

# NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 10th and 17th MAY 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.**

**SUNDAY 10th MAY The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **READINGS**

1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

### **SERVICES**

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark’s.

11.00am Holy Communion 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.

### **Christian Aid Week 2026 May 10th – 16th**



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

“Your faith. Make it count. 7 days to make a difference – what will you do?”

### **Collect for Christian Aid Week**

By Bob Kikuyu, Christian Aid’s Global Theology Advisor, Nairobi.

Gracious God,

when we stand on the plains of uncertainty, with no path before us,  
we look to you.

We remember what you have done before and our anxious hearts are comforted.

Showing mercy, you delivered us then;

in your love and faithfulness,

you will do it again.

Give us the strength to step forward in hope. Give us faith that changes us,

hope that feeds us,

love that moves us.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### **Today’s Collect**

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant, that as by his death he has recalled us  
to life,

so by his continual presence in us he may  
raise us

to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you.

### **Next Week’s Collect**

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour

Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

## FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:

- **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 of the Parish:** those living in Leaford Crescent; Almond Close; Gammons Lane.
- **Businesses operating in:** Odhams Industrial Estate; Leggatts Close; Courtlands Drive.
- **Local organisations:** Watford Deaf Club; Watford Talking Newspaper for the Blind.
- **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 11 May Luke 6.27-38		
Tue 12 May Luke 6.39-end	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 13 May Luke 7.1-10	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 14 May Hebrews 7.26-end	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 15 May Acts 2.37-end	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 16 May Luke 7.18-35	10.30am-12.30pm	Open Church at Christ Church. A cuppa, chat and a quiet time.

## SUNDAY 17th MAY The Seventh Sunday of Easter

### READINGS SERVICES

- 1 Peter 4.12-14,5.6-11; John 17.1-11  
 8.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church followed by breakfast at 8.30am.  
 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's.  
 (10.15am Choir Practice at Christ Church.)  
 11.00am Contemporary Worship service 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.

## NEXT WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 18 May Luke 7.36-end		
Tue 19 May Luke 8.1-15	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 20 May Luke 8.16-25	10-11am 10am-12 noon 2pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Coffee morning at St. Michael and All Angels in support of Dementia Action week. Wednesday Circle at St Mark's.
Thu 21 May Luke 8.26-39	10am-1pm 8pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Compline online.
Fri 22 May Luke 8.40-end	4.30-5.45pm 6.30pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's. Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 23 May Luke 9.1-17	9.30-11am 10.00am-4.00pm	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's. Model Railway Exhibition at Christ Church, in aid of the church.

## SUNDAY 24th MAY Pentecost

### READINGS

Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39

### SERVICES

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mark's.

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church.

### News

St. Michael and All Angels is holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 20th May in support of Dementia Action week. All welcome - 10am to 12 Noon.

### Plastic milk bottle lids

Please note that milk bottle tops are no longer being collected.



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# NEWSLETTER 10

**John Simpson writes** that the Walk of Witness from Christ Church to The Scroll on Good Friday went well. About 20 people from CTW met at Christ Church with a short service. The Walk of Witness, led by a Cross, went to the Scroll Church. 30 more joined as Dr Jean Stephenson led a service. Refreshments were served

**Richard Banham writes:** The Walk which started at Pondsides saw a wonderful display of unity with about 150 Christians joining from four churches: Beechen Grove Baptist, St John's, St Mary's & Wellspring. After worship, scripture & prayer at Pondsides, led by a large Cross and Palm Crosses waving we paraded down the High St. At St Mary's Square we sang, prayed and heard the passion narrative read. Indoors, tea,



coffee and copious hot cross buns were consumed. The children enjoyed craft activities and games. It was great to be part of a visible display of unity from four different churches.

**Next CTW committee meeting is on Monday 8 June at 7.30pm at The Scroll Church in The Harebreaks. All welcome.**

J.S.

**Rev Kudzayi Bvekerwa** the Vicar of St Michael & All Angels, Watford writes: I have moved from Banbury, as I served at St Leonard's Church. My journey into ministry has been shaped by joy and a deep sense of calling to walk alongside people in faith, building relationships and serving the wider community.

I am married to Cynthia, and we are blessed with three children. Our two older ones are in college, while our youngest is in secondary school. Family life is very important to me, and I greatly value the time we spend together. I enjoy music and travelling, and I appreciate opportunities to connect with people from different backgrounds and traditions. I believe that, while we may worship in different ways, we are united in Christ and are called to serve together in love. My family and I are very grateful for the warm welcome we have received

in Watford. I look forward to working alongside fellow churches, getting to know you, and sharing in the life and mission of the wider Christian community.

### Is your church registered as a Fairtrade Church?

The requirements are: 1. Use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and share info about Fairtrade products with the congregation.

2. Integrate Fairtrade into the life of your place of worship, during Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year, eg through events, stalls and worship. Ed.



**Eco Church Awards** has your church embarked on the Eco Church Trail? The Bronze certificate is not usually a

problem, is more of a challenge



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gold is really difficult to achieve, but it is not impossible! If you want to help reduce the carbon footprint of the church building and congregation then look at the website:

[www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org)

Ed.



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St Albans Road  
North Watford*



**Saturday 23rd May  
10.00am to 4.00pm**

# MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

**We are having a model  
railway exhibition - for fun!**

**There will be a children's layout that  
they can operate, a sing song of railway  
songs like the Runaway Train**

**Teas and coffees, etc.**

**The organ will hopefully be played for a  
short sing-song. It is a Binns organ and is  
only one of two of its type still in original  
condition in Britain.**

**Christchurch was built to serve the local community of  
railway workers employed by the then London and  
North Western Railway. It has retained its' railway  
connections and has a memorial to those local people  
that died in the Harrow disaster of 1952.**

**Come and have a look at this grand old building!**

**Admission £3.00**

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