

# NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 10th & 17th MARCH 2024

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**‘God’s love at the heart of all our activities and communities’**

## **CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK’S, WATFORD**

**Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Vicki Davies.**

### **4th SUNDAY OF LENT: Mothering Sunday**

#### **SERVICES**

9.30am Service of the Word at St Mark’s.

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

#### **READINGS**

2 Corinthians 1:3-7; John 19:25b-27

#### **COVID-19:**

Please respect others’ social distancing; continue to wear a mask if you wish.

Please wash or sanitise your hands on arrival.

We are playing music and singing.

There is a plate at the back for your monetary offerings.

If you feel unwell, please do not come.

### **FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:**

#### **Today’s Collect: 4th Sunday of Lent**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

#### **Next Week’s Collect: 5th Sunday of Lent**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his  
passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **People who are unwell or who need prayer:** Lucy; Laura Chappell; James; Deloris Smith; Freda Jackson; Doreen; Comfort Tetsola; Stella, Comfort’s daughter; Emma; Mandy; Caroline H; Kay Ottley.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in: Howard Close; Gisburne Way; Damson Close.
- **Businesses operating in:** Sandown Road, Windsor Road, Bradshaw Road.
- **Local organisations:** South West Herts Samaritans, Friends of Harebreaks Wood, Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Luke’s, Bricket Wood; Christ Church, Radlett; St John’s Radlett.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** the Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania; and Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan.

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**Lift Off! Children and Families Outreach:** [admin@liftoff.org.uk](mailto:admin@liftoff.org.uk)

## THIS WEEK

<b><u>Morning Prayer Readings</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>	
Mon 11 March Hebrews 9.1-14	6pm 7.30pm	Parish Vision prayer group in Christ Church. Lent reflection group at Revd Vicki's home.
Tue 12 March Hebrews 9.15-end	9.30-11am 1.15-2.45pm 7.45 for 8pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's. Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church hall: Show and Tell.*
Wed 13 March Hebrews 10.1-18	10am 11am	Short service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church. Lent reflection group in St Mark's followed by Lent lunch.
Thu 14 March Hebrews 10.19-25	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 15 March Hebrews 10.26-end	4.30-5.45pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's.
Sat 16 March Hebrews 11.1-16	9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's.

**\* Gather Round ...Ladies'** meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 7.45pm for 8pm, in Christ Church Kelsey hall - women of any age are welcome to join us. Please bring an object, photo, book or anything else, and share its story or what it means to you.

# Gather Ladies Round

**5th Sunday of Lent SUNDAY 17th MARCH Passion Sunday**

**SERVICES**      8am      Morning Prayer at Christ Church followed by Breakfast at 8.30am.  
                  9.30am    Morning Prayer at St Mark's.  
                  11.00am    Service of the Word at Christ Church.

After the service at Christ Church, please stay for a bring-and-share lunch, and then we'll spend an hour cleaning the church.

**READINGS** Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

## NEXT WEEK

<b><u>Morning Prayer Readings</u></b>	<b><u>Events</u></b>
Mon 18 March Hebrews 11.17-31	6pm Parish Vision prayer group in Christ Church. 7.30pm Lent reflection group at Revd Vicki's home.
Tue 19 March Matthew 13.54-end	9.30-11am Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. 1.15-2.45pm Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 20 March Hebrews 12.3-13	10am Short service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church. 11am Lent reflection group in St Mark's followed by Lent lunch. 2pm Wednesday Circle at St Mark's: Craft Session.
Thu 21 March Hebrews 12.14-end	10am-1pm Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 22 March Hebrews 13.1-16	4.30-5.45pm Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's.
Sat 23 March Hebrews 13.17-end	

**SUNDAY 24th MARCH Palm Sunday**

**SERVICES** 9.30am Palm Sunday Service at St Mark's.  
11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

**READINGS**                      Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15

## NEWS

### WEDNESDAY CIRCLE

This is a monthly afternoon meeting of a social kind at St Mark's, at 2pm. Anyone who enjoys instructive talks, quizzes, crafts, competitions, the occasional outing, and refreshments is welcome. The next meeting will be on 20th March at 2:00pm, at which there will be a craft session.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

The church electoral roll is being revised and anyone who wants to be added will find forms in each church to fill in and return to Ann Larnach. This enables you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS

If you have ordered any Fairtrade Easter Eggs, they will be in church from Sunday, 10th March. The prices are slightly lower than quoted.

There are also mini eggs for sale on the Fairtrade stall, as well as other chocolate, drinks, dried fruit and nuts. (PICTURES NOT TO SCALE)



There will be a Good Friday Reflection/Meditation at North Bushey Baptist Church on Good Friday March 29th 2024 starting at 7.00pm, to which all are invited to attend.

### A snapshot of St Mark's Church, Watford

#### *Brought to you by Churches Together in Watford*

We are set back off Leggatts Way behind leafy trees with allotments at the back surrounded by houses and housing estates. It was built in 1931 to serve the new estate (Harebreaks). It is a small building which was extended at a later date to include a hall which can be opened into the main church when capacity demands. We are a small dedicated congregation bringing the Good News of God through activities for all the family in the local communities and further afield. Our Sunday services start at 9:30am - not everyone's cup of tea on a Sunday morning!

Each year a Christmas Bazaar is held in November to raise funds for the church. This is organised and run by the members of Girl Guiding. It is well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Since 2012 our outreach project Lift Off! for families and children continues to provide opportunities for meeting up, learning about God, and having fun. Our building is also used by various community groups for their activities.

Recently we have welcomed a new priest-in-charge, Vicki, after 17 months in vacancy and together seeking God's direction we will continue with our mission statement on our weekly sheet: to have 'God's love at the heart of all our activities and communities'.

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**LENT**

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7.30pm - **Lent reflection group** in Revd Vicki's home.

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**Wednesday 20th March** 11.00am - **Lent reflection group** in St Mark's followed by Lent lunch.

**All groups will be offered refreshments.**

Please speak to Revd Vicki about any of these groups if you have any questions or let her know if you are interested. Thankyou.

**HOLY WEEK 25th - 31st March and EASTER**

**Monday 25th March** at 7.30pm: 30 minute Lent Compline on Zoom.

**Tuesday 26th March** at 7.30pm: Short meditation on the cross - venue tbc.

**Wednesday 27th March** at 7.30pm: 30 minute Lent Compline on Zoom.

**Maundy Thursday** at 6.00pm: Maundy Thursday Supper followed by a service and vigil at Christ Church.

**Good Friday** at 2pm: Good Friday Service at Christ Church.

(Remember to put your clocks forward by an hour.)

**Easter Sunday Services**

6.30am Dawn Service at Christ Church followed by breakfast.

10.30am Joint Parish Holy Communion Service with a Baptism at Christ Church.

**Easter Monday 1st April 2024 - Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey**

This year we will be having a cooked breakfast and setting off from St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, Watford, WD24 5NQ.

Breakfast 8.45am.

Service 9.45am.

Setting off 10am.

For you to partake in a cooked breakfast before setting off we will need to know numbers.

Can you please let Polly Pankhurst know at Christ Church and Shirley Lewens at St Mark's Church, email ccandstmwatford@gmail.com or leave a message on the church phone 01923 681972 by Friday 22nd March.

You do not have to come on the Pilgrimage to join us for breakfast.

You can join us for the walk at the above times. Please bring a packed lunch and wear sensible shoes as it can be very muddy!

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

The Annual Report will be produced for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will take place on Sunday 14th April.