Christ Church and Emmanuel, Weston-super-Mare

Connected

Sunday 15th November 2026 2nd Sunday Before Advent

This Sunday is Safeguarding Sunday (being marked at Emmanuel this weekend and at Christ Church next weekend).

Our churches take the commitment to the safeguarding of children, young people, and vulnerable adults very seriously. No one person can do this alone and it fully depends on each and every one of us to be vigilant. So please do be alert and speak to Anne Jones, Nicky Boardman, Rev Tom or myself, or someone you know and trust to act, if you are at all worried or concerned about someone. Even the smallest observation could be one of many more and help us to protect someone. We are so grateful to Anne Jones who is our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Anne recently attended a Safeguarding Conference Day at Flourish House which provided a good time of training and networking. Please do speak to her if you would like to find out more.

The following is taken from the Churches Together In England website (cte.org.uk/safeguarding-sunday-2026)

Churches play a vital role in supporting individuals, families, and community groups. Yet history has shown that, when safeguarding fails, the consequences can be devastating. Safeguarding Sunday is a chance to:

- acknowledge and celebrate positive safeguarding practice;
- be honest about past failures and commit to doing better;
- raise awareness so everyone knows how to speak up or seek help;
- honour and encourage those involved in safeguarding roles;
- rebuild trust with congregations and communities.



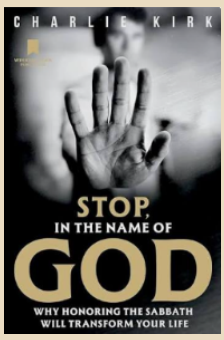
This year's theme is 'Love Protects' – rooted in the powerful words of 1 Corinthians 13, reminding us that safeguarding isn't just about policy or compliance, but a natural expression of Christian love in action. Safeguarding isn't bureaucracy. It isn't a distraction from ministry. It is ministry.

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Christ Church

Sermon Snippets

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



Charlie Kirk, the young Christian American murdered last year, presents the Sabbath (in his book entitled 'Stop In The Name Of God') as a sacred rhythm designed to pause, rest, and reconnect with God, family, and self. He emphasises that observing the Sabbath is not a rejection of modern life but a deliberate resistance against busyness, digital distraction, and a culture obsessed with productivity. He argues that dedicating one day to rest can reduce anxiety, improve focus, and deepen relationships whilst nurturing the soul.

Emmanuel

Psalm 107: 23-32 + Mark 4: 35-41

Proving identity is something we're all getting used to these days - whether it's to make a payment from your bank or renew your passport. In our Bible passage from Mark, we'll be looking at an incident where Jesus reveals to his disciples more of his identity... not by showing them his ID card but by demonstrating his overwhelming power over nature itself... and our gospel writer invites us to put ourselves into the shoes of those disciples and gradually learn to trust Jesus.



Prayer Pointers

Lord, we thank you for the leadership of King Charles, both at home and abroad, and for his wisdom all while dealing with formidable health issues. Lord, continue to give King Charles your anointing - so vital for him to remain a Christian example to all Christians in our land. Especially for those who will, in the future, serve our monarchy.

Lord, we pray that the wonderful examples of sacrifice we have once again been reminded of recently will sow seeds towards godly lives and service which will be a barrier against those whose seek to turn our citizens to ungodly faith and hearts of hate and violence.

Our Father God, we rejoice together that new church members seem to be added weekly. And we also give thanks for those offering themselves to fill ministries needed. Lord, may those standing down for various reasons, perhaps for age or health, become prayer warriors of great effect.

Lord, we pray for all the various social ways we meet regularly as a church - as men, ladies, young people, or the vital singles group. Lord, may the Lord Jesus be the centre of their fellowship always.

Father, as our choir group continues to reach out and bless our elderly in various care homes, alongside their beautiful voices, may they make the presence of Jesus a lasting experience unto eternal life.

Verse For The Week

" Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. "

Psalm 107: 28-31

What's On This Week

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

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

Monday 16th November
Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 17th November
Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 18th November
Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 19th November
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

Saturday 21st November
Ambassadors Christmas Craft, 10am, The Spire Centre *(for those who have signed-up)*

Sunday 22nd November
Christmas Choir practices commence, 12:30pm-2pm

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.

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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Coffee after the Service...

REPAIR CAFE

Our next Repair Cafe is this 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.



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

CAP Weston

Donna will be with us at Christ Church this Sunday (15th) to tell us more about the Weston CAP launch and how we can support her.

There are flyers available at both churches with details of how you can donate - please do pick one up.

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

Ambassadors' Starry-Themed Christmas Crafts
Saturday 21st November
10am-12noon, Spire Centre

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP THIS WEEKEND... 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.



Our Candlelit 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.

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 next Sunday (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

John Knight-Old's Funeral

John Knight-Olds' funeral will be held at Emmanuel on Thursday 26th November at 10:30am

All church family are welcome.



More coffee anyone...?

Josh & Matthew's Confirmation









It was a lovely afternoon on Saturday celebrating Josh & Matthew's confirmation.

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.



Christ Church Christmas Fayre



Saturday 28th November
10am–2pm
(light lunches available)

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

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

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.

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.



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.