

Connected

Two Churches, one Lord

Christ Church and Emmanuel

Weston-super-Mare



This Week...

- Return of 10.30 Services
- Annual Church Meetings
- Shoebox Deadline 25th October
- Connecting with Church Family

Verse For The Week

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

(1 Peter 4: 1)

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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Return of 10.30am Services in November



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Since Sunday 22nd March we have been holding our main church service online. This has been very well received, and we would like to thank all those who have taken part either in front of or behind the camera.

From the beginning of September we added the reflective Sunday Prayers services. These have been great opportunities for those who can to meet together. As these have gone so well, Tom and the leadership team will be re-introducing the 10.30 morning services as our main church services, with the Christ Church service being broadcast live for those who are unable to be there in person. This will commence on Sunday 8th November.

Tom's letter is on page 3. Please pray for him and the leadership team as they prepare for another change.

Sermon Snippets

1 Peter 4: 1-11

"What does 'Arm yourselves with the attitude of Jesus' (1 Peter 4 v 1) mean to you? I was being forced out of my comfort zone and a man I respected was challenging me. What did it mean 'the attitude of Jesus'? Was I to risk being a witness for Jesus? Was I to risk it with out fear because God was in control and was I to risk it without worrying what others thought?"

Keith shares his experience as an eighteen year old that has helped him face leaving his comfort zone several times since.

Prayer Pointers

Monday

We give thanks for ongoing blessings towards those who attended the Thanksgiving Service last Sunday. We pray that all may have received lasting peace and comfort, and that Christ's example and message of resurrection life might inspire their own spiritual journey.

Tuesday

Lord, we pray for our churches' approaching AGMs, that during this challenging time you will encourage full participation and inspire perfect fruit in all decisions made, especially with regards to those you have called to serve you. May each one do so with great joy.

Wednesday

We thank you and pray for our young people's and family ministry, for Nicky and Angeline and others who wonderfully supply material so creatively, and for ongoing blessings for our church family. Lord, may your love overwhelm their own family lives.

Thursday

Father God, we pray for all those called to ordained or lay ministry and are now or soon to be trained accordingly. We particularly pray for Donna Pilgrim's new opportunities of service. We also pray for Larissa Trust, who will be serving as our new Curate starting next summer. Lord, at the beginning of their ministries may they all have that clear spiritual vision that you will fulfill in due time.

Friday

Lord, the pandemic touches your whole world but much more, your Gospel does so. We pray for physical deliverance for all, but more so that all may hear the Gospel and have spiritual wholeness. We pray for all who represent us: for the Potters, the Morrisseys, Andy Page and family, the Sodzi family's mission work and for Lucy. Lord, supply their spiritual and practical needs.

Saturday

We pray that Tom, Meg and all our Leaders may continue to have your guidance in making sense of the present restrictions that hinder fellowship. We pray that any limitations may not unduly affect Emmanuel's Christian witness in the centre of Weston.

Notices

Help at Emmanuel

Very many thanks to those who have signed up to take responsibility for the different jobs needing to be covered at Emmanuel. If there is anyone else who would like to be more involved, please have a word with Pat or Meg.

Newsletters from Mission Partners

The very latest newsletter from Christians Against Poverty is now on the [Christ Church website](#), under the 'We Are Still Here' menu and clicking on Keeping In Touch'.

We have also received the latest prayer letter from The Morrisseys. If you would like a copy of this please contact Phil in the Church Office.

Giving From Your Phone

The ability to donate funds to Christ Church has moved into the 21st Century!

Thanks to David, people now have the option of being able to scan the QR Code shown below and donate using their Apple Pay or Google Pay apps. The QR Code is also displayed in church.

Don't worry if you have no idea what I'm talking about - Standing Orders, Direct Debits, and all the other ways of giving still work fine!



Connecting with the Church Family

Now that we have started to meet together in church again, some people are able to catch up with others (in a socially-distanced way, of course!). However, there are a number of folk who are unable to get to church, and won't have the same opportunity. This is the whole idea of *Connected*.

Do contact Phil in the Office if you have something you'd like to share with others. Remember that those without computers receive a printed copy of *Connected*, and would love to hear more of what's going on.

Coffee time after the Service...

Return to 10.30am Services

You'll be aware that the current 9.45am Sunday Prayers were a "transitional arrangement" before returning to 10.30am services. We will now return to our 10.30am services for both churches – beginning on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November.

