

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026

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

CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK’S, WATFORD

11th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

SERVICES 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mark’s. Colin Heath will be preaching.

11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church. Colin Heath will be preaching.

3pm at Christ Church: **Concert** featuring the Tang family.

Free entry with a collection at the end to support the Tang children's music education.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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:** Kimbra Jordan; Michelle`s Mum and Dad; Ollie; 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 Longspring; Fuller Road; Fuller Gardens; Acorn Place.
- **Businesses operating in:** Gammons Lane; Longspring; Bushey Mill Lane.
- **Local organisations:** Watford New Hope Trust, Watford Foodbank & the Trussell Trust.
- **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.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings		
Mon 17 August Acts 6	9.30am-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's Church.
Tue 18 August Acts 7.1-16	9.30am-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's Church.
Wed 19 August Acts 7.17-43	10-11am 2pm	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee. Wednesday Circle: Andrew Chappell on "The old pubs of Watford" at St Mark's. All welcome.
Thu 20 August Acts 7.44-53	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 21 August Acts 7.54 – 8.3		
Sat 22 August Acts 8.4-25		

Sunday 23rd August; 12th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

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

News

Wednesday Circle on August 19th.

By popular request, our very own Andrew Chappell has agreed to give an updated version of his "Old pubs of Watford" presentation. A very interesting talk.
Everyone welcome at St Marks church at 2.00 pm. Just £2.00

Our Youth Club activities are now paused for the summer.

We'll be resuming on Friday 28th August with a narrowboat cruise in Rickmansworth. We still have a few spaces available for children aged 10–15 if you know anyone who might be interested.

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

There will be no choir practice in August.

September Events

Save the Date: Revd Jess Batten will be licenced as our Priest-in-Charge on September 3rd.

The next **Coffee and Chat** has been postponed to **12th September**, when Christ Church will be open for the **Bike 'n Hike** from 10am to 5pm.

Coffee and Chat on Saturday 12th, from 10am to 1pm, as the Bike 'n Hike will be taking place.

Prayer and Painting: Chris Long will do a session of Prayer and Painting between 2 and 4pm.

The next **PCC meeting** has been changed from 14th September to Monday 21st September at 7:30pm in Christ Church.

Current Diocesan Vacancies

PA to Archdeacon of Hertford See <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford-2026/>
Giving Communications Assistant. See <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/giving-communications-assistant/>
Property and Trust Adviser. See <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/property-and-trusts-adviser/>

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Lift Off! Children and Families Outreach: admin@liftoff.org.uk

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