

# Christ Church Methodist

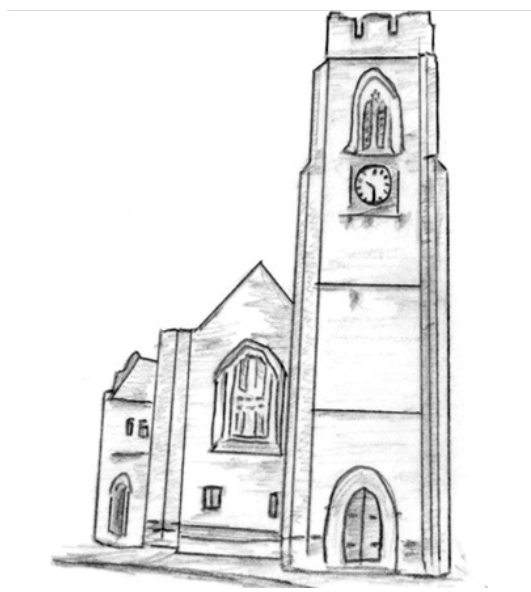
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Welcoming, worshipping, working in the name of  
Jesus Christ



You are welcome to worship God with us

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## The Editors Page

*Due the current situation the Newsletters are going to be in a very condensed form, do hope you will understand.  
Once Covid-19 is no longer with us the usual Newsletter will come back to print.*

*The Lord be with us all.*

*God Bless you all*

*Terri & Pauline*

*Hi , please can you include in your general Prayers*

*Pray for those who are bereaved:*

*As well as others known to us*

*Can you continue to pray for*

*Jean Foster and her family.*

*Jean is seriously ill in Hospital*

*Your prayers are still needed for*

*Brian D , and Kath recovering from heart surgery.*

*Our thanks for Arnold*

**Stay connected****John 15.1-8**

Jesus says that he is 'the true vine'. His Father is the vine-grower who removes fruitless branches and prunes those that are fruitful so that they might produce even more. The disciples are the branches; they are to remain part of the vine and expected to grow and bear good fruit.

How do we 'remain' in Jesus? How do we stay always connected to Jesus? The metaphor of a growing vine suggests something that is active - a way of living, rather than a passive 'resting'.  
What does this look like in practice?

**Call to worship**

Come apart from your busyness.  
Leave your stresses at the door.  
Come and reconnect with God.  
Remain in him and grow.  
Grow closer, grow deeper.  
Grow and be fruitful.  
Come and glorify God!

**A gathering prayer**

We gather here, O Lord, for you, the vine, to nourish us.  
May we, the branches, draw our strength from you,  
and grow in harmony, unity and love.  
May we find nourishment through our rootedness  
in the life, teachings and love of Christ.  
Receive the fruits of our worship and be glorified.

**Amen**

**A prayer of approach**

Eternal God,  
we come as one and we come together,  
to draw from the source of your life-giving love,  
to reconnect with one another and with you,  
to listen to your word,  
to meet you in prayer and praise,  
and to learn and grow as your faithful disciples -  
in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

**A prayer of adoration**

True God, true vine,  
 strength of all our being,  
 giver of all good gifts,  
 healer of all that is broken:  
 we worship you;  
 we glorify you;  
 we rejoice in you,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**A prayer of confession and an Assurance of forgiveness**

Gracious God,  
 we come to you aware of our failings and conscious  
 that we have tried to live in our own strength.  
 Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.  
 We have resisted the challenge of change and not  
 trusted your truth.  
 Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.  
 We have rooted ourselves in our wills and not in your  
 word.  
 Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.  
 We have looked for quick fixes and not kingdom-  
 shaped growth.  
 Forgive us and reconnect us to your vine.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our  
 Saviour.  
**Amen**

**Creator God,**

in you we are all we need to be;  
 through you we grow into all that we long to be;  
 with you we bear fruits that can be used and  
 shared and multiplied;  
 because of you our lives are rich and blessed and  
 fruitful:  
 so we praise you in song and silence,  
 today and every day.  
**Amen**

**God of comfort**

as India faces the ravages of corona virus we pray  
 for some relief for their suffering. May those in this  
 world who have an excess of medicine and oxygen be  
 moved to generosity and may those who face great  
 anguish find some measure of comfort. Even as our  
 situation with the virus changes here we are mindful  
 of the many families across this country who are still  
 trying to come to terms with the death of a loved one.  
 We pray for everyone struggling with the pain of loss.  
 Bring solace to them, bring people who can offer words  
 and actions that sooth, and help all those who grieve to  
 find small shoots of hope for the future.

God of comfort,

**listen to our prayer. Amen**

Let us never shame any person on earth, great or small. May it be granted unto us to fulfil thy commandment to "Love thy neighbour as thyself", with all our hearts and souls and bodies and possessions.

Jewish Prayer

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

Albert Einstein

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

Charlie Chaplin

Everything has beauty but not everyone can see it.

Confucius

Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.

Anne Frank

*Andrew Prior has sent us a list of goods that the Foodbank are in need of.*

*For anyone wishing to donate to the*

*Long Eaton and Sawley Foodbank*

*We are now desperate know for*

*Laundry Powder and Fruit Juice, Savoury snacks,*

*Rice Pudding, Sponge puddings, custard.*

*These donations can be dropped off at*

*Christ Church on Tuesdays and Fridays*

*10—12.00 or at the corner of Wilmot Street*

*Beresford Rd, Sawley on Saturdays*

*9.00 til 11.00.*

*Anyone unable to get to either of these drop off*

*points, please contact us on*

*07980 357107*

*And we will be willing to pick things up.*

*Many thanks Diane & Andrew*

*There will be a large number of people who you have not seen for quite a while, perhaps you could give some one a phone call, if you don't know their*

*phone number you can call on Janet Brown,*

*Ruth Reynolds, or Terri & Pauline; we would contact the person you want to speak to in order*

*that we can check that the person is happy to have a call.*