

# Connected

*Two Churches, one Lord*

**Christ Church and Emmanuel**  
Weston-super-Mare



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## *Verse For The Week*

Cast all your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you.  
(1 Peter 5: 7)

## *Watch today's service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

Go to the 'We are still here!' menu and  
click on the 'Sunday Services' page.

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## Prayer

*What does it mean  
to pray?  
How do I pray?*



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There are some helpful videos on the Christ Church website under the 'We Are Still Here' menu. This menu is currently being re-organised to provide the following:

Firstly, a series called Daily Prayers for Beginners. In the first video Tom encourages us to think about where to begin in prayer. More videos will follow.

Each day, the Daily Prayers enable us to focus on God, and to still ourselves before we start our day.

Many people found our series on *Prayer Unlimited* helpful. The series didn't finish however before the lock-down, so we are starting an occasional series of videos to help folk in their prayer life. The first, by Terry and Margaret Baillie, is called '*A House of Prayer*'. You will be able to find it in the new Teaching and Devotional section.

## Sermon Snippets

*1 Peter 5: 7-11*

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has told us to "Stay alert".

The Apostle Peter, in his first letter says the same. He tells us to stay alert, not against the attack of a virus which can easily spread, but against attacks on our faith which shake our trust in God.

# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

Pray for those working locally for Public Health England and other local decision making bodies for the Health Service. For our local Policemen and women, for the Weston Fire Service personnel and local Ambulance staff.

## Tuesday

Pray for the Vicar as he prepares his daily service and message. Pray for Phil in his virtual office at home, for the contents of 'Connected' each week and for all the phone calls and decisions both make to keep Emmanuel and Christ Church running smoothly.

## Wednesday

We listen to the death numbers each day. Please may we pray for the bereaved families behind each number and especially for all the frightened older folks in the care homes we visit at Christmas.

## Thursday

For those working behind the counters in our Post Offices, postal workers delivering our mail, for supermarket staff in our favourite supermarket and for the delivery drivers.

## Friday

May we remember those whom we know, either personally or through church, who need God's healing touch in their lives. We think especially of Arthur Rutt whose wife Jenny passed away last week, the family and friends of Jean Hancock who also passed away recently, and Janet Webb's family, as Janet's funeral has been postponed until Thursday 28 May.

## Saturday

Give thanks for over 200 households joining the worship on line each week both locally and overseas. Pray for the service this week that it may be used by God to speak to the hearts of many people.

## Newsletters

You can find the following newsletters on the Christ Church website, under the 'We Are Still Here' menu and clicking on 'Keeping In Touch':

- CAP (Christians Against Poverty)
- Rosemary Aldis
- ROC (Reaching Our Communities)

If you'd like a copy of the latest news from Mike and Helen Morrissey, please email me at the church office.



# Financial Update

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made arrangements to change their method of giving to our churches to help us through this difficult time. A big thank you also to those at Christ Church who have increased their giving in response to the Lent appeal, it is making a significant difference in helping us to pay our bills and to keep going.

At Emmanuel some members who do not pay through the bank have been sending cheques to Carl, some have set up Standing Orders and both of these are a great help. Unfortunately the loss of rental income is having an impact and we have to thank Audrey Vickery for her generous donation to us in 2017 which will enable us to keep going for the present time.

At Christ Church we are very grateful to Sarah who has been able to continue paying Pre-school rent to the end of the term. Our overall income is only a little down on expectations at the moment. The only area which is under serious pressure is the Family Ministry funding where a large donation a few years ago has now run out. Any regular donations to help keep this valuable work going would be greatly appreciated. We have been able to save costs in some areas but getting licences and equipment for on-line services and live streaming in future has added some extra.

The work of churches through this pandemic is particularly important in supporting all of us and you are probably hearing that more and more people are listening to online services and Christian content. God works in mysterious ways and he certainly seems to be working to bring some good out of this difficult time.

# Coffee time after the Service...

## *Big Brekkie @ Home*



## *Big Brekkie 2020 in aid of*



Why not help us raise funds for desperate communities by sharing your Big Brekkie @ Home? You can't send your bacon and eggs through the post but you can send in your photos and make a donation!

