

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 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.

5th Sunday of Lent; Safeguarding Sunday

READINGS

John 3.16,18; James 1.27; 1John 3.18; Proverbs 27.12.

SERVICES

9.30am Service of the Word at St Mark’s.

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

5.30pm

Six people are going forward for confirmation TODAY at St Luke’s church, Langley Way WD17 3EG. We have been asked to bring finger food afterwards if you are able to. Please do come and support them as they are confirmed by Bishop Jane.

For your monetary offerings, there is a plate and a card reader at the back: for help please ask. Alternatively, for regular giving: The bank account details are below for those wanting to set up a regular standing order. Could you let Vicki know if you intend to do so and are able to Gift aid too.

CHRISTCHURCH Watford PCC COOP account SORTCODE: 089078 Acct no: 50018550.

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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **People going forward for confirmation today:** Georgia Cole; Louise Corker; Dallwin Isaac; Dallwin’s friend G.S. Ayden Anand; Rebecca Strugaru; Jin Tang.
- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Pauline McCutcheon; Sylvia; Paula; Marc; Judy and Paul; Julian, Caroline’s brother; John Woods, Jessica’s grandad; Heidi; Deloris; Stephen; Ruth and Mary; Jim G; Angela; Emma; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People who have died:** Kathleen (Kay) Otley, whose funeral will take place on Monday 30th March at 12.00 at West Herts Crematorium.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Copsewood Road; Nevill Grove; Stanmore Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Leavesden Road; St Albans Road; Odhams Trading Estate.
- **Local organisations:** Watford Deaf Club; Watford Talking Newspaper for the Blind.
- **Local churches and congregations:** St Mary’s; St John’s; The Scroll Church.
- **Our Link Churches abroad:** Bishop Wilson Kamani and the Diocese of Ibba, South Sudan; and The Christian community at Kwa Mkono, Tanzania.

Holy Week - please make a note of all the special services during Holy Week, and the Pilgrimage on Easter Monday. There are notices on the noticeboards inside and outside the church.

• **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 March Hebrews 11.17-31		
Tue 24 March Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2	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 March Romans 5.12-end	10-11am 12 noon 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Last Lent Study and Lunch at St Mark's church. Service for New Hope at St Luke's church.
Thu 26 March Hebrews 12.14-end	10am-1pm 7pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Last Lent Study online. Joining details below. Compline online.
Fri 27 March Hebrews 13.1-16	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 28 March Hebrews 13.17-end	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.

THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD at 1am.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH Palm Sunday

READINGS

Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14 - 27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54

SERVICES

10.30 Joint Service of Holy Communion at St Mark's.

There will be no other service in the parish.

News

We are pleased to announce that the Revd Jess Batten, currently Curate at St Paul's Letchworth with Willian and Old Letchworth has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church and St Mark's Watford in succession to Revd Vicki Davies.

This is subject to completion of the usual legal formalities.

Jess will be seconded to Soul Survivor Watford from the beginning of May, with a view to progressing the proposed revitalisation partnership and having a hand over period with Vicki, whose ministry will conclude at the end of June. The intention is that Jess would be licenced as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church and St Mark's Watford in September.

Please remember Jess and her husband, James, in your prayers as they prepare to move to Watford.

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.

Homework club will resume on Wednesday 15th April.

A Celebration Service for New Hope will be held at St Luke's church, Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm. Further information can be found on the website: newhope.org.uk/celebration.

Lent Collection for Water Aid

The jars for the Water Aid collection should be in Christ Church until the Sunday after Easter. They will take any coins or notes; cheques can be made out to Christ Church PCC. Thank you.

The next **Coffee and Chat** will be on Saturday 4th April between 10am and 12noon.

LENT REFLECTIONS

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 at 7pm for 5 weeks, followed by Compline (no need to stay for that if you don't want to). Join the Lent Reflections on Zoom

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84288897991?pwd=iKVuSGSL18Nw8eaQ6fgVusIAItTCgk.1>

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