

Please Pray For...

- **Harvest assemblies: Please pray for our school assemblies on 20th October.** Pray for wisdom, joy and confidence for everyone involved, and that the assemblies will encourage the children and staff and help share God's love within our local schools.
- **Please pray for the coming darker and colder months:** and for opportunities to share the light of Christ with those who may find this season difficult. Pray that we would warmly welcome Jesus, the Light of the World, and share His hope, comfort and love with others.
- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Ollie and Ruth; Angela Bounds; Parvesh; Kimbra Jordan; Michelle's Mum and Dad; Rony, Anna and the family, and Anna's sister; Portia; Pauline McCutcheon; Heidi; Emma; Laura Chappell; Deloris.
- **The international Church including our Link Churches:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

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'God's love at the heart of all our activities and communities'

CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK'S

October Notices

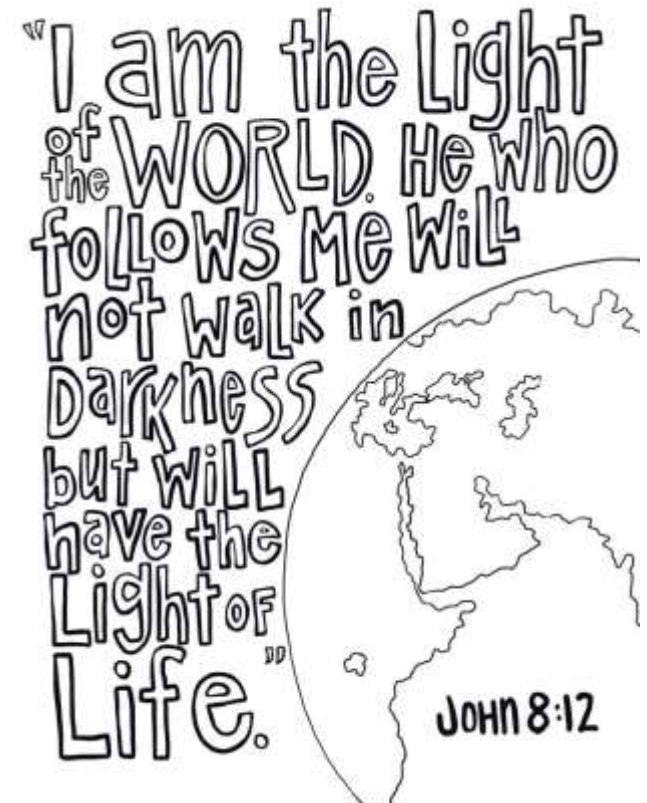
Community Light Event

4-6pm Saturday 31st October at Christ Church

When the world feels dark, we remember that Jesus is our light and hope.
In Him, the darkness does not have the final word.

Come and join us for a warm and welcoming Community Light Event for all ages, with refreshments and time to chat. There'll be crafts, games, and activities for our children too. Most of all, it's an opportunity to celebrate the light of Christ and the hope we have in Him.

Whatever your age, there is space for you! Bring your family and friends, and come as we gather and look to Jesus, the true Light of the World.



This Month at a Glance

Sundays

4th October – 9.30am at St Marks, 11am All Age at Christ Church

Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14 & Matthew 21:33-46

Collect: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11th October – 9.30am at St Marks, 11am at Christ Church

Readings: Philippians 4:1-9 & Matthew 22:1-14

Collect: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord

18th October – 8am & 11am at Christ Church, 9.30am at St Marks

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 & Matthew 22:15-22

Collect: God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

25th October – 9.30am at St Marks, 11am at Christ Church

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 & Matthew 22:34-46

Collect: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Midweek

Tuesdays	9.30–11am Messy Tots at St Mark's 10–11.30am Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church. 1.15–2.45pm Messy Tots at St Mark's.
Wednesdays	10am Morning Prayer (on 1 st and 3 rd weeks) or Holy Communion (on 2 nd and 4 th weeks) at Christ Church
Fridays	4.30–5.45pm Ignite at St Mark's 6.30-8.30pm Youth Club at Christ Church
Saturdays	9.30am – 11am Messy Breakfast at St Mark's on the 10 th & 24 th October

Wednesday Circle, 2-4pm 21st October at St Mark's

Please join for a craft afternoon making felt Christmas decorations and flowers.

Coffee & Chat, 10am – Midday

Every First Saturday at Christ Church with Book Swap and Fairtrade stall

Giving

Financial giving allows us to share God's love with North Watford. For one off or regular bank transfers please use the details below, and speak Rev Jess about Gift Aid:

- Account Name: CHRISTCHURCH WATFORD PCC COOP
 - Sort Code: 089078
 - Account Number: 50018550.

Parking at Christ Church

Please remember to enter your car registration number into the tablet located either in the church or in the hall. Please note that if this is not done you will be fined by the parking company.