



# Christ Church and St Mark's



Parish Information Sheet for August and September 2021

## You Are Welcome to Join Us In Person and Online

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>9.30 am: Holy Communion at St Mark's</b>
	<b>11 am: Online Service (NOT on 15/8/2021)</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>10 am: Communion or Morning Prayer at C. C.</b>
	<b>1-2 pm: Bible Study Online STARTING 8/9/2021.</b>
<b>Thursdays (5th and 26th)</b>	<b>8 pm: Service of Compline with prayer time</b>

**These could change in September.**

Children are welcome at all of our services.

For details of how to join our online services, please contact the Vicar  
email: vicarccwatford@gmail.com  
phone: 07806602093 or 01923 674142

## Gather Ladies Round

### Gather Round.... Ladies

Tuesday 10th August at 7pm.

All women are welcome to join us for a picnic in Ann and Rodney's garden if fine; otherwise in Christ Church, Kelsey hall. Contact Polly or Anne Austin for details or if you need a lift.

Provide your own picnic; hot drinks will be provided.

### Come join us at the Community Garden

St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, WD24 7NQ

Over the past two years the garden hasn't been as active as previous years so this year we are having a gentle one, bringing it back to life and undertaking some rejuvenation.

You are welcome to visit any day  
to work or rest  
and enjoy the peaceful space.



**On Sundays Shirley and Rachel will be working there.**

**There are all sorts of jobs to be done from weeding to general gardening. Come and lend us a hand or sit enjoy the Garden and watch others work for a while!**

Please contact either of us for details.

## DATES IN AUGUST 2021

1st Sun 9.30am	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
1st Sun 11.00am	<i>Virtual Service. Contact the vicar for details</i>
4th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
4th Wed 1.00-2.00pm	<i>Bible Study Online. Contact the vicar for details</i>
5th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
5th Thur 8.00pm	<i>Zoom Service of Compline with prayer time. Contact the vicar for details</i>
8th Sun 9.30am	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
8th Sun 11.00am	<i>Virtual Service. Contact the vicar for details</i>
10th Tue N.B. 7.00pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies Picnic in Ann and Rodney's garden if fine; otherwise in Christ Church Kelsey hall. Contact Polly or Anne Austin for details or if you need a lift</i>
11th Wed 10.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
11th Wed	No Bible Study
12th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
12th Thur	No Compline This Week
14th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
15th Sun 9.30am	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
15th Sun 11.00am	No Virtual Service
18th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
18th Wed	No Bible Study
18th Wed 2.00pm	<i>Wednesday Circle at St Mark's: Speaker on "Canal trip on Grand Union Canal from London to Birmingham"</i>
19th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
19th Thur 8.00pm	No Compline This Week
22nd Sun 9.30am	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
22nd Sun 11.00am	<i>Virtual Service. Contact the vicar for details</i>
25th Wed 11.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
25th Wed	No Bible Study
26th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
26th Thur 8.00pm	<i>Zoom Service of Compline with prayer time. Contact the vicar for details</i>
28th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
29th Sun 9.30am	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
29th Sun 11.00am	<i>Virtual Service. Contact the vicar for details</i>

## Return of the ...

Just like everyone else, the Gather Round Ladies have had a strange old last 16 months. From initially cancelling our April 2020 meeting, through to our fun and varied monthly Zoom meetings, we've been very careful about being socially distant at home but now...

### **We're meeting in real life!**

We have decided that we're ready to dip our toes back in the water of meeting in the "real world" by holding our summer picnic on the 10th of August, either in the fresh air of Ann Covington's garden, or in the spacious venue of Christ Church halls if the weather forces us inside.

We will still be careful by bringing our own food and not being too close to one-another; hopefully this means that any women who would like to join us will be comfortable. Ann will provide hot drinks for those who would like them.

During the evening we will be deciding whether we are moving our meetings from Zoom permanently (following any government rule changes as required). Wherever the venue, September's topic has already been decided: "What's kept me going during lockdown" e.g. TV shows or films, but also hobbies, so have a think and decide what you'd like to talk about.

Our recent meetings have included a Summer Quiz (sorry if the anagrams were too hard), we've discussed our favourite books that we've read in the last year, we've cooked flapjacks in our microwaves and had a speaker from The Children's Society to learn about their work.

We have topics planned for a few months too, but we'd be grateful for any more interesting discussion topics, activities to attempt, or speakers from whom we might be interested in hearing.

All ladies are welcome and we will try to provide transport if necessary. Please talk to Polly for details.

### **SUMMER AFTERNOON TEAS**

Shirley Lewens has written to say that the afternoon teas during the summer in aid of Bishop Wilson, Ibbota Diocese, South Sudan, will not be going ahead this year. Thank you for your support in the past and if you would like to donate any money to Bishop Wilson, Shirley will be happy to pass it on to him.



## WEDNESDAY CIRCLE

This is a monthly afternoon meeting of a social kind at St Mark's, at 2pm.

Anyone who enjoys instructive talks, quizzes, crafts, competitions, the occasional outing, and refreshments is welcome.

The next meeting will be on 18th August at 2:00pm where there will be a speaker on "Canal trip on Grand Union Canal from London to Birmingham"

### **VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF OUR CHURCHES' ACCOUNTS**

Ron Drew, who has examined our Churches' accounts for the last twenty years or so, has decided to retire. We thank him for scrutinising our accounts so accurately and efficiently and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

We now need someone to scrutinise our churches' accounts each year. The person does not need to be a professionally qualified accountant, but could be a trainee accountant or involved in finance, S/he must be numerate and have an eye for detail. Also, s/he cannot be a member of Christ Church or St Mark's. The job takes about 3 days and a fee is payable. Please could you let Duncan or Ray Andrews know of anyone you might know who would be willing to carry out this important role for us.

