

Connected

Sunday 18th October 2026

20th Sunday After Trinity



Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November
at 4pm

In a couple of weeks' time we'll be holding our annual 'Memorial Service' at Christ Church.

It's a chance to give thanks for someone you've loved who's passed away. Any bereavement doesn't have to be recent - their loss can affect us for many years - and this space gives us all a chance to honour their memory. It will be a gentle reflective service and Julie Birkett will be speaking.

You'd be welcome to join us and it's a good opportunity to invite a friend - there are small flyers available at the back of church for you to pass on to anyone you think may benefit.



Tom

Verse For The Week

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

(Isaiah 43: 18-25) + Mark 2: 1-12

In this passage of Mark 2, we encounter many characters. I wonder how we relate to them, or where in the story we'd place ourselves?

In the fulness of Jesus' love and compassion, He first forgives the man brought to Him by his friends, before addressing his physical afflictions. Though not without the wrath of the religious teachers who ask 'Why does this fellow talk like that!'

What can we learn of Jesus for our lives today from this passage?

Come along or tune-in on Sunday and find out!

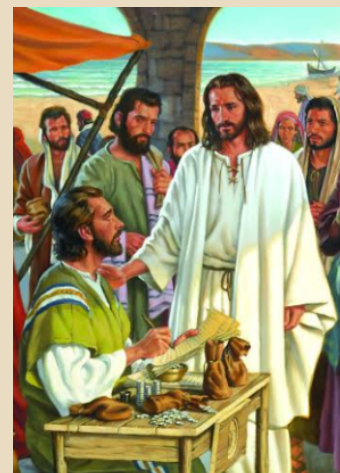


Emmanuel

(Isaiah 56: 4-8) + Mark 2: 13-17

Let's face it - Jesus' choice of Matthew as one of his inner team was surprising. As a tax collector in those days, he would have been seen as one who swindled his fellow countrymen out of money by inflating their taxes... so why did Jesus not choose someone more 'holy'? And, come to think of it, what exactly is Jesus looking for in his followers?

Come along to Emmanuel on Sunday to find out!



Prayer Pointers

Monday

LORD OF PEACE, BRING HEALING WHERE THERE IS CONFLICT AND HOPE WHERE THERE IS FEAR. GUIDE THOSE WITH POWER TO SEEK JUSTICE, MERCY, AND RECONCILIATION.

Tuesday

GOD OF LOVE, STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS. BRING HEALING TO THOSE WHO ARE HURTING AND HELP US TO BE PEOPLE OF PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, AND COMPASSION.

Wednesday

LORD JESUS CHRIST, RENEW YOUR CHURCH WITH FAITH, COURAGE, AND COMPASSION. MAKE US FAITHFUL WITNESSES OF YOUR LOVE AND SERVANTS OF THOSE IN NEED.

Thursday

MERCIFUL GOD, OPEN OUR EYES TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. GIVE US GENEROUS HEARTS AND MAKE US WILLING TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, DIGNITY, AND COMPASSION.

Friday

LOVING GOD, DRAW NEAR TO ALL WHO SUFFER. BRING HEALING TO THE SICK, STRENGTH TO THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, COMFORT TO THOSE WHO GRIEVE, AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID.

Saturday

GOD OF HOPE, BLESS THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. GIVE THEM WISDOM, COURAGE, GOOD COMPANIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCOVER THEIR GIFTS AND PURPOSE.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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What's On This Week

Friday 16th October

Ambassadors Skittles at 7pm at The Ship Inn
(for those who have signed up)

Sunday 18th October

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

Monday 19th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 20th October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 21st October

No Seedlings Toddler Group this week

Thursday 22nd October

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

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Church Weekend At Home

If anyone was unable to make the Church Weekend, you can catch-up with the teaching sessions [here](#).

Parking Around The Church

Just a polite reminder to everyone who drives to the church and parks in the surrounding roads - please park considerately and make sure that you do not obstruct people's driveways. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child



We will be supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year - all the information needed will be in next week's Connected...

