

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2026

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

CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK’S, WATFORD

10th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Beechwood Rise; Middle Way; Cherry Tree Road.
- **Businesses operating in:** Sandown Road; Windsor Road; Bradshaw Road.
- **Local organisations:** Watford New Hope Trust, Watford Foodbank & the Trussell Trust.
- **Local churches and congregations:** Beechen Grove Baptist Church; St Mary’s.
- **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 10 August	Acts 3.11-end		
Tue 11 August	Acts 4.1-12		
Wed 12 August	Acts 4.13-31	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 13 August	Acts 4.32 – 5.11	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 14 August	Acts 5.12-26		
Sat 15 August	Luke 11.27-28	9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's.

Sunday 16th August; 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 Service at Christ Church. Colin Heath will be preaching.

News

Concerts featuring the Tang family.

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

Saturday 15th August

Sunday 16th August All at 3pm.

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

Lift Off! Holiday Club during August will be held at St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, WD24 5NQ, on Monday 17th August and Tuesday 18th August 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).

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.

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.

RIP Rosemary Clemas of St Mary's was the CTW rep for many years with her husband David. She had suffered for many months with heart problems and severe breathing difficulty, treated with oxygen for many weeks. She died in June shortly after moving into Lancaster Court Nursing home. A Memorial Service was held at St Mary's. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Churches Together In Watford Annual General Meeting Monday Sept 7 at 7pm. North Bushey Baptist Church, Park Way, Bushey WD23 2BD followed by our General Meeting and a presentation by Lesley Inwards on Malawi Project all are welcome to attend.

Churches Together in Hertfordshire AGM was on 17 June 2026 at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City. The chairs of Herts & Beds Rev Dr David M. Chapman & Rev George Watt were present. David Chapman opened with prayer and a talk about the

Cardboard Cathedral in Christchurch New Zealand. The treasurer reported that Income from subscriptions was £8800, from CT Groups £2400. Expenditure included the Ecumenical Officer's salary, NI and pension of £18200 (less £5500 from contribution by Beds), and subscription to CT England £390. Admin, insurance, etc, totalled £1800. The shortfall of £2400 was covered from reserves. The £15 per church per year covers 25 % of operational costs. A talk 'There need be no poor among you' given by **Alex Rodnell**, the Partnership Development Manager - Midlands & East of England Christians Against Poverty. CAP is a Christian charity founded in Bradford in 1996. It is a national debt counselling organisation. It provides job clubs, life skills groups to help people live well on a low income and money coaching in budgeting skills. They work with local Citizens Advice Bureaux. Over the past 30 years: 35,000 people have become debt free. Church

teams have visited around 100,000 homes for the first time. 80,000 people have received expert debt advice. 4,000 churches have partnered with CAP. More than 100,000 people have received money coaching. **Iren Jasko**



Best wishes to Rev Sam de Garis, curate at St Andrew's, ordained at St Albans Abbey in July. The photo shows

Sam and his wife, Beth on the special occasion. As Sam moves forward, we pray for the family including their two little boys, Asher and Ezra. **P.R.**

Congratulations to Rev Dr Lesley Gray, new Curate at St John's, who was also ordained at St Albans Abbey in July. **Ed.**

CTW Church Subs 2026/7
Your yearly subs of £45 are due. Your prompt response to the treasurer's letter would be greatly appreciated. **J.S.**

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The New Vicarage

On Friday 31st July, Revd Jess, with a small group of PCC members, visited the new vicarage building site with Penny Metcalf from the Diocese. We met a director of Rockwell Homes Ltd (the building contractor) and the site manager, who showed us round. The old vicarage has been demolished, the site cleared and the foundations of the new vicarage laid. The new vicarage is at the rear of the site and will have 4 bedrooms (one en-suite), bathroom, lounge, kitchen, dining room, study and garden. There will be parking for 2 cars, with cul-de-sac access to the vicarage only. Rockwell's hopes to complete building work on the vicarage in about 7 months and will then begin to build 7 houses on the remaining site. The Diocese has provided 2 sets of plans and photograph impressions of the new vicarage and houses, which will be displayed at both Christ Church and St Mark's for all to view.



Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese is currently advertising the following roles:

- PA to the Archdeacon of Hertford – Part Time (based in Hertingfordbury)
- Giving Communications Assistant – Part Time (would suit uni/college leaver)
- Property and Trust Adviser – Full Time

Further details on our website on the links below:

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford-2026/>

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/giving-communications-assistant/>

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/property-and-trusts-adviser/>