

NOTICE SHEET for SUNDAYS 30th AUGUST and 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK’S, WATFORD

13th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

SERVICES 9.30am Morning Prayer 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.

Today’s Collect 30th August

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever..

Next Week’s Collect 6th September

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE:

- **Revd Jess Batten** and her husband James, as Jess prepares to be licenced as our Priest-in-Charge on September 3rd.
- **Those who are unwell or who need prayer:** Angela Bounds; Kimbra Jordan; Parvesh; Michelle’s Mum and Dad; Ollie; 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 Brett Place; Dell Road; The Square; Popes Lane.
- **Businesses operating in:** Leavesden Road; St Albans Road; Odhams Trading Estate.
- **Local organisations:** West Watford Community Association; South West Herts Samaritans
- **Churches and congregations:** St Paul's Letchworth with Willian and Old Letchworth.
- **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 31 August	Acts 10.34-end		
Tue 01 September	Acts 11.1-18	9.30-11am 1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 02 September	Acts 11.19-end	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 03 September	Acts 12.1-17	10am-1pm 7.30pm	Foodbank at Christ Church. Service for Revd Jess Batten to be licenced at Christ Church.
Fri 04 September	Acts 12.18-end	4.30-5.45pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's.
Sat 05 September	Acts 13.1-12		(Coffee and Chat will be next week.)

Sunday 6th September; 14th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

SERVICES 9.30am Short Service at St Mark's, giving all the congregation members who have not yet met Jess the opportunity to meet her.

11.00am Service at Christ Church.

NEXT WEEK

Morning Prayer Readings			
Mon 07 September	Acts 13.13-43		
Tue 08 September	Acts 13.44 – 14.7	9.30-11am 1.15-2.45pm	Messy Tots (1) at St Mark's. Messy Tots (2) at St Mark's.
Wed 09 September	Acts 14.8-end	10-11am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church, then coffee.
Thu 10 September	Acts 15.1-21	10am-1pm	Foodbank at Christ Church.
Fri 11 September	Acts 15.22-35	4.30-5.45pm	Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's.
Sat 12 September	Acts 15.36 – 16.5	9am-5pm 9.30-11am 10am-1pm 2-4pm	Christ Church open for the Bike 'n Hike, in aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and our church. Lift Off! Messy Breakfast for 0-5s at St Mark's. Coffee and Chat in Christ Church. Prayer and Painting in Christ Church.

Sunday 13th September; 15th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

SERVICES 9.30am Service at St Mark's.

11.00am Service at Christ Church.



COMMUNITY ORGANISING AND CHURCH

BUILDING A RELATIONAL CULTURE

An online talk and discussion with the
Revd Dr Simon Woodman

7pm Wednesday 23rd September

Power, campaigns, strategy, action,
Community Organising language can sound alien in church.

Translated it becomes familiar:
power is the capacity to **act together**,
strategy is **discernment**,
action is **faith in motion**.

Organising can reshape a community's
culture, from programme-driven to
relationship-driven.

Drawing on years of experience Simon will
lead with a talk, followed by open discussion.

**Please RSVP: facilitator@herts.org.uk
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September Events

Save the Date

Revd Jess Batten will be licenced as our Priest-in-Charge on September 3rd at 7:30pm at Christ Church.

Lift Off! Returns, starting:

5th September **MESSY BREAKFAST**, every other Saturday, 9.30-11am.

8th September **MESSY TOTS**, every Tuesday, 9.30-11am and 1.15-2.45pm.

11th September **IGNITE**, every Friday, 4.30-5.45pm.



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.

**Christ Church open from 10am to 4pm for the Bike 'n Hike,
in aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and our church.**

Coffee and Chat will take place on the second 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.



Watford Foodbank

Thank you for all your donations of both food and money; without these we could not help others.

At the moment we would especially like Tinned Tuna/Fish; Tinned Tomatoes; Jams/Spreads; Chickpeas/Butter/Cannellini/Kidney Beans. Other suggestions for donations are:

Tins of -

Soup
Meat
Vegetables
Fruit
Sauce mixes – chilli, cheese, pasta bake
Microwavable rice
Pasta
Noodles
Instant mash potato

Jelly or sponge puddings
Custard
Rice pudding
Cereals
Chocolates
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Long life fruit juice
Sugar (500g)
Pasta sauces

Contact us: email ccandstmwatford@gmail.com

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

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