

# NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 14th and 21st SEPTEMBER 2025

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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.**

**Sunday 14th September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**READINGS** 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

**SERVICES** 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark’s.  
(10.15am Choir Practice at Christ Church.)  
11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church,

We will be having a small choir leading the hymns from the front of the service at Christ Church. If you would like to be part of this, please arrive at 10:15am, for a rehearsal before the service.

‘Welcome back’ BBQ at Christ Church after the service.

### **Mission Action Plan review**

If you have yet to provide feedback, please provide a response this week.

If you don’t know how, speak to Revd Vicki.

**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.  
If you feel unwell, please do not come.

For your monetary offerings, there is a plate and a card reader at the back: for help please ask.

Alternatively, set up a standing order: please ask for details.

### **Christ Church Car Park Management System: Register Your Car.**

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.

## **FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:**

### **Today’s Collect**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to  
yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Next Week’s Collect**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Emma F; Roni Humura; Jan; Tony Booth; Chloe; Ruth; Heidi; Julia Ramanov; Caroline’s brother; Marie Irwin, Polly’s cousin; Rebekah; Julian, Eileen and John Osbourne; Angela; Yemi; Malcolm Ward; Steve; Matthilda; David F; Anthony; John Garland; Rose; Kay; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Emma; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Nevill Grove, Stanmore Road, Parker Street.
- **Businesses operating in:** Brixton Road, The Harebreaks, Maytree Crescent.
- **Local organisations:** Watford New Hope Trust, Watford Foodbank & the Trussell Trust.
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Mark’s; St John’s; St Paul’s Langleybury.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>Morning Prayer Readings</b>		
Mon 15 September Mark 8.11-21		
Tue 16 September Mark 8.22-26	9.30-11am 10am 1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. The Be Happy Club at Christ Church. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 17 September Mark 8.27-9.1	10am 2pm 8pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Wednesday Circle: Talk "Fire Service" at St Mark's. Compline online.
Thu 18 September Mark 9.2-13	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 19 September Mark 9.14-29	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 20 September Mark 9.30-37	9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's.

### **Sunday 21st SEPTEMBER Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**READINGS** 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

**SERVICES** 8.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church followed by Breakfast at 8.30am.  
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.  
11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church,

Our Archdeacon Charles will be visiting and preaching at the 9.30am and 11am services.

He looks forward to meeting many of you and will be talking with the PCC on Tuesday 23rd in the morning and the evening.

## **NEXT WEEK**

<b>Morning Prayer Readings</b>		
Mon 22 September Mark 9.38-end		
Tue 23 September Mark 10.1-16	9.30-11am 10am Morning 1.15-2.45pm Evening	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. The Be Happy Club at Christ Church. Archdeacon Charles to meet the PCC at Christ Church. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's. Archdeacon Charles to meet the PCC at St Mark's.
Wed 24 September Mark 10.17-31	10am 11.30am 8pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Bible story discussion and exploration at St Mark's. Followed by lunch. Compline online.
Thu 25 September Mark 10.32-34	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 26 September Mark 10.35-45	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 27 September Mark 10.46-end		

### **Sunday 28th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**READINGS** 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

**SERVICES** 9.30am Service of the Word at St Mark's.  
11.00am Holy Communion with baptisms at Christ Church.

Monthly Happy Sundays Munch Bunch Club for families today from 12.30- 1.30pm at St Mark's.

## News

**New under-pew heating installed in Christ Church** - it has taken more than a year but our new heating was installed last week. We were helped financially by a £10,000 eco grant from the Diocese.

**Kitchen progress at St Mark's** - is delayed but moving forward. If anyone knows about new electric cookers, well priced ones please do let us know.

**Compline is back** online every Wednesday at 8pm. Compline (night prayer) is a spoken service and only takes 20 minutes. For more information, speak to Revd Vicki.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### St Mark's

**6-8 week Bible story discussion and exploration.** Who were the `Minor Prophets` and what were they trying to tell the Israelites?

Starts **Wednesday 24th September** at 11.30am followed by lunch.

### Christ Church

**St Francis Day Pet Blessing service** - Bring your pets for a special blessing on **Saturday 4th October** at 12.00 after Coffee & Chat.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Spirituality & Supper – food for thought and for your body!!**

What do you believe, what does `being spiritual` mean for you?

This series is for both church and non-church members to explore what their faith, or spirituality means for them in today's world as well as enjoying a meal together.

Please invite people who might be interested including millennials, those who are unsure or searching, those who have no faith.

Starts **Tuesday 7th October** at 7.00pm.



### **Vacancies for Two Newly Created Roles in the Diocesan Property Team**

Asset and Development Manager: Closing date 22 September 2025, noon.

We are looking for an Asset and Development Manager to bring commercial expertise to housing and land decision-making to enable us to maximise the asset values of diocesan and parish land and buildings. This will be someone with strong professional experience in this field, who is emotionally intelligent, articulate and able to advise, lead and support meetings at a senior level.

Building Surveyor/Facilities Manager: Closing date 26 September 2025, noon.

We are looking for a Chartered Building Surveyor (MRICS, or equivalent) with experience in residential building condition surveys and a project track record of project and contractor management.

See <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles>

### **Welcome to Living Life to the Full: Practical Action to Fix our Planet!**

Join us at St Mary's Church on **Saturday 27th September** from 7-9pm for an inspiring event focused on making a real difference for our planet based on our Christian faith. Learn practical ways to take action and contribute to a sustainable future. Our speakers Margot and Martin will share valuable insights and tips on Finance, Food, Consumerism, Travel and Household Energy, to help you live a more eco-friendly life and help fix our planet. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the solution! See you there!

It is very easy to register, via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-life-to-the-full-practical-action-to-fix-our-planet-tickets-1647932583719?aff=oddtcreator>

The good news is that it is free and there are climate friendly snacks and drinks!



## Sept 2025 **NEWSLETTER** No. 2

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N.B. The Fairtrade Dinner advertised in the newsletter will not be happening in September.

### **Successful Narrowboat Trip**

A successful narrowboat trip was held with the Youth Club last Friday with 10 young people enjoying a peaceful glide down the river.



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