

Connected

Sunday 13th September 2026

15th Sunday After Trinity

Christ Church

Mark 1: 1-15 & Isaiah 40: 1-11

What kind of stories do you like best? Slow burners, stories with twists and turns, stories full of action that race along? On Sunday we're going to start the story in the Bible written by a man called Mark. He starts with something that seems like a spoiler but we'll see it's not as straightforward as we think.

Join us / tune in as we begin exploring Mark's good news about Jesus.



Sermon Snippets

God loves us: We are his beloved children, just as Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Love gives us strength: Knowing we are loved equips us for difficult callings.

We are called to respond: God's love moves us beyond ourselves towards others.

Love becomes action: The work in South India demonstrates compassion through practical work - wells, education, homes and healthcare.

Our challenge: Having received God's love, how will we allow that love to flow through us to others?

Emmanuel

Mark 1: 1-13 + Isaiah 40: 1-11



Exciting News!!



Many of you may have heard, but the exciting news is that the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre is returning to Weston, under the oversight of Christ Church and Emmanuel, and in partnership with other local churches. And I am delighted to have been appointed the new Debt Centre Manager.

CAP is a national charity supporting people in financial crisis and offers help in a variety of ways; from direct debt counselling and support, to local drop-ins, budgeting courses, and job clubs. CAP works alongside other local statutory and voluntary groups to offer support in partnership with others as part of a holistic approach. CAP is, however, openly evangelistic in its provision - offering prayer at home visits, making known that all we do is through the love of Jesus, and sign-posting people to the other activities and support available in their local church. That said, CAP's service is open to everyone and people are free to say if they don't want prayer. However, the Area Manager, Siân, tells us that 9 out of 10 people say yes to the offer!! Isn't that amazing? Please be praying for me, the Steering Committee, and the many others involved in getting everything in place to relaunch next year. We will spend the next few months connecting with churches and individuals to fund the relaunch early in 2027. We are trusting God that His provision is already in place for this important work. If you would like to find out more, or support this work, please do email us on CAPWeston@ccwsm.org.uk. We will keep you updated on our progress.

God is a God of transformation - *"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people."* Psalm 113: 7-8

Please pray for CAP Weston as we seek to play our part in seeing His Kingdom Come in Weston and the surrounding areas.

Donna

Prayer Pointers

Monday: Please pray for our Life Groups as they restart after the summer break, asking God to bless and encourage us through them. Pray for the leaders and all who attend.

Tuesday: Continue to pray for the flood victims in Nepal, especially any yet to be found who are still clinging on to life.

Wednesday: Remember in your prayers the family work at Christ Church and the Beacon at Emmanuel. Ask God to meet all the resource needs of these precious works for the Kingdom of God.

Thursday: Thank God for a wonderful season of Open Gardens this year, for great fellowship and funds raised.

Friday: Please ask God to be close to Terry as he presents his mini-series over the next three Sunday evenings, and to inspire lots of people to attend.

Saturday: Many people are involved in our Sunday Services: welcomers, readers, intercessors, service leaders, preachers, teachers, musicians/singers, those on the AV desk, those serving tea & coffee - and you can probably think of more. Thank God for being always near to receive our service towards him and to strengthen us as we give in these many ways.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

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

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What's On This Week

Saturday 12th September

Repair Cafe from 10am-12:30pm at Christ Church
Wedding Blessing at 3pm at Christ Church

Sunday 13th September

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre
'Good News For All?' at 6pm in The Spire Centre

Monday 14th September

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 15th September

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 16th September

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 17th September

Active Men's Walk - *contact Dave Milsom for info*
Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Saturday 19th September

Ambassador's Breakfast at 9:30am at Revo
(for those who have signed up)

Sunday 20th September

'Good News For All?' at 6pm in The Spire Centre

Notices

Church Office Closed

Emma's weekend away was postponed so please note that the Church Office is now closed and will re-open at 9:30am on Wednesday 16th September.

Please also note that the Church Office will be closed from Monday 21st September until Friday 25th September inclusive.

