

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 12th JULY 2026

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‘God’s love at the heart of all our activities and communities’

CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK’S, WATFORD

6th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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

11.00am Service 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.

Collect :

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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.

FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:

- Revd Jess Batten, due to be licenced as our Priest-in-Charge on September 3rd.
- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Ollie; Michelle’s Mum and Dad; Parvesh; Portia; Rony; Pauline McCutcheon; Sylvia; Pat M.; Marc; Heidi; Emma; Deloris; Angela; Stephen; Laura Chappell; Mandy; Caroline H.
- **People of the Parish:** those living in Sussex Road; Jubilee Road; Brighton Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Gammons Lane; Longspring; Bushey Mill Lane.
- **Local organisations:** Watford Deaf Club; Watford Talking Newspaper for the Blind.
- **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.

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 13 July Luke 20.41-21.4	7.30pm	PCC meeting at Christ Church.
Tue 14 July Luke 21.5-19	9.30-11am	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's.
	10-11.30am	The Joy Toddler & Parent Hub at Christ Church.
	1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 15 July Luke 21.20-28	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
	2-4pm	Talk about Rennie Grove Peace Hospice Care, at St Mark's.
Thu 16 July Luke 21.29-end	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
	5-6.30pm	Youth Club drama session at Christ Church (Ages 10-15 years only).
Fri 17 July Luke 22.1-13	4.30-5.45pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's.
	6.30-8.30pm	Youth Club at Christ Church.
Sat 18 July Luke 22.14-23	9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's.

Sunday 19th July; 7th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

SERVICES 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark's. Colin Heath will be preaching.
 (10.15am Choir Practice at Christ Church.)
 11.00am Service at Christ Church. Colin Heath will be preaching.

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

There will be no Sunday 8am Morning Prayer and Breakfast at Christ Church until September.

Women's Picnic

Ann and Rodney have kindly invited us to hold the Gather Round... Ladies picnic and reunion in their garden, on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm.

All women are welcome.

For more information or the address, ask Anne Austin

WaterAid Donation: Thank you to all who contributed to the WaterAid collection.
 We were able to send £271.34 in total.

Youth Club The Youth Club will be performing their show on 26th July.

Lift Off! Holiday Club

The Holiday Club during the Summer Holidays will be held at St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, WD24 5NQ, from 9:30am till 2:30pm.

This will be for children in school years 1-6 (if your child is heading to year 1 in September they are also welcome. We can not accommodate any younger children).

There are 2 sets of dates to choose from, please pick the set that suits you better (they are repeats of each other).

Monday 27th July and Tuesday 28th July, or

Monday 17th August and Tuesday 18th August

The holiday club will consist of Bible stories, games, crafts and songs.

There is no charge for the club but if you wish to make a donation towards the cost, we would be most grateful.

There will be limited space for the club, please can you email admin@liftoff.org.uk to book a slot.

The next **Coffee and Chat** is on Saturday 1 August between 10am and 12noon.

Ian Pankhurst will be celebrating Holy Communion at both churches on Sunday 2nd August.

Revd Vicki's last Sunday on the 28th June: Cake Cutting



The End of an Era



The ex-vicarage – to be replaced by 8 buildings!

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The Late Wendy Jones of North Bushey Baptist Church Sadly, I have to report the Passing of Wendy who was the rep of North Bushey Baptist to CTW. Wendy was a faithful supporter of CTW. She will be missed by her family, her Church and CTW. Wendy hosted several of our meetings at the North Bushey Baptist church venue which were always fulfilling.

John Simpson

Watford Green Festival



was held on June 7 in The Parade with community groups including the **Green Heart of Watford** with Andy Roby dressed as a Bee! With honey and the Butterfly Group to explain how we can improve our environment. Fairtrade Watford gave away lots of Fairtrade bananas! Ed.



Claire Banham writes:

Haven Hope helps all young people reduce acute, debilitating anxiety. Founded by Hertfordshire youth worker Claire, her organization equips local churches & youth workers to run support groups in schools and community. Her short courses provide proven, practical tools and mutual encouragement to help participants grow calmer, stronger and more in control of their mental well-being. The impact is far-reaching: *"I totally recommend Haven Hope. I've learnt skills for life and*

it's really helped me cope with anxiety!" a 15 year old We warmly welcome all young people of all faiths and none. Christian values drive our inspired team to serve young people, to experience full, abundant life for which God designed them. See web & YouTube to discover life-giving tools
www.havenhope.uk
@HavenHopeUK-y1z C.B.

Revd Vicki Davis will soon be leaving Christ Church and St Marks.

Her contract was for 24 months and she has done amazing things during 31 months with us. We will be very sorry to see her go.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new vicar Rev Jess Batten, a Curate at St Paul's Letchworth. She will be licenced Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church & St Marks on 3 Sept 2026.

Jess was seconded to Soul Survivor Watford, in May, with a view to progressing the proposed revitalisation partnership. Vicki left on 28 June 2026, we wish her well!

Val Hubbard

I AM MARK the Gospel of Mark performed by Stefan Smart

at St Mary's on Fri 10 July at 7.30pm as part of Watford Fringe. Tickets £12 from [I AM MARK - A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark - 1st to 31st July 2026](#)

Lunchtime concerts 1230 Thursdays at St Mary's July 2, 9 & 16. Free entry. Ed.

Youthful Praise Collective
Sun 19 July 7pm St Mary's
£10 from Watford Fringe

Please send copy to Brian Mee: brianmee77@gmail.com 150 words would be great! Thank you!