

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 26th 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.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

READINGS 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

SERVICES 10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

This service will start at **10.30am** and there will be no other service in the parish, as this service will be followed by the **A.P.C.M.**, which will now be at **12 noon**.

5.30pm **Full immersion Baptism** at St Luke’s Church.

Two of our church members Michele and Swarley will be baptised within a full immersion pool, this is a very special service for them and you are all invited to attend and celebrate with them.

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

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Portia; Rony; Pauline McCutcheon; Sylvia; Pat M.; Paula; Marc; Judy and Paul; Julian, Caroline’s brother; Angela; Heidi; Deloris; Stephen; Jim G.; Emma; Mandy; Laura Chappell; Caroline H.
- **People who have died:** Mary Cheyney, whose funeral will be on Wednesday 6th May 11.30am at St Mark’s; Garston Crematorium 1.00pm; then back for refreshments at St Mark’s from 1.30pm.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Brighton Road; Ashby Road; Howard Close.
- **Businesses operating in:** Penn Road; Marri Street; Brixton Road; Maytree Crescent.
- **Local organisations:** Playskill; Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership.
- **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 27 April Luke 2.41-end		
Tue 28 April Luke 3.1-14	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 29 April Luke 3.15-22	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 30 April Luke 4.1-13	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 01 May James 1.1-12	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 02 May Luke 4.31-37	10am-12noon	Coffee and Chat in Christ Church with Book Swap and Fairtrade stall.

SUNDAY 3rd MAY The Fifth Sunday of Easter

READINGS

1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

SERVICES

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

11.00am All Age Service at Christ Church,

followed by a community bring and share lunch.

News

WaterAid

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Lent Jars" WaterAid collection at Christ Church.
More than £20 in coins was collected.

Parish A.P.C.M.

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be this Sunday at **12 noon** in Christ Church. All of our church family are invited to the A.P.C.M. after our joint service, refreshments will be available. Do join us and find out what has been happening in all our different projects over the last year. The new Annual Report and Accounts will also be available. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Church Warden and Treasurer elections: Please do consider if you could spend some time helping to manage Church life or the finances of the church.

Both roles are so important in the life of Parish Churches and we have been fortunate to have one Assistant Church Warden at St Mark's Ann Larnach, one Church Warden at Christ Church, Zuzana Dugatova and a book-keeper Ingela Karlberg (part-time paid) which helps us to keep on top of things. However, we do need more help, so if you have a couple of hours a week free (sometimes a bit more - sometimes a bit less) please do speak with Vicki. We also really need help with the new website and publicity if anyone feels that they can help with either of those.



Christian Aid Week 2026 May 10th – 16th

There will be a collection for Christian Aid at each church on Sunday 10th May.

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.

The next **Coffee and Chat** will be on Saturday 2nd May between 10am and 12noon.

Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 23rd May at Christ Church. Admission £3.00.