

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

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Christ Church and Emmanuel
Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Harvest, but not as we know it
- Helping Hands at Emmanuel
- Shoeboxes are now available
- Thanksgiving Service update

Verse For The Week

For Christ died for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous, to
bring you to God.

(1 Peter 3: 18a)

Watch today's service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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It's Harvest, but not as we know it.

Our Harvest service this year will be online (Sunday 4th October), so there will not be the traditional offering of produce that we know and love. We each must think and pray about how we want to demonstrate our gratitude to God for his generous provision towards us. To get you started here are a few suggestions:

- Donate food or money to Emmanuel's work at The Beacon, or Somewhere to Go
- Donate food or money directly to the [Foodbank](#) in North Street
- Make an extra special purchase and place it in the donation box at your regular supermarket
- Make a donation to [CAP](#), [Christian Aid](#) or [Tear Fund](#)

Above all spend a little extra time praying for the millions of people who go hungry near and far.

Bev

Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 3 v 8-18

Today we look at two practical areas of our lives. The first is to do with when we've been wronged. It is highly understandable that we should feel a deep sense of injustice when this happens to us and want to "make it fair" by getting our own back. . . . but this is not the Christian way. "Do not repay evil with evil" because 1) God will be the final judge of things (and not us), and 2) because Jesus himself gives us the ultimate example as he did not retaliate when on the cross.

The second area is something that faced the church at the time – persecution. As well as the sheer hardship, this sort of attack could well have caused confusion amongst many folk young in their faith. The real answer to keeping going is to make God first in our lives and that will give us the strength and conviction to persevere. "In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord".

Prayer Pointers

Monday

As Covid 19 infection rates increase week by week, pray that doctors and hospitals will be able to cope with the pressure that this will bring.

Tuesday

Please pray that the Lord will keep children, young people, students and staff safe from infection in schools and colleges.

Wednesday

Continue to pray for those who are sick in both our churches. May they know the Lord's touch on their lives.

Thursday

Now we are into autumn, pray that the work in finding a Covid 19 vaccine may be undertaken more quickly.

Friday

Continue to pray for our annual meetings - Christ Church's on Wednesday October 14th at 7.30pm and Emmanuel's on Monday 19th October at 3.30pm in church. Also for the needed new PCC members, Deanery Reps and church Wardens.

Saturday

Commit to the Lord the Thanksgiving service on Sunday at 4pm in Christ Church, remembering those who have passed away during the Coronavirus pandemic.

For more prayer topics, why not have a look at the latest newsletters from our Mission partners on the [Christ Church website](#), under the 'We Are Still Here' menu and clicking on 'Keeping In Touch'.

Are you a budding writer?

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for inclusion in Connected this week, and for the other articles and photos which I have kept for future editions.

There won't be a Link Magazine covering October and November, so I'm on the look-out for more budding writers!

Please email your articles to the Church Office and I'll do my best to include them in future editions.



Notices

Helping Hands at Emmanuel

Some of you may know that we're facing a bit of a change in leadership at Emmanuel.

Donna is stepping back as warden so that she can start on what is quite a demanding schedule of Reader Training with the Diocese. Pat will have completed four years as warden come next April and so also will be stepping back.

Please pray – the situation is a challenge but also genuinely an opportunity to move forward. To prepare for two new wardens, we have looked at many of the jobs currently done by wardens (e.g. checking the fire extinguishers) – and realised they don't need wardens to do them!! So – we're looking for folk to take up small responsibilities which will help us engage with church and lighten the load on the wardens considerably.

We are hoping many can help – the more the better! There are a variety of roles – do be in touch with Pat Blake (or Phil in the office) if you think you might be able to help.

Bible Notes

Reminder. Anyone wishing to make any alterations to their Bible Notes subscription for 2021 is asked to inform Barry (tel 01934 812940 or email barrysj@freeuk.com) by Friday, October 9th.

Opportunity for Individual Prayer

Just to remind you that Emmanuel Church is open for individual prayer from 10am to 12noon each Thursday.

Electoral Roll List

The Electoral Roll for each church has now been finalised. At Christ Church, the list is displayed on the glass doors.

Names need to be displayed in accordance with Church Representation Rules. We are now not required to display people's addresses.

Crash Team Contacts

If you are a member of either of our two churches and are in need of some practical assistance, please call the Crash Team:

- Liz Cole (01934 782886)
- Jane Milsom (07766 678446)

Coffee time after the Service...

