Christ Church and Emmanuel, Weston-super-Mare

Connected

3rd Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

Remembrance

During my lifetime I've known peace in Western Europe – a significant part of which was won by the sacrifices many (both armed services and civilians) made during World War 2. This has been an enormous blessing, although there have been times when, to be honest, I've taken this for granted. This time of Remembrance each November causes me to stop and think and be thankful for those who have given their lives. And there is also great value in doing this as we stand – together – at both our churches at 11am. Do join us in person or online this Remembrance Sunday. Tom



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.

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Romans 12: 3-8 + Mark 3: 13-19

This Sunday we continue our journey through Mark's gospel. We have seen how the people continue to flock to Jesus for healing, though the opposition to Jesus is rising as the Pharisees challenge this seemingly blasphemous teaching.

In our passage today, Jesus has headed back up a mountain and appoints the twelve apostles. They are a rather random bunch but, as we will see, in spending time with Jesus, they will be trained and equipped before being sent out.

As, today, we remember the lives of those from our Parishes and wider afield who died in service to pursue peace and freedom, what can we learn from Jesus' actions and those of these first apostles? How can we stand today as the body of Christ in bringing peace to our broken world?



Emmanuel

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 + Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6



Deuteronomy 5 reminds us that the Sabbath was given to celebrate freedom from tyranny and protect human dignity, a mission Mark 2:23 –3:6 fulfils as Jesus chooses healing and life over rigid systems.

Together, they call us, on Remembrance Sunday, to honour those who fought against oppression, offer Christ's healing to those wounded by war, and actively choose compassion and peace over destruction.

Prayer Pointers

We pray for the growing number of parish members struggling with serious health issues. We pray for them with the gift of faith that Scripture encourages us to. Lord, may your Holy Spirit inspire us to accept and use those who are willing to pray for those seeking ministry.

Father God, our churches have given thought and much prayer for support towards those who represent our churches in various mission outreach. Help us to regularly remember our mission partners and keep us faithful in prayer and practical support.

At this time of remembrance of those who gave their lives in protecting our country, we also pray for those in our police forces and all who protect our streets at risk even to their lives; for medical staff who give their time and dedication to bring healing and comfort to our citizens; and for all fleeing from other lands because of war, chaos, destructive weather, and famine.

Lord, inspire leaders of every nation to seek the well-being of their citizens and not personal lust for power and wealth.

Lord, in your mercy, great love, and power, hear our prayers. Amen.

Watch the Morning Service

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What's On This Week

Saturday 7th November
Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel
Confirmation Service at 2pm at Wells Cathedral

Sunday 8th November
Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

Monday 9th November
Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 10th November
Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 11th November
Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church
Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

Thursday 12th November
Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 14th November
Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Sunday 15th November
Deanery Worship Gathering at 4pm at Locking Castle

Notices

Bible Reading Notes - Payment

If you have not already paid for your Bible reading notes, please do so this weekend. Payment can be made by either cash (in an envelope marked 'Bible Notes'), cheque (made payable to Christ Church PCC), card (please see David or Emma), or bank transfer (please speak to David or Emma if you need our bank details).

Verse For The Week

" Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.' "

Mark 2: 27-28

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 (8th)
Emmanuel - next Sunday (15th)

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

Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be held this Saturday, 7th November, from 10:30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a browse and a chat over coffee and cake.



Active Men's Group Curry Evening

The Active Men will be enjoying a curry together at Zeera (Orchard Street) on Saturday 28th November at 7pm.

If you would like to come along, please pop your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of Christ Church. Or, for those at Emmanuel, please speak to Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Church Office.





Sunday 8th November
12noon-1:30pm

This will be our last session of the year and we'll be finishing our series on King David and his part in God's Big Story. We'll be having a Prayer, Praise, and Pizza Party! Please let Nicky know if you are coming... family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

CAP Weston Update

Please see last week's Connected for an update from Donna with regard the new Weston CAP Debt Centre which is due to relaunch next year.

You can also read more on the new website: CAPWSM — CAP is coming back to Weston-super-Mare

If you would like to donate towards this, please click on the pink 'Give' tab on the website. Signing-up this way means your gift aid will be automatically collected on behalf of CAP Weston (if you are a tax payer). Or, if you would prefer to set-up a standing order (no gift aid will be collected), the details are available on a flyer at the back of both churches.

Donna will be with us in person at Christ Church next week (15th) to share a bit more about her journey and how we can support her as we launch this new venture.

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REPAIR CAFE

Our next Repair Cafe is: Saturday 14th November from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church

Please do come along and enjoy a cuppa and cake with us, even if you do not have anything which needs repairing. We would love to see you there enjoying fellowship together and with others in our community.



John Knight-Old's Funeral

Many of you will have known John Knight-Olds. We are sad to inform you that John passed away recently.

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The funeral will be held at Emmanuel on Thursday 26th November at 10:30am.

All church family are welcome.



Locking Deanery Worship Gathering

This is an opportunity to gather as churches, to worship and pray together.
Everyone is invited - All ages are welcome - See you there !

Sunday 15th November
4.00 pm
Locking Castle Church
Jasmine Way, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7JW
Arrive from 3.30pm for refreshments

More coffee anyone...?

Christ Church Christmas Fayre



Saturday 28th November
10am-2pm
(light lunches will be available)

We would be grateful for donations of the following items for the stalls (which can be brought to the Church Office from Sunday 15th November onwards):

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

Volunteers are 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 - helping in the kitchen, assisting on stalls, and setting-up/clearing-up. Thank you.

Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 5th December
10:30am-1:30pm

- Variety of Stalls
- Homemade Cakes
- Refreshments (including new lunch menu!)

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.

Our Carol Services

This year our Carol Services are due to take place on Friday 18th December at Emmanuel and Sunday 20th December at Christ Church and we hope 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 is a sign-up sheet at the back of both churches.

Rehearsals will run every Sunday afternoon, 12:30pm-2pm, from 22nd November. Bring a packed lunch to church and then join us for rehearsal.

For more information, please do contact Angeline (Christ Church Music Director) - angeline.white@ccwsm.org.uk

Weston Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar

See previous editions of Connected for information regarding this. If you would like to participate there are still a few Advent Calendars available.



Ambassadors' Christmas Lunch

For all those who previously signed-up for the Christmas lunch, it is now time to select your menu choices and pay your balance... please see Kathy Hinchliffe for a copy of the menu which you will then need to return to her along with your balance payment of £20.



Ambassadors' Starry-Themed Christmas Crafts

Saturday 21st November
10am–12noon, Spire Centre

Come along and make something starry for Christmas – there will be three different crafts so you can choose to do one or two on the day.

Please pop your name on the sign-up sheet in church (or speak to Anne Jones or Emma in the Office).

£5 (cash please) including all materials and refreshments.