

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 8th 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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

READINGS

Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

SERVICES

9.30am Morning Prayer 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, 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:

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Sylvia; Paula; 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 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.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 09 March Hebrews 4.14 – 5.10		
Tue 10 March Hebrews 5.11 – 6.12	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 11 March Hebrews 6.13-end	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 12 March Hebrews 7.1-10	10am-1pm 7pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Lent Study online. Joining details below. Compline online.
Fri 13 March Hebrews 7.11-end	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 14 March Hebrews 8		

4th Sunday of Lent SUNDAY 15th MARCH Mothering Sunday

READINGS Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41;
2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

SERVICES 8.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church followed by Breakfast at 8.30am.
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.
(10.15am Choir Practice at Christ Church.)
11.00am Contemporary Worship service at Christ Church.
Last Confirmation session for one hour after church at Christ Church.

We will be having a small choir leading the hymns from the front of the service at Christ Church. If you would like to be part of this, please arrive at 10:15am, for a rehearsal before the service.

News

Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust closing down sale

This April the KDCT will be closing. The Anglican Church Diocese of Tanga Kwa Mkono Disabled Centre is continuing to operate with increased support from the Diocese of Tanga, new fundraising by The Kwa Mkono centre and support from local businesses. The KDCT stall will be open this Sunday and some Sundays until the end of March. Goods on the stall include a number of hand knitted children's cardigans going for £5.00 each; hand made cards at £1.00 each; handmade items of jewellery - offers considered. Cardigans knitted and cards made by Lesley Wright. Final funds will be sent to Kwa Mkono in April.

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.

Homework club will finish for this term on Wednesday 18th March and resume on Wednesday 15th April.

Confirmation group

Our confirmation sessions last for one hour after church at Christ Church on Sundays from 12.30-1.30pm. They will finish on 15th March. The Confirmation service will be led by Bishop Jane at St Luke's Church on Sunday 22nd March at 5.30pm.

For our Good Friday service at 10.00am we will be joined by the Churches Across Watford group, who have organised the Walk which follows after the service, to the Scroll church where there will be another service. Do join us for this ecumenical morning.

The joy of seeing the Easter chicks hatch.....would anyone like to help to look after the Easter chicks when they arrive the week before Easter? They are kept in church to hatch in an incubator and need checking once a day. Please see Vicki.

Lent Collection for Water Aid

So far this Lent we haven't been putting the jars out each Sunday, but if anybody would like to contribute to the Lent 'Water Aid' collection, the jars should be out until the Sunday after Easter. The Jars will take any coins or notes; cheques can be made out to Christ Church PCC. To donate directly, go to <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate> Thank you.

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=iKVuSGSL18Nw8eaQ6fgVuslAltTCgk.1>

Meeting ID: 842 8889 7991 Passcode: 4S8qRH



Many of you will recall that last Spring, during Lent, some of us went to North Watford cemetery to clean the chapel within the grounds of the cemetery.

This year we shall be repeating the exercise on either Saturday March 14th 2026 or Saturday March 21st 2026, depending on the weather, starting at 10.00am.

Whilst appreciating that you may not be able to spare two hours on a Saturday morning, due to other commitments, it would be helpful if you could come to assist with this exercise, for part of that time. All cleaning materials will be provided, together with refreshments.

Please ask friends in your congregation to consider this event and let either Katie Scott or myself know, if you able to help us on this occasion.

With thanks in anticipation of your assistance,

John Simpson, Acting Chair Churches Together In Watford

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Garston will be holding a performance of the Easter Story on Sunday March 29th 2026. There will be two performances at 11am - 1pm and 3pm - 5pm. It is an immersive, walk-through performance starting in the church, and following the actors out into Stanborough Park, with a number of different scenes taking place outside.

Tickets are required, but you can book your free tickets via the Link below.

Stanborough Park Easter Story

<https://stanborough-park-church.eventcube.io/events/93596/stanborough-park-easter-story/>

Good Friday 3rd April 2026



**a CTW Walk of
Witness 10am
at Christ Church,
& walk to Scroll
for 11am service**

with Dr Jean Stephenson

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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Lent & Holy Week 2026 at Christ Church & St Mark's

Wednesday 18th March	Ash Wednesday	2.30pm	Christ Church	Ash Wednesday service
Wednesdays February 25th for 5 weeks - March 25th	Lent Reflections	12.00noon	St Mark's	With Lent lunch
Thursdays February 26th for 5 weeks - March 26th	Lent Reflections	7.00pm	Online	See link in notice sheet
Palm Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday The Passion	10.30am	St Mark's	Joint Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st March	Holy Week Meditation	8.00pm	On Zoom	Link to follow
April				
Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday	Maundy Supper	6.00pm	Christ Church	Please sign-up for the supper
Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday	Maundy Tenebrae Service <i>Followed by Candlelight Vigil</i>	7.00pm	Christ Church	Do stay for the silent Vigil for as long as you are able to
Friday 3rd Good Friday	Churches Across Watford Good Friday Service	10.00am	Christ Church	Followed by Walk of Witness
Friday 3rd Good Friday	Churches Across Watford Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service	After the service at Christ Church	To The Scroll Church	Walk followed by a service and refreshments at the church
Saturday 4th	Preparation / Decoration of the church	10.30am	Christ Church	
Sunday 5th	Dawn Service Followed by a light breakfast	6.30am	Christ Church	Rise with the dawn and welcome new life in Jesus!!
Sunday 6th	Holy Communion	9.30am	St Mark's	
	Holy Communion	11.00am	Christ Church	