Operation Christmas Child



We will be collecting again this year for the annual Operation Christmas Child 'shoebox' appeal. Details of what this is all about can be found on the [Samaritan's Purse website](#).

Obviously the practicalities of organising the collection of items are going to be somewhat different this year. Details of how you can get involved can be found on the special page on the [Christ Church website](#).

UPDATE - if you would like a shoebox, they are now available for collection from the lobby at Christ Church. Please do come along and collect one (or two!) between 08.30 and 15.30 Monday to Wednesday, and 08.30 to 12.30 Thursday and Friday. Don't forget to collect a leaflet with each box.

If you are unable to get to the office, please let Phil know and he will arrange to get one to you.



JaM Club Update

JaM Club Online is back - for children in years 1-6. Join us each month for a fun programme as we explore the Bible together. The first club goes online on Thursday 15th October.

To register and receive a free JaM Club at Home pack with extra activities and all the craft materials needed, you must register by the end of September - <https://ccwsm.org.uk/jam-club>.

Please contact Angeline White or Nicky Boardman for more information.

Angeline

Dates For Your Diaries

Sunday 4th October at 9.45am

Sunday Prayers service at Emmanuel church only

Sunday 4th October at 4pm

Christ Church Thanksgiving Service - *see below*

Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm

Christ Church Annual Church Meeting.

Further information on how this meeting will be run will be given soon.

Monday 19th October at 3.30pm

Emmanuel Annual Church Meeting in church.

Sunday 25th October

Deadline for Shoebox Appeal donations

Sunday 1st November at 4pm

Memorial Service at Christ Church

Christ Church Thanksgiving Service



This is an opportunity to give thanks for those from our church family who have passed away this year and whose funeral we have not been able to attend. You'll need to book seats for this service. There are only a few left so please contact Phil as soon as possible. The service is at 4pm at Christ Church.

Also we will be inviting those present to "lay a stone" forming a memorial for the service. You'll be invited to pick up a stone as you enter church – the stones will have been left for 72 hours and not handled at all during that time. If you're not able to attend the service, do please contact Phil or Tom and we can ensure a stone is laid in memory on your behalf.

Please note that there will not be a 9.45am Sunday Prayers service on the 4th October at Christ Church. The 9.45am service at Emmanuel will go ahead as usual.

Tom

More Coffee, anyone?

Open e-Gardens to be pruned!

Well, we have run out of summer, and the editor has run out of horticultural puns for the headlines!

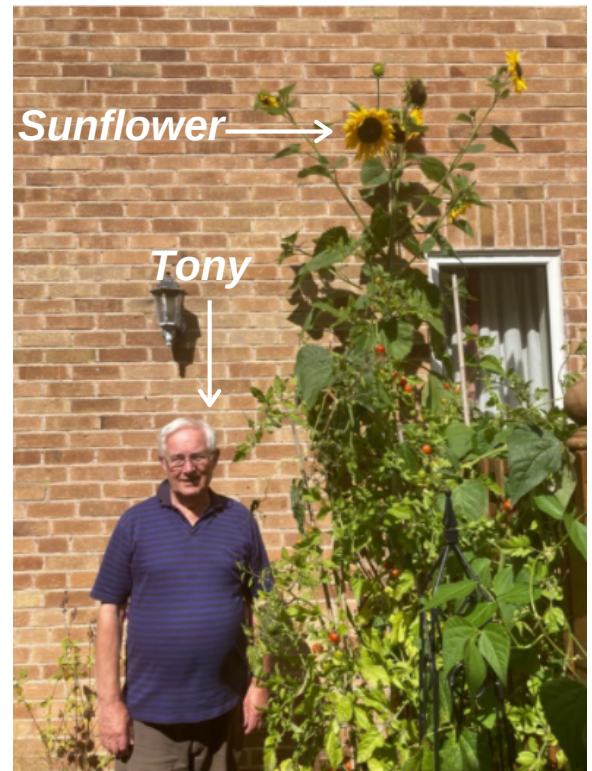
This has been a very popular item in Connected. Can I say a big Thank You to everyone who has contributed photos of their amazing gardens.



Hilary's garden looks ideal for a 2021 Open Gardens event



Carl's Collection looks amazing



Tony's Sunflower is clearly very proud of it's owner

Q - What's going to replace the Garden Photos next week?

A - I have no idea, but please email it to the office once you've written it!