

**Christ Church and St Mark's** 



Parish Information Sheet for August and September 2016

# What do Christians and terrorists have in common?

Are you outraged that this question should even be raised? Well, I invite you to think very hard. These people have committed atrocious and entirely unjustified acts. We condemn their violence unreservedly and are revolted that anyone allegedly believing in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob should kill and maim in his name. What could possibly link us with *them*?

The one thing we may share is discontent with the world as it is. We differ utterly when it comes to the solution. The problems of the Middle East and elsewhere cannot be solved by further blood-shed. Justice and peace do not come by injustice and violence. God's kingdom cannot come by force. In the past some Christians have tried to impose our faith (or their version of it) by force. They were wrong for such was not, is not the way of Christ.

In Christ, God chose to suffer the consequences of the sin of this world. He took the full force of it, standing in our place, absorbing the full impact so that we should not be destroyed.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NIV). Our call to follow in the way of the Cross is to lay our lives down daily in loving thought, word and action.

In the face of the outrages which have taken place in Belgium, France, Germany and further afield we are apt to feel helpless and perhaps afraid as well. What can we do? We **pray** for the wounded and the bereaved, for the police and all involved in seeking to bring the perpetrators to account. We **pray** for Muslims and anyone else who might unjustly be blamed for what has happened. We **speak out** against the injustices of this world, and **do** whatever we can towards remedying them. We offer **Christ** showing God's way of dealing with wrong and evil, living up to his own perfect justice, reaching out to all people, regardless of their back ground or belief system.

**Duncan Campbell** 

	Our Usual Pattern of Christ Church and St Mark's Sunday Services							
	Christ Church 8 am	St Mark's 9.30 am	Christ Church 11.00 am	Messy Church 4-6 pm	Evening Services 6.30 pm (except August)			
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Service of the Word with Communion (Worship for all ages) followed by the Fairtrade stall	Service of the Word (Worship for all ages)					
2nd Sunday		Morning Prayer	Parish Communion (Common Worship)		Evening Prayer at Christ Church or St Mark's			
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) followed by breakfast	Parish Communion (Common Worship)	Morning Prayer followed by the Fairtrade stall	Messy Church at Christ Church				
4th Sunday		Morning Prayer	Parish Communion (Common Worship)		Evening Prayer at Christ Church or St Mark's			
5th Sunday		10.30am Common Worship Communion. Joint service for both congregations at either Christ Church or St Mark's	<b>10.30am</b> Common Worship Communion. Joint service for both congregations at either Christ Church or St Mark's		Occasional evening service at Christ Church or St Mark's			

### Gather Round... Ladies go on an outing (but not a picnic, due to bad weather)

We thought you might be interested in hearing of our June meeting- visiting the home of two nuns from the 'Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary' who live in Radlett; the Sisterhood was founded in Germany soon after the Second World War.

The Sisters: Glory who's British and Thekla who's from Germany were extremely welcoming and started by showing us around their impressive prayer garden. It has plaques which show quotes from the Bible, or Mother Basilea Schlink one of the founding mothers of the Sisterhood, or both.



The Sisterhood is based in Darmstadt, Germany on an estate known as Kanaan 'a promised land' they have a garden of Jesus's sufferings, filled with art-works based on the Stations of the Cross, these works of art have been reproduced (in a smaller format for the many homes they have around the world, including Radlett.)



As well as being quiet and reflective for prayer, the garden also was filled with roses to echo those in Kanaan (the local wildlife likes it too) and has a beautiful fountain celebrating the 40th anniversary of the British work of the Sisterhood. Behind the fountain you can see the garden room where we were taken next







to view a video of the history and work of the Sisterhood, it also had an amazing mosaic above the doors. The evening was ended with a cup of tea or coffee and a browse of the large range of books and resources, many of us received a book about the history and work of the Sisterhood, which was published to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

It was a very interesting evening and is worth visiting, perhaps on one of their open days: for more information visit www.sistersofmary.org.uk.





As you may have gathered in the heading, we held our Annual Summer Picnic in Christ Church halls again, at least that meant we got a cup of tea!

Our next meeting will on September 13th, when we will be welcoming a former store detective to tell us about her time in the role.

### Nancy Smith Reaches 100

Sunday 26th June was Nancy's 100th birthday when all her family gathered to celebrate at her care home at Whitely Village, Walton on Thames. This photo shows her with all her grandchildren and great grandchildren, including the newest who is 3 months old.



## Celebrations

On Saturday June 4th, Yemi celebrated her 70th birthday with a celebratory and thanksgiving service in Christ Church. Many of her family and friends came and swelled the singing wonderfully.



Afterwards the family gave her a party to say thankyou for all the love and all she'd done for them. The costumes, the food and the speeches of thanks were amazing. Her extended family are all very grateful for the love and joy they have been given by Yemi and it was a wonderful occasion.

Congratulations Yemi!



## DATES IN AUGUST 2016

2nd Tue 9.30-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
3rd Wed 9.30-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
3rd Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
6th Sat	(NO Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church)
6th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
7th Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
7th Sun 9.30am	Service of the Word and Communion at St Mark's
7th Sun 10.30am	Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's
7th Sun 11.00am	Service of the Word and Baptism at Christ Church
7th Sun 4.00pm	Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge
7th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Churches Together in North Watford and Garston</i> Evening Service at All Saints Leavesden
10th Wed 10.00am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church
10th Wed 11.00am	Morning worship at Courtland Lodge
12th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	Lift Off! Gardening Club at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way
13th Sat 9.30-11.00am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's
13th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
14th Sun 9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mark's
14th Sun 11.00am	Parish Communion at Christ Church
14th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Churches Together in North Watford and Garston</i> Evening Service at St Peter's, Bushey Mill Lane
16th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle</i> at St Mark's: Annual Cream Tea and Mini Auction. Proceeds to Peace Hospice Care
17th Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
19th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	Lift Off! Games Night at Christ Church
20th Sat 9.30-11.00am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at Christ Church
20th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's - the last one for this year
21st Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
21st Sun 9.30am	Parish Communion at St Mark's
21st Sun 11.00am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church
21st Sun 12.00noon	Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church
21st Sun	(There will be NO Messy Church this month)
21st Sun 6.30pm	<i>Churches Together in North Watford and Garston</i> Evening Service at Leavesden Road Baptist Church
23rd Tue 9.30-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
24th Wed 9.30-2.30pm	Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
24th Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
24th Wed 7.30pm	St Mark's Monthly Prayer Meeting at 26 Hollytree House
26th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	Lift Off! Gardening Club at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way
28th Sun 9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mark's
28th Sun 11.00am	Parish Communion at Christ Church
28th Sun 6.30pm	Evening Worship at Christ Church
28th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Churches Together in North Watford and Garston</i> Evening Service at Woodside Community Church, the Brow
31st Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
31st Wed 7.30pm	St Mark's Prayer Meeting at 26 Hollytree House

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# 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. **FAIRTRADE** We use only fairly traded tea and coffee at our church events. Fairtrade stalls are 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.

Our Community Garden is now open on Saturdays from 2-4pm, Vicarage Grounds, Leggatts Way, WD24 5NQ Come and just sit and enjoy the garden and if you wish to, join in with weeding and watering. Refreshments will be available.

## DIGITAL PARISH INFORMATION SHEET

The <u>full colour version</u> of the current Information Sheet is available from our website: www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk, or contact the office to receive a copy by email.

## NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the Information Sheet will be published by the beginning of October, to cover all events in October and November.

If you have any dates or information for inclusion, please send them to the Parish Office. Send in your articles, dates or information either:

In written format and put through the Parish Office letter box by 21st September, or

Via email to ccwatford@btinternet.com, or

Simply telephone Lynne on **01923 681972** to discuss options.

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