

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 26th 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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Remember to put your clocks back one hour!

READINGS

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.9-14

SERVICES

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

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

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:

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.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Judy Pratchett; Paula, Jessica’s mum; Jim G; Len Ray; Comfort; Michael and wife; Deloris; Ruth; Jan; Julian, Caroline’s brother; Heidi; Roni Humura; Chloe; Marie Irwin, Polly’s cousin; Emma F; Tony Booth; Rebekah; Rose; Julia Ramanov; Eileen and John Osbourne; Angela; Malcolm Ward; Steve; Matthilda; Kay; David F; Anthony; John Garland; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Emma; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Leaford Crescent; Almond Close; Gammons Lane.
- **Businesses operating in:** Sandown Road, Windsor Road, Bradshaw Road.
- **Local organisations:** South Herts Credit Union (was Watford Credit Union); Alternatives.
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Mary’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.

Sunday 2nd November - A celebration of our black and minority ethnic brother and sisters contributions to the world for Black History Month and a recognition that Christ Church & St Mark’s Parish is an inclusive and welcoming Parish. Please do join us with a traditional dish from your country of heritage to share after the service. We ask too that you bring a small flag from your country of heritage wherever that is. Thankyou.

Memorial Service. On Sunday 2nd November at 4.00pm we will be holding a short Memorial Service for those who have lost loved ones and wish to light a candle.

Please let Revd Vicki know if you would like your loved one’s name to be remembered during the service.

Contact us: email ccandstmwatford@gmail.com **or call** 01923 681972

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

We’re also to be found on <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchStMarks>

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 27 October John 13.1-11		
Tue 28 October Luke 6.12-16	10am	The Be Happy Club at Christ Church.
Wed 29 October John 13.21-30	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 30 October John 13.31-end	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 31 October John 14.1-14.	4-6pm 6.30pm	Light Party at Christ Church. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 01 November Luke 9.18-27	9.30-11am 10am-12noon 11.00am-4.30pm	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's. Coffee and Chat in Christ Church with Book Swap and Fairtrade stall. Quiet Retreat at the Quaker Meeting House.

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER Fourth Sunday before Advent

READINGS

Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

SERVICES

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.

11.00am All Age Service of the Word at Christ Church.

4.00pm Memorial Service at Christ Church. Please note change of time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please do look at the noticeboard nearest to the first entrance into church for all the services, events and activities up until the end of November. You will also find more information on the church wall, Banner and noticeboards outside the church. We look forward to your participation.

Friday 31st October Light Party 4.00-6.00pm - a shared evening of fun for children at Christ Church run by children's team Anna A and Claire from LiftOff! Please email admin@liftoff.org.uk to register.

Saturday 1st November from 11.00-4.30pm (later time than first advertised) we invite you to a quiet retreat from the world before the hurry and scurry and flurry of Christmas. This will be held at the Quaker Meeting rooms with lunch provided. Please give your name to any of the PCC to book a place along with a deposit of £3.00 to secure the place. (Spaces are limited.)

Saturday 8th November Entrance to Christ Church - please note the entrance to Christ Church will be closed to cars from 8.00am-3.00pm so that the council can repair and make good the area.

Christ Church hosted an **Enchanted Musical Afternoon Tea** last Saturday to raise much needed funds. The church was transformed into a scene from the Ritz as guests were treated to a lavish spread of freshly prepared sandwiches, including smoked salmon, coronation chicken alongside falafel with tahini and lemon dressing, vegetarian samosas. The feast continued with an array of home made cakes from fruit tarts and chocolate truffles, Victoria sponge, macaroon, traditional scones, jam and clotted cream and endless pots of tea.

Tables were elegantly set with matched vintage teapots, cups and plates while individual handmade cakes were displayed on ornate cake stands creating a charmingly nostalgic atmosphere.

Live music added to the enchantment performed by talented members of our Church family, organist and pianist Melina Stylianou and Jin Tang (a professional musician) accompanied by her children Joy and Jediah on violin and cello.

The afternoon was planned and organised by Christ Church Children`s worker Anna Adamovic and Youth worker Anna Nicotra plus an army of volunteers including our own youth club members, and Suza, Richelle and David. A huge thanks to them all.



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News

A gold cross and chain has been mislaid at Christ Church. Please keep your eyes open for it. If you see it, please let Vicki or a service leader know.

Thank you.

Christmas Tree Festival and Fair - we are organising a Christmas Tree competition and a Christmas fair at the beginning of December. The Christmas Tree Competition will be open to the public on Friday 5th from 2.00-5.00pm, Saturday from 10.00-4.00pm and Sunday from 12.00-3.00pm. The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 6th from 1.00-4.00pm.

Any groups who would like to showcase a tree please contact me for more information.

Please spread the word and we look forward to your participation.

Thank you! Caroline Penn.

The Prayer List on the first page will be closed at the end of November and will start afresh in December. Please inform us if you would like any names to be added for December.

Children, Youth & Families update

Wednesday Youth Club - the Wednesday Youth group has now changed to a homework club from 5.00-6.30pm starting at the beginning of November.

The Be Happy Children's Tuesday morning group is changing its name after we reviewed the posters. Look out for more information shortly.

Our **Spirituality series** has been rescheduled to Spring, with many thanks to those who offered to cook the supper.

Saturday November 8th 2025 7pm, Watford Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra present

Ein Deutsches Requiem by Brahms; Finlandia by Sibelius; Pavane by Fauré.

The Grand Hall, Bushey Arena, London Road, Bushey WD23 3AA.

Tickets £20; under 19s £5 (unreserved seating).

Fairtrade Advent Calendars

Order This Weekend for Reduced Prices – while stocks last.

The Real Advent Calendar - Dark Chocolate - 85g

The Real Advent Calendar - Milk Chocolate - 85g

Divine Dark Chocolate Advent Calendar - 85g

Divine Milk Chocolate Advent Calendar - 85g



Two Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese is currently advertising for a Vocations Administrator. This is a key role in the discernment and promotion of vocations within the diocese. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 3 November 2025. Further details on our website on the link below: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/vocations-administrator/> The vacancies page also has a link to a Regional role for a Nett Zero Carbon Fundraising Officer.

Watford Foodbank

A big thank you for all the wonderful harvest donations which were very much appreciated. We still, as always, need more donations; some suggestions:

Tinned Meat

Tinned Tuna

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Rice pudding

Custard

Thank you so much for your continued support. We couldn't do this without you.