We will be encouraging folk to pack a box online (as this is the most straightforward option for us and for Samaritan's Purse) but, if you do want to pack your own box, please see one of the Wardens or speak to Emma in the Office.

Coffee after the Service...

Church Weekend At Home

A good time was had by all last weekend as we came together for teaching, food, and fun...!



It was great
to see so many of you there...

And a big 'thank you' to everyone who
contributed to the weekend in some way
- THANK YOU!

Come and join us as we celebrate...
the Light of the World
At LightFest 2026!
Saturday 31st October, 4pm-6pm

Team: please do have a look at the sign-up sheet (on the flipchart at the back of Christ Church) and pop your name down if you are able to help. Thank you!

Registration: is now open. Go to ccwsm.org.uk/events/ and click on the LightFest tab for more information. The cost is £2 per person (babies under 6 months go free).

Donations: if you are able, we would really appreciate sweets for the goody bags - small/individual packets of Haribo type sweets, wrapped sweets, and small 'fun sized' chocolate bars. No nuts please. These can be placed in the bag at the back of Christ Church or left with Emma in the Church Office.

If you need more information, please contact Nicky, email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

BIBLE READING NOTES

It is time to order your Bible
reading notes for 2027...

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...?

Men's Breakfast - Christ Church

Saturday 31st October
8:30am-10am
COST: £5



A cooked breakfast together followed by "An Interview With John Butt"

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at Christ Church... or, if you are at Emmanuel, please notify Paul Sodzi or contact the Church Office.



Weston Street Pastors 20th Anniversary

Sunday 25th October
6pm at Holy Trinity Church

The Weston Street Pastors are marking twenty years this month and are celebrating this with an event at Holy Trinity Church. After the main gathering, there will be tea and cakes - a chance to reconnect, reminisce, and enjoy good company.

If you would like to attend please email:
westonsupermare@streetpastors.org.uk

FOR SALE...



Mobility scooter... just over a year old.

If you know of anyone interested, please contact Pat Allchorne.

Jesus Christ Super Star Playhouse, 2:30pm 31st October

There are another two tickets going spare for this Ambassador's outing - please see Sandra Wilkes if you are interested and she can give you details.

The keynote speaker is Rev Sally Welch - author of Pilgrim Journeys and Making A Pilgrimage - who will share ways in which churches can explore pilgrimage. There will also be some workshops aiming to equip churches in all aspects of pilgrimage for all ages.

To book your place - please register via the online form [here](#). Registration closes on Friday 30th October to ensure everyone can be catered for on the day.

Presented @ Weston Ark by Martin Thomas

Practical Resilience

A bruised reed he will not break and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.
Isaiah 42:3

Coping with daily life in our challenging times

A two part, faith based workshop open to all. Come and learn to use simple, practical tools to understand and develop personal resilience.

Part 1 Oct 23rd
Friday 7-9 pm
Part 2 Oct 24th
Saturday 10 am-4.30 pm

Tea & Coffee provided
Please bring a packed lunch for Saturday

More information
martin.thomas@westonark.org.uk

Book your place

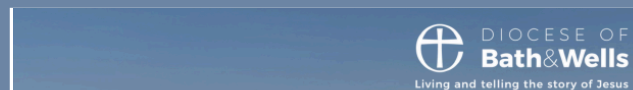


Use the QR code above or
<https://bit.ly/4rwjiOW>

All funds go to the work of Weston Ark

A suggested donation of £10 per person
Which can be made when booking

Venue : Weston Ark @The Hughenden Centre
25 Hughenden Road . WsM . BS23 2JR . North Somerset . UK



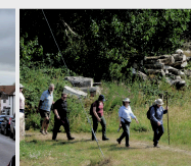
Rural Forum

**Monday 9
November**

2026

A spiritual journey connecting faith, place and people

Pilgrimage and the rural church



10am to 3pm
Bagley Baptist Church
Nr Wedmore
BS28 4TG



Register via the QR code
or by visiting



bathandwells.org.uk/calendar/1505

