

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 29th MARCH and 5th APRIL 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.

Palm Sunday SUNDAY 29th MARCH The Passion

THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD at 1am.

READINGS

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

SERVICES

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

There will be no other service in the parish.

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 and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his
patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Next Week's Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

- **People who were confirmed last Sunday:** Georgia Cole; Louise Corker; Dallwin Isaac; Dallwin's friend G.S. Ayden Anand; Rebecca Strugaru; Jin Tang.
- **Our new Archbishop of Canterbury,** the Most Reverend & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally.
- **Our future Bishop of St Albans,** the Right Reverend Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey.
- **Our future Priest-in-Charge,** the Revd Jess Batten.
- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Rachel; Pauline McCutcheon; Sylvia; Paula; Marc; Judy and Paul; Julian, Caroline's brother; John Woods, Jessica's grandad; Angela; Heidi; Deloris; Stephen; Ruth and Mary; Jim G; 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 Parker Street, Milton Street; Garfield Street.
- **Businesses operating in:** Odhams Industrial Estate, Leggatts Close, Courtlands Drive.
- **Local organisations:** Watford Sheltered Workshop Limited; Watford New Hope Trust.
- **Local churches and congregations:** Holy Rood Catholic Church, Holy Trinity.
- **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 30 March Luke 22.1-23		
Tue 31 March Luke 22.39-53	10-11.30am 8pm	The Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church. Holy Week Meditation on Zoom.
Wed 01 April Luke 22.54-end	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 02 April Luke 23.1-25	Maundy Thursday 10am-1pm 6pm 7pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Maundy Supper at Christ Church. Please sign-up for the supper. Maundy Tenebrae Service, <i>Followed by Candlelight Vigil</i>
Fri 03 April Hebrews 10.1-10	Good Friday 10am 11am	Churches Across Watford Good Friday Service at Christ Church, followed by Walk of Witness. Service at the Scroll Church, followed by refreshments.
Sat 04 April John 2.18-22	10am-12noon 10.30am	Coffee and Chat in Christ Church with Book Swap and Fairtrade stall. Preparation / Decoration of Christ Church.

SUNDAY 5th APRIL Easter Sunday

SERVICES	6.30am	Dawn Service followed by a light breakfast.
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mark's.
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church.

Monday 6th April Easter Monday Morning Breakfast

There is no organised walk setting off from Christ Church or St Mark's this year but we thought we could still have breakfast.

Please can you let me know emailing ccandstmwatford@gmail.com if you would like to come to St Mark's to have breakfast at 9:00am, by **Friday 3rd April 2026**. Shirley

NEXT WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 06 April 1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Easter Monday 9am	Morning Breakfast at St Mark's. Please book.
Tue 07 April 1 Corinthians 15.12-19	10-11.30am	The Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church.
Wed 08 April 1 Corinthians 15.20-28	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 09 April 1 Corinthians 15.29-34	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 10 April 1 Corinthians 15.35-50	6.30pm	Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 11 April 1 Corinthians 15.51-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.

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

SERVICES	9.30am	Service at St Mark's.
	11.00am	Service at Christ Church.

Last chance to contribute to the Water Aid collection. See the jars at the back of the church.

A JOYOUS OCCASION

On Sunday 22nd March we attended the Baptism and Confirmation service at St Luke's church, where many of our young people were being confirmed. Congratulations to you all.



The Diocese of St Albans will celebrate the 80th Easter Monday Pilgrimage on Monday 6 April 2026. Pilgrims from across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Luton are invited to gather in the Abbey Orchard before moving into St Albans Cathedral for an informal service at 3pm, concluding with a short communion led by Bishop Jane, Bishop of Hertford.

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.

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.

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Baby chicks arriving on Tuesday, would someone like to be in church with Revd Vicki on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday to see the baby chicks hatching and be open to the public. Time to be agreed but most likely it will be as follows:

Wednesday morning from 10.00-12.00; Thursday afternoon from 12.00-2.00 or 2.00-4.00pm;
Friday from 12.00-2.00pm; Saturday from 10.00-12.30. Please see Revd Vicki today.

Holy Week and Easter 2026 at Christ Church & St Mark's

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: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83409028338?pwd=R76PE3B4AwFV5CGvpakMkxBQLGtdD9.1 Meeting ID: 834 0902 8338 Passcode: 6kQSsF
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 Easter Sunday	Dawn Service Followed by a light breakfast	6.30am	Christ Church	Rise with the dawn and welcome new life in Jesus!!
Sunday 5th Easter Sunday	Holy Communion Holy Communion	9.30am 11.00am	St Mark's Christ Church	
Easter Monday 6th	Breakfast	9.00am	St Mark's	
Easter Monday 6th	Informal service	3.00pm	St Albans Cathedral	Gather in the Abbey Orchard beforehand.

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