Christ Church and Emmanuel, Weston-super-Mare

Connected

All Saints Day | Sunday 1st November 2026

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Mark 4: 1-20

One feature of Mark's gospel are the many different reactions to Jesus' teaching and invitation. As Jesus explains the parable 'a sower went to sow…' we get to look under the bonnet – what is actually going on behind all these different reactions? Come along / tune in on Sunday to discover a little more about a familiar story.



Emmanuel

Mark 4: 1-20 + Revelation 7: 9-17

While the parable of the sower warns that worries, distractions, and persecutions can choke our faith, Revelation offers a glorious vision of the ultimate harvest.



CAP Weston Update

Many of you will have seen my article a few weeks ago letting you know that we are planning and praying for the Weston CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre to relaunch early next year, with me as the new Debt Centre Manager.

The Steering Committee, including Rev Tom and I, have been busy contacting local churches seeking their prayerful, practical, and financial support for this new venture. This is a partnership project and our aim is work closely with our fellow Weston area churches to see the Debt Centre become a reality.

Christ came to set us free from the things that hold us down and keep us from the abundant life he died to give us; and CAP are passionate about helping people find that financial freedom - and hear the Good News of Jesus too.

We would hugely value your support and you can read more about the work of CAP on the new website, where you will also find prayer diaries for both national and local CAP, a link to sign-up for the newsletter, and the giving page:
CAPWSM — CAP is coming back to Weston-super-Mare

CAP have a Life-Changer pledge where we ask you to consider if you can give £5 a month to the work of CAP Weston to see lives changed for good. If you are in a position to donate £5 (or any other amount) each month 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). If you would like 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 or outside the Church Office.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do look at the prayer diaries, and keep praying, as we work towards the relaunch of CAP Weston in the new year.

With grateful thanks,

Donna

Prayer Pointers

Monday
Lord, please help us to recognise our unique gifts and use them for your glory, understanding our contribution to our family, church, and community.

Tuesday
Lord, thank you so much for revealing yourself to us through others. Thank you that we can be part of the healing and grace that you long to share with this broken world.

Wednesday
We pray for King Charles and all the Royal Family. Help them to cope with the constant glare of publicity, and to use their position wisely - giving inspiration and encouragement to our country.

Thursday
Living God, teach us to be still in your presence, to listen to your voice, to seek your will, and to respond to your guidance. Deepen our relationship with you through Christ, so that we may know your presence with us more fully each day and share your life more abundantly each moment.

Friday
We pray for peace in the Middle East, where one retaliation is leading to another and so many innocent people are being killed and more homes lost. We also pray that Russia will bring the war in Ukraine to an end.

Saturday
We pray that all countries will make every effort to look after our world, and we pray for places that are struggling to cope with effects of changing climate, e.g. forest fires, floods, and mudslides.

Sunday
Lord, thank you for your presence with us today. Please help us to carry and maintain your peace in our minds, body and soul.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

What's On This Week

Saturday 31st October
Men's Breakfast from 8:30am-10am at Christ Church
(for those who have signed-up)
Ambassadors Outing at 2:30pm at Playhouse
(for those with tickets to Jesus Christ Super Star)
Lightfest! from 4pm-6pm at Christ Church
(for those who have registered)

Sunday 1st November
12 New Disciples in 27 Meeting after the service
(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)
Annual Memorial Service at 4pm at Christ Church

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

Tuesday 3rd November
Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 4th November
Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 5th November
Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

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

Notices

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Monday 2nd until Wednesday 4th November inclusive.

Verse For The Week

**" After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.
'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them', nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' "**

Revelation 7: 9a, 16-17

Coffee after the Service...

Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 1st November 4pm at Christ Church



Do join us this Sunday for our annual 'Memorial Service' - a chance to give thanks for someone you've loved who's passed away. It will be a gentle reflective service and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

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



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

Remembrance Poppies

Poppies are now available at Christ Church - these will be at the back of church on Sunday or outside the Church Office during the week - please feel free to take one and leave a donation in the charity tin alongside.



Confirmation

Confirmation Service
Wells Cathedral
Saturday 7th November
at 2pm

Two members of our church families are due to be confirmed at Wells Cathedral next weekend. All are welcome to attend the service.

If you would like to join us for refreshments afterwards at the Fosso Lounge, Wells (around 4pm) please let Di know. All very welcome!

Operation Christmas Child

Next Sunday, 8th November, we will be dedicating all our shoeboxes at Christ Church - those which have been packed online and any physical boxes collected. (NB/ Emmanuel will be dedicating their boxes on Sunday 15th November.

Please see last week's Connected for more in-depth information about how to pack a shoebox online (including links) and all other options available. Or, alternatively, please visit our website: https://ccwsm.org.uk/shoebox-appeal-2026/

For Christ Church folk, if you are packing a physical shoebox, please ensure that you either bring it to church this coming Sunday (1st), or next Sunday (8th), or deliver it to the Church Office during this coming week. Emmanuel folk will need to hand-in any physical boxes by Sunday 15th. Thank you!

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...?

Weston Street Pastors 20th Anniversary Celebration



Last weekend, Holy Trinity hosted a wonderful celebration of 20 years of the Street Pastors walking the streets of Weston town centre. The packed church was filled with past and current Street Pastors and their supporters - all of who were joined by Weston's Mayor. Three new Street Pastors were commissioned and everyone there shared in worship and gave thanks for God's faithfulness over the years.



It was a joyful time and we pray for many more years of practical caring, compassionate conversations, and a loving Christian presence in our town centre as the ministry of the Street Pastors continues to share God's love long into the future.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Street Pastor please speak to Ray Pilgrim, Mark Nicholson, or Darren Crockett.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christ Church Christmas Fayre
Saturday 28th November

Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 5th December

More details to follow...



BIBLE READING NOTES

If you haven't yet ordered your Bible reading notes for next year, please do speak to Sandra Wilkes - orders will need to be placed within the next week.

For those who have already placed an order but not yet paid, please can you see Sandra this weekend to arrange to make payment.

Payment can be made by either cheque (made payable to Christ Church PCC), cash, card (see David White or Emma in the Office), or bank transfer (please speak to David or Emma if you need our bank details). Thank you.



Weston Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar



Please see last week's Connected for more information about this.

If you would like to participate there are a few Advent Calendars available at the back of both churches.

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