Because we will not be allowed to sing at these services and we will continue to be socially distanced, the "feel" of them will be very different from our "normal" morning services. The work we've done with Sunday Prayers and the online services will be of considerable help in putting together these new services. The services will include Communion (with full hygiene) from time to time and, at Christ Church, they will be "live streamed" and available on our website as an online service. The online service is vital – both for those in our congregations unable to come to church and for a significant number who we may not have met, but tune into these services.

Trying to be "everything for everybody" is never possible, but I do think we've managed to keep a sense of church community and God's presence for the whole of our congregations – thank you very much for the part you've played in this.

Three things are matters I'm praying for:

1. That the new 10.30am services will be genuine encounters with God given the restrictions we face – both for those present and those online. For wisdom as we plan the basic structure of them – and for the "tech" teams.
2. For our young families – for whom the restrictions have made meeting together far more complicated. We are talking, planning and praying about what to offer in terms of actually meeting together.
3. Against tiredness and frustration as the consequences of the pandemic will continue to be with us for a considerable time – that this won't get in the way of our church community, worship and mission.

Tom

Annual Church Meetings

Please pray for our Annual Church Meetings coming up this month:

- Christ Church (Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in church). **Please contact the office to book your seat(s).** The meeting will also be available to view live online (*see below*).
- Emmanuel Church (Monday 19th October at 3.30pm in church)

Remember that if you'd like to vote, you will need to be present at the meeting.

At Christ Church, the reports will be sent separately by email. Please do prayerfully read through these. If you are coming to the meeting, please feel free to bring copies of the reports with you. Some printed copies will be available on the day but these will mainly be for those people without computers.

If you have any questions about the reports that you'd like someone to raise on your behalf at the meeting, or if you have any items for 'Any Other Business', please contact Phil in the Office by the end of Tuesday.

Watching the Christ Church meeting online

There are two ways you can watch the Christ Church APCM. On a computer, tablet or phone go to the church website ccwsm.org.uk and click on the Church Life menu and then click on APCM. The live video of the APCM will appear on this page and will remain there for a period of time after the meeting. Alternatively, if you are used to watching Sunday Online Services on your television, go to where you normally go and look for a video marked LIVE or APCM.

We hope to start streaming the video from church by 7:10pm giving you time to know that you're in the right place.

More Coffee, anyone?

Connect with Comfort Food



Summer reluctantly, closes her doors, hands over the baton to sister Autumn, who, seemingly after a short while, guides us towards brother Frost.

Perhaps then in advance you might consider planning those early evening stay-at-home comfort foods. Cheshire Lamb Crumble? A Lasagne perhaps? Or even more comforting an authentic Mediterranean Moussaka?

Simple, and so easy to make: minced lamb, tomatoes, garlic (optional), onions, a creamy cheese sauce; plus one important essential Mediterranean ingredient:-

- Sleek and shiny like a limousine,
- Coachwork purple.
- Upholstery green.
- Not a Bentley.
- Not a Roller.
- Very organic.
- Much, much older.
- In supermarkets to be seen.
- A fabulous, fantastic aubergine.

Stella & Dave

Signs of the Times



Operation Christmas Child

The deadline for donations is only two weeks away - Sunday 25th October.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now available for collection from the lobby at Christ Church. Please do come along and collect one (or two!) between 08.30 to 15.30 Mon to Wed, and 08.30 to 12.30 Thu and Fri. 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.

- Details of Operation Christmas Child can be found on the [Samaritan's Purse website](#).
- Details of how you can get involved can be found on the [Christ Church website](#).

Vacancy for a School Governor

Are you bored, and feeling that the current restrictions are preventing you doing anything for God? Do you need a bit of experience to help getting into work, something positive for your CV? If so, we have just the job for you.

We have a position as a voluntary Foundation (i.e. church) Governor at Christ Church Primary School. It takes just a few hours a month and is a great way of working with our community. It is vitally important, especially at the moment; governors scrutinised the anti-Covid measures and helped decide how and when the school re-opened. At present it can all be done from home as each monthly meeting is currently online. You will get access to this via the school email address that you will be given.

Tom Webber, Stella O'Brien, Ray Pilgrim, Carol Au Yeung and Pat Hurst are all governors and can tell you more.

Interested? Please contact Tom.

Stella