

# Connected

Sunday 11th October 2026

19th Sunday After Trinity



## Church Weekend At Home

**Ephesians 4: 17-32 (+ Matthew 22: 1-14)**

It will be a great privilege to have Mike Hill speaking to us and leading our discussions this weekend. Mike used to be my Bishop when we were both in Bristol and he's now based in our Diocese. I'm writing this in advance – but I think one of his themes is 'taking hold' of God's blessings. It's reminding us that our faith isn't a spectator sport – rather it's one where Christ calls us to follow him. Not to simply watch him, debate him, or study him alone – but to get up and follow. And part of that is the taking hold of the promises we hear in the Bible and acting on the basis that they are true.

...and, over this weekend, we'll be hearing a lot from the letter to the Ephesians. It's full of challenges and some wonderful truths and promises. I wonder... what would it look like if we were to take hold of them?

Thank you to all who have worked to make this weekend possible.

*Tom*

### TIMETABLE

#### CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME

9th – 11th October 2026

*(all events taking place at Christ Church unless otherwise stated)*



#### Friday:

5:30pm Church open for 6pm Supper (baked potato, fillings, sweet) and introducing our speaker, Bishop Mike Hill (to finish by 8:30pm)

#### Saturday:

9:30am-10am Coffee/tea served with light refreshments (e.g. small pastries)

10am Session 1 with Bishop Mike

11am-11:30am Coffee break

11:30am Session 2 with Bishop Mike

1pm Lunch together (soup with ploughmans, fruit, cake)

Afternoon *Optional afternoon activities (details to follow)*

5:30pm Fish & chip supper with music/singing and drama!

#### Sunday:

9:45am Coffee/tea served with light refreshments (e.g. small pastries)

10:30am **Christ Church** - morning service with Bishop Mike speaking

**Emmanuel** - a 'Church Weekend At Home' themed service



## Annual Memorial Service Christ Church

Sunday 1st November at 4pm

You are warmly invited to a special service to remember and give thanks for anyone you have known and loved who has passed away.

The service will be gentle and reflective, and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one.

There is no need to let us know in advance if you are coming, simply join us on the day. The service will be followed by refreshments.



**For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Emma, our Church Administrator:**  
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# Prayer Pointers

## Monday

We pray for the Church. May all Christians rejoice in God's loving invitation and be ready to extend welcome to others, especially those who are excluded or marginalised.

## Tuesday

Today is International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction - promoting a global culture of disaster reduction and preparedness. Pray for those whose responsibility it is to help individuals and communities prepare well for the safety and wellbeing of all in these uncertain and worrying times.

## Wednesday

Pray that the violence continuing to destroy the lives of people in the Holy Land, the increasing instability across the Middle East, and the long war between Russia and Ukraine, will all come to an end through a new determination amongst leaders to work together for peace.

## Thursday

Today is International Day of Rural Women - recognising the role of women in improving rural development and food security. Pray for our local farmers - men and women - as they work hard to provide for our food needs following the very hot and dry summer, and in the face of rising international concerns.

## Friday

Pray that those who resort to violence between and within nations, in the community and within families, will find in Jesus an urgent appeal to turn from cruelty and to work for peace.

## Saturday

On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, pray for all who work tirelessly to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty; and pray that those in our local community who struggle to feed and clothe themselves and their families may receive adequate help. Especially pray for the volunteers and their work at our local Foodbank.

## *Watch the Morning Service*

at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)

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

# What's On This Week

## Friday 9th-Sunday 11th October

Church Weekend At Home (*see timetable on front page*)

## Sunday 11th October

Deaf Church at 3pm at Emmanuel

## Monday 12th October

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

## Tuesday 13th October

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel

The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

## Wednesday 14th October

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Holy Communion at 10:30am at Emmanuel

## Thursday 15th October

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

## Friday 16th October

Ambassadors Skittles at 7pm at The Ship Inn

(*for those who have signed up*)

## Sunday 18th October

Families Together at 12noon in The Spire Centre

## Notices

### *Di Unavailable*

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

## *Verse For The Week*

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

*Ephesians 4: 22-24*

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# Coffee after the Service...

