like more information.

I'm very proud that Christ Church is taking this ecological step - let's all get behind this project!

Tom

Ways To Donate:

- Bank transfer direct to our bank account: CHURCHWARDENS & COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH / 60-23-32 / 54084423 - using ref SOLAR (*this is the preferred option*);
- Donate online from a card / ApplePay / GooglePay: please use [this link](#);
- Donate via a card or cash in person: please see either our Treasurer, David White, or Emma in the Church Office.



Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Pardon me...
I didn't promise
you a rose
garden...**



The adventure of life involves a good bit of pain, suffering, and misery even though there are abundant blessings as well. How do we cope with the bad things in life? We obviously hope for better things to happen but how does our Hope help us in such circumstances. Is hope just a wish list for us? Or a comforting fairy tale? The latest Gallop poll says that one third of Canadians and Americans think the world will end in their lifetime. Is that a comforting hope?

This Sunday we are going to explore the nature of hope, when it can help, and when it can be harmful. I hope you will be there!

EMMANUEL

ACTS 2: 42-47 + JOHN 17: HI

SO - WHEN DID "CHURCH" BEGIN? WELL, THE BOOK OF ACTS LOOKS AT THE CHURCH AND HOW IT BEGAN.

IN OUR READING WE SEE A SNAPSHOT OF HOW IT ALL STARTED AND WHAT WAS HAPPENING - AND GOD WAS BLESSING IT ALL!

EFFECTIVELY WE'RE IN THE SAME PHASE AS THOSE

BELIEVERS - SO WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM WHAT THEY WERE DOING?



What's On This Week

Saturday 16th May

Ambassador's Walk/Coffee at 10am at Revo

Monday 18th May

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 19th May

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 20th May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 21st May

Active Men's Walk - *contact Dave Milsom for info*

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office is now closed and will re-open on Wednesday 20th May at 9:30am.

The Church Office will also be closed from Monday 1st June til Friday 5th June inclusive.

Nicky Unavailable

Please note that Nicky will be unavailable from Saturday 30th May til Sunday 7th June inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. "

1 Peter 1: 3-4a

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Prayer Pointers

This week we pray for some parts of the world where Christians face trials and persecution for their faith.

Monday

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria where Christian communities and churches in the north of the country are targets of violence from Islamic State West Africa. Massacres of churchgoers have taken place, women forced into marriage and conversion to Islam, and children taken into captivity. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Tuesday

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan, where Christians are held in indentured labour in brick kilns and other forced occupations. Often, Christians are charged with blasphemy and subjected to imprisonment or mob violence. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Wednesday

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar, where the military has been bombing Christian communities for several years. Survivors of attacks may be homeless, without a place of worship, and refugees in their own country. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Thursday

Pray for our brothers and sisters in North Korea and in Eritrea, where following Christ, even in ones own home, is forbidden. Christians are imprisoned in horrendous conditions and endure torture and suffering for their faith. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Friday

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon who have been caught up in the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. Many have lost homes and livelihoods and are destitute. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Saturday

Give thanks to God for the great Christian witness of all our persecuted brothers and sisters. Pray also for the Faith in this country; that those in positions of authority will resist the pressure to move us to a restrictive secular society.

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...

Thank
You!

Many of you may know that our daughter, Alice, was married to Noah last Saturday at Christ Church.

It was a genuine celebration full of joy and a good number of small children!

We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, everyone involved who helped make this such a wonderful day.

Tom & Chris

Rosemary Hyde's Funeral

The funeral for Rosemary Hyde will take place on Friday 22nd May at 1:30pm at Christ Church

All church family are invited to attend the service and stay for some refreshments afterwards.



Donations will be for BCM:
<https://www.bcm.org.uk/donate-missionaries.html>



Zach Crockett will be taking up the Mendip Challenge on 31st May and will be walking 5 miles...

If anyone would like to sponsor him, please see Sam Crockett or Kathy Hinchliffe.

& a big 'thank you' to those who have already sponsored him!



Active Men's Group
'The Big Shoot'
(Clay Pigeon Shooting)

Saturday 30th May at 9am
Cost : £47

If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheet at Christ Church or, for those at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Office.

Open Gardens

Our first Open Garden of the season will be held on **Saturday 30th May** from 2:30pm-5pm

Please see the Programme for host/address details

A choice of light refreshments with cakes, tea, coffee, or soft drinks will be served at all venues.
Donations towards church funds.

(NB/ Access to some venues may include steps - please contact the host before the event if you need to clarify accessibility)



The Ambassadors Women's Group

Afternoon Tea : Beachlands Hotel
Wednesday 17th June at 2:30pm

More information is available at both churches.

If you would like to attend please see Kathy Hinchliffe with your payment of £20 and she can book you in.

Thank you!



More coffee anyone...?

Thy Kingdom Come 14th-24th May 2026

As part of "Thy Kingdom Come" we are offering the following slots as times of prayer together.



Typically they last for an hour but you're free to pop in (within the times specified) whenever suits you for as long as you'd like. Please do join us!

There will also be reflections available on our '[Daily Prayers](#)'.

Thursday 14th May

10:30am Ascension Day Communion at Emmanuel

11:30am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Friday 15th May

09:30am-10:30am at Emmanuel

Sunday 17th May

10:30am Services at both churches

Monday 18th May

11am-12noon at Emmanuel

7pm-8pm at Christ Church

Tuesday 19th May

10am-1pm at Emmanuel (*please come in via The Beacon and see Meg*)

Wednesday 20th May

7am-8am at Emmanuel

FYCM weekly prayer gathering - all welcome - please enter via the south door (facing Town Hall)

6pm-7pm at Christ Church

Thursday 21st May

11am-12noon at Emmanuel

Friday 22nd May

09:30am-10:30am at Emmanuel

11am-12noon at Christ Church

Sunday 24th May

10:30am Pentecost Services at both churches

Keith & Jill have a new telephone number...

From Tuesday 19th May our landline number will be changing. We apologise to all those who have had differing unhelpful messages on the previous number! The new provider did discover a fault in the old number connection. If you would like our new telephone number, please have a word with us or see Emma in the Church Office.

Keith & Jill

Gardening At Christ Church

Can You Help...?



John Hinchliffe is looking for a couple of people who might be able to provide regular help with the gardening at Christ Church. We have quite substantive grounds and it would be useful to have a small team of people who can perhaps offer a few hours a month.

If you think this is something you could possibly assist with, please do have a word with John. Thank you!

Maggi Simons' Memorial Service

There will be an informal Memorial Service for Maggi Simons on:

**Tuesday 2nd June at 11am
at Christ Church**

All church family are welcome.

More details will follow in next week's Connected.



Cleaning Day At Emmanuel

Emmanuel are having a church cleaning day on:

**Friday 12th June
from 10am-12noon**



If anyone is able to spare some time during these hours to come and help that would be much appreciated. Thank you!