

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 21st and 28th DECEMBER 2025

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



'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 Advent

READINGS

Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

SERVICES

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.

11.00am Contemporary Worship service at Christ Church.

3.30pm Nativity Service with Donkey and Amici e Piccolini a family music group at St Mark's.

5.30pm Nativity Service with Donkey and Amici e Piccolini a family music group 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:

Today's Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Christmas Eve

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
so we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Next Week's Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Ruth and Mary; Stephen; Jim G; Heidi; Angela; Emma; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Berry Avenue; Cherry Tree Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Gammons Lane; Longspring; Bushey Mill Lane.
- **Local organisations:** Playskill; Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.
- **Local churches and congregations:** Beechen Grove Baptist Church; St Mary's.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 22 December	Matthew 19.1-12	
Tue 23 December	Matthew 19.13-15	
CHRISTMAS EVE		
Wed 24 December	Matthew 19.16-end	11.30pm
		Midnight Communion at Christ Church.
CHRISTMAS DAY		
Thu 25 December	Matthew 1.18-end	9.30am 11am
		Holy Communion Family Service at St Mark's. Family Service at Christ Church. NO Foodbank at Christ Church until 8th Jan.
Fri 26 December	Acts 6	
Sat 27 December	1 John 2.1-11	



Sunday 28th DECEMBER 1st Sunday of Christmas

READINGS	Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.(1-9) 10-18
SERVICES	9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's. 11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church.

NEXT WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 29 December	Colossians 1.1-14	
Tue 30 December	Colossians 1.15-23	
Wed 31 December	Colossians 1.24 – 2.7	
NEW YEAR'S DAY		
Thu 01 January	Romans 2.17-end	NO Foodbank at Christ Church until 8th Jan.
Fri 02 January	Colossians 2.8-end	
Sat 03 January	Colossians 3.1-11	9.30-11am 10.30am-12.30pm
		Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's. Open Church at Christ Church. A cuppa, chat and a quiet time.

SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2nd Sunday of Christmas

READINGS	Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
SERVICES	9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's. 11.00am Service of the Word at Christ Church.

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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.

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

More information about January later.

There will be no **Coffee and Chat** in January. We hope to see you at the next one on February 3rd.

Dear Christmas tree competitors,
Thank you so much for all your hard work in making the tree festival so colourful, imaginative and fun.
It was a joy to take time walking around- a surprise round every corner. You are amazing!

Watford Foodbank

We will not be opening at Christ Church for Foodbank on Christmas day or New Year's day, both of which are Thursdays. Our last session will be 18/12 and first in new year 8/1, and every Thursday again from there. Other distribution centres will be open between times, locations and dates can be found online at Watfordfoodbank.co.uk and on posters around church and the halls.



Thank you for all your donations throughout the year, without these we could not help others.



REMAINING CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

Readings

Romans 1.1-7 and
Matthew 1.18-25

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Christ Church
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Titus 2.11-14 and Luke 2.1-14[15-

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion Family Service at St Mark's
11am Family Service at Christ Church

Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12] and
John 1.1-14

Sunday 28th December

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's
11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

Ephesians 1.3.14 and
John 1. [1-9] 10-18

FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Still available on the Fairtrade stall. (Pictures not to scale.)



Contact us: email ccandstmwatford@gmail.com

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

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

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**On
9th December 2025**

Next Renewal due:
9th December 2027

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Eleanor Harrison
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