## LightFest 2026!

Saturday  
31st October  
4pm-6pm



This year, our annual alternative to the darker traditions surrounding Halloween, will have a Superhero theme! Please see last week's Connected for more information regarding the event.

**Team:** please do have a look at the sign-up sheet (on the flipchart at the back of Christ Church) and pop your name down if you are able to help.

**Registration:** is now open. Go to [ccwsm.org.uk/events/](https://ccwsm.org.uk/events/) and click on the LightFest tab for more information. The cost is £2 per person (babies under 6 months go free).

**Donations:** if you are able, we would really appreciate sweets for the goody bags - small/individual packets of Haribo type sweets, wrapped sweets, and small 'fun sized' chocolate bars. No nuts please. These can be placed in the bag at the back of Christ Church or left with Emma in the Church Office.

If you need more information, please contact Nicky, email: [family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)

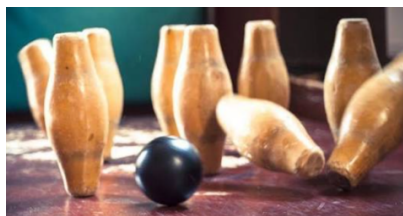


## Ambassadors Ladies' Group

The next event for the Ambassadors' group is...  
Skittles Evening at 7pm  
Friday 16th October  
at The Ship Inn, Uphill

There will be no charge  
for playing - just bring  
money along with you for  
optional drinks or food.

Please make sure you pop  
your name on the sign-up  
sheet at Christ Church  
this weekend if you would  
like to attend. Or contact  
Emma in the Office.



## Thank You Christ Church!

Today you donated 145.30 kg of food to support Weston Foodbank. Your help is invaluable. In 2025 we distributed 135 tonnes of food and provided emergency parcels for over 7500 members of our community.

Deliveries can be taken directly to our warehouse in Haywood Village at Unit 2, 12 Beaufighter Road, BS24 8EE. They operate on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

For more details about our activities, please follow us on Facebook, tiktok and Instagram (WsM Foodbank) or online at [www.westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk](https://www.westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk).



## Active Men's Group

The 'Active Men' had a great time at Oakham Treasures on Saturday...



Alan eyed-up some  
vintage cars...!



Darren  
played  
shopkeeper...!



John returned to  
his natural habitat...!



and this was all then  
followed by a most  
enjoyable lunch together!



## FOR SALE...



Mobility  
scooter...  
just over  
a year old.

If you know of anyone  
interested, please  
contact Pat Allchorne.

# More coffee anyone...?



We are hoping to be able to livestream/record Bishop Mike's sessions for those who are unable to make the Church Weekend. If you would like to hear these, they should be available [here](#).

## Reminder - Life Groups...

these 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.

Presented @ Weston Ark by Martin Thomas

## Practical Resilience

A bruised reed he will not break and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.  
[Isaiah 42:3]

Coping with daily life in our challenging times

A two part, faith based workshop open to all. Come and learn to use simple, practical tools to understand and develop personal resilience.

**Part 1** Oct 23rd  
Friday 7-9 pm  
**Part 2** Oct 24th  
Saturday 10 am-4.30 pm

Book your place



Use the QR code above or  
<https://bit.ly/4rwjiOW>

Tea & Coffee provided  
Please bring a packed lunch for Saturday  
More information  
[martin.thomas@westonark.org.uk](mailto:martin.thomas@westonark.org.uk)

All funds go to the work of Weston Ark

## Artificial Intelligence

Bishop Michael Beasley has preached an excellent sermon on how we should understand Artificial Intelligence (AI).



If you'd like to see a copy, please click [here](#) to download it or contact Emma in the Office.

Tom

## Operation Christmas Child



We will be supporting Operation Christmas Child again this year - please keep an eye on Connected over the next couple of weeks.

We will be encouraging folk to pack a box online (as this is the most straightforward option for us and for Samaritan's Purse) but, if you do want to pack your own box, please see one of the Wardens or speak to Emma in the Office.

[MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW](#)



12noon-1:30pm

Sunday 18th October

Please let Nicky know if you are planning to attend:  
[family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk](mailto:family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk)