

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2026

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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.

The Sunday before Lent

READINGS 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

SERVICES 9.30am Service of the Word at St Mark's.
(10.15am Choir Practice at Christ Church.)

11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

We will be having a small choir leading the hymns from the front of the service at Christ Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month, except for August.

If you would like to be part of this, please arrive at 10:15am, for a rehearsal before the service.

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.

Some of you may have noticed that the kiosks (for the carpark) don't always appear to be working which has been very frustrating. The manager of EPS did say that they were having some trouble with all their kiosks. For the moment we continue to monitor and work with EPS to secure the parking area.

FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:

Today's Collect:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Judy and Paul; Julian, Caroline's brother; Marc; Kay; John Woods, Jessica's grandad; Heidi; Ian, Paul's brother; Deloris; Stephen; Ruth and Mary; Jim G; Angela; Emma; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Judge Street; Cecil Street; Regent Street.
- **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.

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 16 February Galatians 1		
SHROVE TUESDAY	10-11.30am	The Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church.
Tue 17 February Galatians 2.1-10	2-2.30pm	Pancake Party at Christ Church.
ASH WEDNESDAY	2pm	Wednesday Circle: Guide Association, at St Mark's
Wed 18 February 1 Timothy 6.6-19	2.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Christ Church.
Thu 19 February Galatians 2.11-end	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 20 February Galatians 3.1-14	6.30pm	Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 21 February Galatians 3.15-22		

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 1st Sunday of Lent

READINGS	Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11
SERVICES	9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.
	11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

News

Annual Report - Could all group leaders/church officers please email their end of year reports about their clubs/activities/work by Monday 16th March to the parish email (ccandstmwatford@gmail.com). Any photos that showcase your work would be very helpful.

Joy Club Parent & Toddler Hub meet every Tuesday morning for social activities. Please do invite any parents that you know with toddlers to join in this fun activity.

World Day of Prayer Bible Study and Service

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 6th March in St Mary's Church, Watford, at 2pm, followed by refreshments. All warmly welcome. Further details from Val Bryce.

Children & Families team **Pancake Party** is on Shrove Tuesday: 17th February from 2-3.30pm at Christ Church- don't miss it!! Please see Anna Adamovic for details.

Lent

Wednesday February 18th **Ash Wednesday**. There will only be one Ash Wednesday service this year as the evening service last year was not well-attended.

The service will be at Christ Church this year at **2.30pm** - all very welcome.

Confirmation group

Our confirmation sessions will last for one hour after church at Christ Church on Sundays from 12.30-1.30pm, starting on Sunday 22nd February, then 1st, 8th & 15th March.

Wednesday February 25th, Lent Study and Lunch 12 noon every Wednesday for 5 weeks at St Mark's church.

Thursday February 26th, Lent Study online for 5 weeks, followed by Compline (no need to stay for that if you don't want to).

This Lent, take part in **Climate Steward's Carbon Fast**. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 18th Feb, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Find out more and sign up at www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/