### **CHARITY DONATIONS**

The PCC has agreed donations from Christ Church and St Mark's to Water Aid (£824) and Christian Aid for famine relief in Sudan and Ethiopia (£450). Ray Andrews, our treasurer, would love to be able to send £1,000+ to Water Aid. If anyone wishes to add to these donations, please contact Ray or Duncan.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR CHRIST CHURCH AND ST MARK'S**

Our churches are very short of funds as a result of the pandemic. There are a number of large bills on the horizon and our reserves are declining. If anyone has any fundraising ideas, please send them to Duncan or speak to any member of the PCC. Your ideas would be most welcome.

## Some Provisional Dates for SEPTEMBER 2021

1st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
2nd Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
5th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion at Christ Church (no online service)</i>
8th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
9th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
11th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
11th Sat 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Cakes in Christ Church</i>
14th Tue 7.45 for 8pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies "What's kept you going during Lockdown? (TV, films etc.)"</i>
15th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
15th Wed 2.00pm	<i>Wednesday Circle at St Mark's: Birthday Card Making</i>
16th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
22nd Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
23rd Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>
25th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
29th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
30th Thur 10.00am-1.00pm	<i>Foodbank at Christ Church</i>



Thank you for your continuing generosity.

At the moment: **Tinned fish, meat, soups, tomatoes, fruit, vegetables, rice puddings and custard are all in great need as is long life milk, fruit juice, fruit squash, some sweet snacks/ chocolates and crisps.**

Pasta and baked beans however are not needed as there is still a large surplus available of those.

Leave at Christ Church halls, Thursdays 10-1pm

Watford Foodbank is a registered charity which has been operating in our town for 9 years by providing emergency food to local people in crisis. We are part of the Trussell Trust national network of over 400 foodbanks and operate according to their guidelines. We are run entirely by volunteers and receive food donations and financial support from many local churches, schools, businesses and individuals. We have a warehouse in North Watford and four other distribution points in churches around the area, from where we provide around 300-400 food parcels per month helping about 800-900 people.

We are now looking to expand our Management Team with people who have compassion and empathy to help those in need and feel they have the skills to contribute to the running of this operation. If you feel called to this work and would like to discuss what might be involved, please contact us at [info@watford.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@watford.foodbank.org.uk). You can find further details of our work at: [watfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://watfordfoodbank.co.uk). Thank you all for your continuing support from John at Watford Foodbank.

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### MY ALLY

This is a confidential listening and talking service which is open to women from Monday-Friday 9am-2pm. It enhances and supports the work of the Watford Women's Centre.

It is not an emergency line but has sign-posting to the Women's Centre for any help.

It is not open to men at present.

More information is available from: <https://wwcplus.org.uk/MyAlly>



**TO ANYBODY WHO RESPONDED TO  
THE REGENERATORS APPEAL**

**43,350**

**people will benefit from natural resource management and climate change adaptation - including 632 acres of tree planting!**

**2,000**

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## **How the Regenerators Appeal will help deliver real change**

We have been overwhelmed by the support the Regenerators Appeal has received over the last few months. Your donations will support the Regenerators in vulnerable communities in Tanzania, Kenya, Senegal and Bangladesh to fight back against the devastating impact of climate change.

The UK government's matched funding will fund a new project working with Regenerators in Tanzania. Now that the appeal has closed, we can reveal some more about how your money will help the Regenerators in Tanzania.

Working with our partners at Tanzania Gender and Sustainable Energy Network (TANGSEN), these are the big numbers of our project:

This is just one part of the change that your support will create – and these aren't just statistics... these are people's lives.

The changes that you've invested in are long term. Thanks to your help, these farmers and entrepreneurs can fight back and protect the earth for generations to come - and earn more for the hard work they do every day.

It's all thanks to the wonderful support you've given to the Regenerators Appeal. And we can't wait to tell you more about this work as it develops.

We can't thank you enough. [traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk)



## **Another Way to Support Fairtrade**

It's time to play fair! #ChangeTheGame  
JOIN BALA SPORT [www.balasport.co.uk](http://www.balasport.co.uk)  
Bala Sport balls are high quality, hand or machine stitched or made with new hybrid and thermal bonding technology and carry the UK's most trusted ethical certification – the FAIRTRADE Mark.



In June 2021, fair trade pioneers, Traidcraft, became custodians of Bala Sport. Traidcraft's aim is to build upon Bala Sport's already rich heritage, and continue to grow and develop the forward-thinking company in coming years. To find out more about Traidcraft and what they stand for, check out their website at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk).

# CHRIST CHURCH & ST MARK'S, WATFORD

## MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE people who are drawn together by our Christian belief and our response to God.

WE BELIEVE that God reveals himself to us in many ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that people can live in a loving relationship with God and with each other in Christ.

WE AIM to follow Christ's teaching and example, living a full life in every community in which we are involved, sharing our faith with others through example, worship and service.

We are a Fairtrade parish.

We use only fairly traded tea and coffee at our church events.

Fairtrade stalls were held after the main morning services:

at St Mark's on the 1st Sunday in the month and

at Christ Church on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

At the moment, the stall is in Christ Church, but all items can be ordered for delivery.



### DIGITAL PARISH INFORMATION SHEET

The full colour version of the current Information Sheet will soon be available from our website: [www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk](http://www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk) or contact the office to receive a copy by email.

A full list of September dates will be published as soon as they are all available.

### THE NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the Information Sheet is scheduled to be published at the end of September, to cover all events in October and November.

If you have any articles or information for inclusion, please send them to the Parish Office by post or email to [ccwatford@btinternet.com](mailto:ccwatford@btinternet.com) by 16th September.

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