

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 14th 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.

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 with a baptism 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 services they are able.

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 Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

- **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 Acorn Place; Woodside; Brush Rise; Fox Hill.
- **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 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.

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.

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>

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 15 December Matthew 16.13-end	7pm	Extra PCC meeting at Christ Church.
Tue 16 December Matthew 17.1-13	9.30-11am 10-11.30am 1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots Christmas party at St Mark's. The Be Happy Club at Christ Church. Messy Tots Christmas party at St Mark's.
Wed 17 December Matthew 17.14-21	9.30am 10.45am 12.30pm 5-6.30pm	Beechfield Christmas service at Christ Church. Cherry Tree Christmas service at Christ Church. Orchard Christmas service at St Mark's. Homework Club (all ages) in Christ Church.
Thu 18 December Matthew 17.22-end	10am-1pm 8pm	Last Foodbank at Christ Church until 8th Jan. Compline online.
Fri 19 December Matthew 18.1-20	4.30-5.45pm 6.30-8.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite Christmas party at St Mark's. Last rehearsal for the Christmas Nativity play at Christ Church. All welcome.
Sat 20 December Matthew 18.21-end	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Church at Christ Church. A cuppa, chat and a quiet time.

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER 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.

News

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!

On Wed 17th Dec we have the Schools Only Christmas Services with the donkey as follows:-

At Christ Church: Beechfield 9.30am; Cherry Tree 10.45am. At St Mark's: Orchard 12.30pm.

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.

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 the 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

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



DECEMBER MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays

(See weekly notice sheets for confirmation.)

10.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee