

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity: Harvest

READINGS

Revelation 14.14-18; John 6.25-35

SERVICES

Please bring harvest gifts.

9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Holy Communion at St Mark’s.

11.00am Harvest Service at Christ Church,

followed by a community bring and share lunch.

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:

Harvest Collect

O Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season.

Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being.

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 forever.

Collect for Trinity Sixteen

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers

of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know

what things they ought to do,

and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;

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

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Michael and wife; Deloris; Emma F; Ruth; Roni Humura; Jan; Chloe; Heidi; Julian, Caroline’s brother; Marie Irwin, Polly’s cousin; Tony Booth; Rebekah; Julia Ramanov; 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 Diamond Road; Sussex Road; Jubilee Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Park Road; Church Road; Penn Road.
- **Local organisations:** Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership; Alternatives.
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Michael and All Angels; St Matthew’s Oxhey.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 06 October Mark 12.28-34		
Tue 07 October Mark 12.35-end	9.30-11am 10am 1.15-2.45pm 7pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. The Be Happy Club at Christ Church. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's. 21st Century Spirituality & Supper at Christ Church.
Wed 08 October Mark 13.1-13	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 09 October Mark 13.14-23	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 10 October Mark 13.24-31	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 11 October Mark 13.32-end		

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

READINGS 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

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.

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? Started Wednesday 24th September at 11.30am, with lunch.

Christ Church

21st 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.

October's Enchanting Piano & Music Tea

On **Saturday 18th of October**, we will be holding a **Piano & Music Afternoon Tea** at Christ Church from 4 to 6 pm. The menus will be ready this week. The cost is £20 for adults, £10 for children aged 6-15, and under 5s are free.

Saturday 1st November 10.00-3.30pm Quiet retreat at the Quaker meeting rooms, with lunch.

News

The Diocese is currently advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of St Albans (on the retirement of his current PA). The role is based in the Archdeacon's office in St Albans and the closing date for applications is Monday 13 October 2025. Further details on the website at: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-st-albans/>

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Lift Off! Children and Families Outreach: admin@liftoff.org.uk

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