Tom Unavailable

Please note that Tom will be unavailable from Friday 18th September until Friday 25th September inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. "

Isaiah 40: 10-11

Coffee after the Service...



Life Groups... are a brilliant part of our church families! It's a chance to get to know a few folk better, to understand the Bible and how it might apply to your life, and to support each other. Groups meet both in the daytime and the evenings. If you would like to find out a little more, please have a word with Tom or Di.

Good News For All?



Don't forget, Terry's mini-series starts this Sunday, 13th September, at 6pm in The Spire Centre - these will consist of a talk followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion - please do come along!

Nepal Appeal

Last Sunday Emmanuel collected £630 towards the appeal for the devastation in Nepal; which, together with £200 from the PCC, will go towards providing Water Survival Boxes and will assist with the relief effort. Each Water Survival Box costs approx. £150 and will provide vital aid for one family.

Christ Church also raised the sum of £565.

Thank you to everyone who has donated.

If you have not yet donated but would like to do so, please visit Christ Church's website and click on 'Donate' / 'Nepal Appeal' or click [here](#).

**EMERGENCY
APPEAL**

Active Men's Group Oakham Treasures Saturday 3rd October at 10am



If we get 20+ folk signed-up then the cost will be £9.50 each. Otherwise the pricings will be £10 for seniors and £11 for adults (payable on the day).

After the visit to the museum, we will share lunch together at the Priory (at 12:30pm).

If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of Christ Church or, for those at Emmanuel, please contact Paul Sodzi or Emma in the Church Office.



Harvest Sunday at Emmanuel

Next Sunday, 20th September, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. We will be collecting for Weston Foodbank and hearing an update on their work. There is an updated 'Most Needed Items' list at the back of church along with a tub for donations. If you would like to give a monetary donation please give it to Carl in an envelope marked 'Harvest'.



We're also going to have a bring and share Ploughman's-style lunch after church together - do sign-up on the sheet at the back of church and we'll enjoy a time feasting and thanksgiving together.



More coffee anyone...?

Ambassadors Ladies Group

Breakfast at Revo
Saturday 19th September
at 9:30am



Last chance to sign-up this weekend if you would like to attend... please pop your name on the sheet at the back of Christ Church or, for anyone at Emmanuel who would like to come along, please speak to Elaine Fairs (or Emma in the Church Office).

Our Family Ministry Work

Please see the last couple of weeks' Connected with regard to our Family Ministry Fund (FYCM Fund). If you would like to donate, either as a regular giver or for a one-off sum, please visit the Christ Church website, click on 'Donate' and choose the Family Ministry Worker option or click this link:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/01A601339>

Or please do speak to our Treasurer, David White.

Thank you!



Emmanuel Church Family Wedding

Great celebrations at the marriage of Holly and Josh at St James' Church, Swansea, on Saturday 5th September; followed by a joyful, worshipful reception at the Lifepoint Centre.



Holly is a much loved member of our Emmanuel Church family and, although she is very much missed since her move to Swansea, we are thrilled she has found a loving, faithful husband in Josh.

Ray, Donna, John, and I were delighted to be part of the festivities, representing the whole church. Guests were invited to highlight their favourite Bible verse and write a message alongside it - this will become their family Bible.

We pray God's blessing on their life together.

Emmanuel's Church Directory

Emmanuel's new Church Directory is now available - please do pick up your copy from church over the next few weeks.

We would ask you to remember that these Directories are for **church members use only** and the information contained within it is **not** to be passed on to anyone outside of the church family. We would also ask that, if you are disposing of any old Directories, these are shredded and **not** just placed in your recycling.

There is still quite a bit of work to do on the new Christ Church Directory but, hopefully, this should be out by the end of October.



REPAIR CAFE

The next Repair Café
is this Saturday, 12th
September, from
10am-12:30pm at
Christ Church



Families Together

12noon-1:30pm

Sunday 13th September

Please let Nicky know if you
are planning to attend
family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk