

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 22nd 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.

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.

Confirmation session for one hour after church 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.

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:

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness,

and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer

that we may witness to your saving love

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; Deloris; Stephen; Ruth and Mary; Jim G; Angela; Emma; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People who have died:** Ian, Paul’s brother.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Victoria Road; Lowestoft Road; Bedford Street.
- **Businesses operating in:** Penn Road; Marri Street; Brixton Road.
- **Local organisations:** West Watford Community Association; South West Herts Samaritans
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Luke’s, Bricket Wood; Bushey Baptist Church.
- **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 23 February Galatians 3.23 – 4.7		
Tue 24 February Galatians 4.8-20	9.30-11am 10-11.30am 1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. The Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 25 February Galatians 4.21 – 5.1	10-11am 12 noon 5-6.30pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Lent Study and Lunch at St Mark's church. Homework Club (all ages) in Christ Church.
Thu 26 February Galatians 5.2-15	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Lent Study online. Compline online.
Fri 27 February Galatians 5.16-end	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 28 February Galatians 6	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 1st MARCH 2nd Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Romans 4.1-5,13-17; John 3.1-17

SERVICES

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.

11.00am All age Family service at Christ Church,

followed by a community bring and share lunch

Confirmation session for one hour after church 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.

Confirmation group starting TODAY

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

World Day of Prayer 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.

The next **Coffee and Chat** will be on Sat. March 7th, 10am to noon. We hope to see you there.

LENT REFLECTIONS START THIS WEEK

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.

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/