

Connected

Sunday 4th October 2026

18th Sunday After Trinity

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church

Mark 1: 40-45 (ICB)

This Sunday is our **Harvest All Together Service** where we not only thank God for the food he gives us but we also join in his generosity by giving to others.



We invite you to bring donations for Weston Foodbank to share with people in need in our

community (please see the last edition of Connected for the most needed items).

We're also continuing our journey through the good news of Mark in the Bible. What has a story about Jesus healing a man with leprosy got to do with harvest...?

Join us in person or online as we explore this challenging story together.

Emmanuel

Leviticus 13: 43-46, 14: 1-3a + Mark 1: 40-45

In ancient times, people with skin conditions were forced to live on the margins. We are invited to examine the modern boundaries we construct and the people our society forces to the edges today.

Rather than keeping his distance, like the religious laws demanded, Jesus stepped forward and touched the untouchable, proving that human dignity and divine love trump rigid rules. Though Jesus told the man to show himself to the priest, the man proclaimed his healing everywhere, inspiring us to bring the suffering of those in the shadows out into the light of justice.

Where do we need healing ourselves, and whose hands we are failing to reach out and touch in our communities?



Come and join us as we celebrate...
the **Light of the World**
At **LightFest 2026!**
Saturday 31st October, 4pm-6pm

This year, our annual alternative to the darker traditions surrounding Halloween, will have a **Superhero** theme!



LightFest is suitable for all the family with lots of crafts, games, play, and activities to enjoy. We're going to hear the story of '**Jesus vs The Bad Guys!**' - a story of love and forgiveness. Then, to round off the event, we'll enjoy our tea together and there will be a goody bag for each child to take home at the end!

The **sign-up sheet to be on team** is on the flipchart at the back of church - please join us if you are able. If you need more information, please contact Nicky via email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

Registration will be open on Sunday 4th October. Go to ccwsm.org.uk/events/ and click on the LightFest tab for more information.

To register, fill out the online form and wait for an email from Nicky containing a link to pay. The cost is £2 per person (babies under 6 months go free).

And finally, if you are able, we would really appreciate **donations** of sweets for the goody bags - small/individual packets of Haribo type sweets, wrapped sweets, and small 'fun sized' chocolate bars. No nuts please. There will be a tub at the back of Christ Church for donations to be put in on Sundays. Otherwise, please leave them with Emma in the Church Office. Thanks!



Prayer Pointers

Monday: Remember in your prayers those who work hard behind the scenes to ensure our churches continue to run efficiently. Pray especially for our church treasurers whose efforts in balancing the books are so pivotal in all we do. Ask for God's blessing on their work.

Tuesday: Pray for a peaceful resolution to the various conflicts currently raging across the world. Ask for the Lord's protection for Christians caught up in hostilities not of their own making, remembering particularly the large Christian community in Lebanon.

Wednesday: Give thanks for all the advances in medicine that have taken place in recent years. Commend to God all who work in medical research, particularly those striving to find a vaccine against the ebola virus that has killed so many in Africa this year.

Thursday: Pray for all who are struggling financially during the cost of living crisis. Pray for God's guidance on the Chancellor of the Exchequer as he prepares the budget due later this month - that he will be able to set the economy on the right track and be able to give support to those in need.

Friday: Pray for the success of the Church Weekend At Home - that all who attend will have an enjoyable and inspiring experience. Ask for God's blessing on all involved in organising the event and on the speakers.

Saturday: As we give thanks for our Church Weekend, remember in your prayers all who were unable to attend: the infirm or ill, those caring for others, those who must work at the weekend, etc. Pray that they may feel the unseen fellowship of our worshipping community.

Verse For The Week

" This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. "

What's On This Week

Saturday 3rd October

Active Men's Trip to Oakham Treasures at 10am
(for those who have signed up)

Coffee Morning from 10:30am-12noon at Emmanuel

Sunday 4th October

12 New Disciples In 27 Meeting after the service
(for those who are part of this group - in Room 3)

Monday 5th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 6th October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 7th October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 8th October

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Friday 9th-Sunday 11th October

Church Weekend At Home

(see timetable for what's happening when!)

Notices

Di Unavailable

Please note that Di will be unavailable from Monday 12th October til Saturday 17th October inclusive.

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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Coffee after the Service...

Emmanuel Coffee Morning

The next 'Coffee Morning and Sale' at Emmanuel will be held this Saturday, 3rd October, from 10:30am-12noon

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



Thank you

Tony Hobden was delighted to receive financial support from both Christ Church and Emmanuel following the recent crisis in Nepal, enabling the charity he supports to provide much needed basic items for those left homeless and bereaved. Thank you very much.

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

PLATFORM 2 FAMILIES' MEETING (Our Sunday morning provision for our children)

Please would ALL families (adults and children) join me in Rooms 1&2 of the Spire Centre after the Harvest Service (Sunday 4th October) for a short meeting. Bring your drinks and biscuits and we'll start as soon as possible... it won't take long! Thanks.



Nicky



Christ Church Bible Readings

At Christ Church, the screens are now displaying a slightly more modern reading of the New International Version (NIV) Bible. It includes inclusive language e.g. 'brothers and sisters' instead of 'brothers'. However, the lectern Bible, which is used for our readings, has a slightly older version... in other words there may be small differences between what you see on the screens, what you hear, and which NIV Bible you use.

We've decided to wait and see how confusing these small differences prove to be as replacing the lectern Bible is quite expensive (approx. £400). Do let me know after a few weeks if this proves difficult for you as we all want the Bible to be read and understood clearly by all!!

Tom



Thank you

A big 'thank you' to those who came to our granddaughter's Wedding Blessing and helped make it such a special day.

Keith & Jill



Jesus Christ Super Star Playhouse, 2:30pm 31st October

There is a ticket going spare for this Ambassador's outing - please see Sandra Wilkes if you are interested and she can give you details.



Church Weekend At Home

Please see the last edition of Connected for the full timetable. Our weekend starts at 5:30pm on Friday 9th - see you then!