Here's how to do it:

- 1) Take a photo or two of your Brekkie and email it to Phil at [office@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwsm.org.uk)
- 2) Make a donation:
  - If you don't have the internet you can simply send a cheque payable to Christ Church PCC to David White, 26 New Bristol Road, W-s-M, BS22 6AQ. Make sure you write 'BREKKIE' on the back. Or if you're passing the church on your daily exercise, pop it in the letterbox.
  - You can use your Debit card on the church website [ccwsm.org.uk](http://ccwsm.org.uk) > Church life > Giving and follow the instructions. Please add your name and 'BREKKIE' in the message space.
  - If you do internet banking you can pay directly into the church account adding your name and 'BREKKIE' as your reference. Sort code 60-23-32, Account no 54084423.

Thank you so much - and enjoy your Big Brekkie!

*Bev*

## *Thy Kingdom Come!*

From this Sunday there is a new video from Keith Hallett about how we can respond to the Archbishop's call to pray for the ten days May 21st – 31st for the coming of God's Kingdom among our nation, our town and our friends. You will find it in the new Teaching and Devotional section of the website under the We Are Still Here menu.

## Notices

### *Safeguarding Training*

Do you need to do up-to-date safeguarding training? It is possible to do your 'CO' basic awareness training online:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

If you did the 'CI' course face-to-face last time, it will be possible for you to do this online as well.

For further information please contact Anne Jones, or email the Church Office.

### *Wells Cathedral Visit*

It will probably come as no surprise to hear that this visit has been postponed. Bev has a list of people who expressed an interest in going, and hopefully we'll be able to re-organise something soon!

### *Daily Hope Phone Line*

The Archbishop of Canterbury, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

'Daily Hope' is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044

### *Telephone Chaplaincy*

This service seeks to provide pastoral and spiritual support to people of all faiths and none in times of emergency. It has been adapted to become a direct dial phone line for people affected by the COVID 19 crisis. It is especially for anyone facing end of life issues, those who are bereaved, or anxious about someone in hospital, residential care or in isolation.

To access this service, people can dial: 0330 229 1700 from 8am-11pm 7 days a week.



# More Coffee, anyone?

## V.E. Day Reactions

In our street we put up the flags, bunting and balloons and we marked the day with an Afternoon Tea at the end of our drives and a Toast at 3pm. We delivered scones to all our neighbours. We then spent the whole afternoon/evening together...at a distance... and concluded by standing to listen to the Queen via a speaker provided by a neighbour and joining in with the Nation singing 'We'll meet again'.

*Nicky*



I've discovered that the 1940s Victory Roll Hair do is great for Lock Down hair that's getting a bit unruly!!



All 22 residents of our road gathered together to mark the anniversary - as closely as regulations allow - with tables and chairs, and have a great party together. The weather was perfect. Bunting was strung across the houses and flags were much in evidence and posters and other war memorabilia displayed. I was fifteen years old at the end of the war and can remember VE Day quite well. A friend and I went into a nearby bomb-damaged school and tugged on the bell rope. It made such a noise that we quickly scarpered!

*Barry*

*Some good financial news...*

Emmanuel received a very generous gift of £2,000 (two thousand pounds) from Joyce Sindrey, a long-time church member who died in December 2019, via her daughter Gillian Miles who lives in the state of Victoria, Australia. Gillian says that due to, "A most cautious state government," they are firmly confined to a Stage 3 lockdown!

*Carl*

*...and some good environmental news!*

Thank you to Barry & Glenys for sharing 'what might have been' for your family this year ('Connected' Issue 7, 3rd May). We feel your disappointment, but I love the way you have seen God at work in your garden and neighbourhood.

It got me thinking about lock-down and not being able to travel to see family and friends. But wait, our inability to jump in cars or fly across the world seems to be helping our planet to heal itself! The seas and rivers are cleaner, there is far less air pollution, the hole in the ozone layer is smaller, hedgehogs and other small mammals are increasing again.

It seems God is showing us how things can be different. But can we change forever, or will we rush back into how our lives were? I pray that we can learn from this, as we go back to that other life.

*Jane*

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in *Connected*. As there will be no June/July edition of Link Magazine, more personal contributions are especially welcome. They help us all to stay connected - hence the title! Email your articles, ideally just a few sentences please, to the church office and I'll do my best to include them.

Also a BIG thank you to Dina, Felicity, Jane & Dave and Sandra & Dave who have kindly offered to deliver a total of 23 weekly sheets to people without computers. In this way, even more of us are staying connected!