

# NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 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.**

### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

#### **READINGS**

Amos 7; Luke 1.5-20

#### **SERVICES**

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark’s.

11.00am All age family service at Christ Church.

Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church from noon to 3pm.

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**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Ruth and Mary; Stephen; Len Ray; Jim G; Julian, Caroline’s brother; Julie, her daughter and her as yet unborn granddaughter; Heidi; Paula, Jessica’s mum; Comfort; Michael and wife; Deloris; Jan; Roni Humura; Chloe; Kay; Marie Irwin, Rose; Polly’s cousin; Emma F; Tony Booth; Julia Ramanov; Steve; Rebekah; Eileen and John Osbourne; Angela; Malcolm Ward; Matthilda; David F; Anthony; Emma; Mandy; John Garland; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Elm Road; Dell Road; Chestnut Walk; Beech Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Sandown Road, Windsor Road, Bradshaw Road.
- **Local organisations:** South Herts Credit Union; Citizens Advice Watford; Alternatives.
- **Local churches and congregations:** Holy Rood Catholic Church, Holy Trinity.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

**Please note:** This Prayer List will be closed after today and will start afresh. Please inform us if you would like any names to be added or reinstated.

**Contact us: email** [ccandstmwatford@gmail.com](mailto:ccandstmwatford@gmail.com)

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

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

## THIS WEEK

<b>Morning Prayer Readings</b>		
Mon 08 December Matthew 14.1-12		
Tue 09 December Matthew 14.13-end	9.30-11am 10-11.30am 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 10 December Matthew 15.1-20	10-11am 5-6.30pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Homework Club (all ages) in Christ Church.
Thu 11 December Matthew 15.21-28	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 12 December Matthew 15.29-end	4.30-5.45pm 6.30-8.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Rehearsal for the Christmas Nativity play during the Youth Club at Christ Church. All welcome.
Sat 13 December Matthew 16.1-12	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Church at Christ Church. A cuppa, chat and a quiet time.

### **SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER Third Sunday in Advent**

#### **READINGS**

James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

#### **SERVICES**

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's.

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Christ Church.

(10.15am and 5.15pm Choir Practice at Christ Church.)

We will be having a small choir singing "While Shepherds Watched" with a new chorus, for both the 11am and 6pm services at Christ Church. The choir will meet to rehearse at 10:15am and 5:15pm for each service. People are welcome to join for whichever service they are able.

### News

For the next six months, Rev. Vicki's hours will be strictly three days a week plus Sundays. This will normally be Thursday to Sunday, Thursday being an admin only day. There is some flexibility in this of course, depending on pastoral needs, PCC meetings etc.

Homework Club: warm, quiet and help where needed. Bring books, pens and all else you need.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Nativity play start on Friday 28th November from 6.30-8.30pm and will continue on the following 3 Fridays 5th, 12th, 17th - all children are invited to join in.

Please note that there will be no Sunday 8am service or breakfast in December.

More information about January later.

**Watford Foodbank** will not be opening at Christ Church on Christmas Day or New Year's Day,

#### Sunday 14th December

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's

11am Holy Communion at Christ Church

6pm Carols by Candlelight at Christ Church

#### Sunday 21st December

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's

11am Contemporary Worship service at Christ Church

3.30pm Nativity Service with donkey at St Mark's

5.30pm Nativity Service with donkey at Christ Church

#### Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Christ Church

#### Thursday 25th Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion Family Service at St Mark's

11am Family Service at Christ Church

#### Sunday 28th December

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's

11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES



### DECEMBER MIDWEEK SERVICES

#### Wednesdays

(See weekly notice sheets for confirmation.)

10.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee