



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 bloodshed. 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	10.30am 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)

Gather
Ladies
Round

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.

Celebrations

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.



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 thank you 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	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
3rd Wed 9.30-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
3rd Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> 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	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church
7th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word and Communion</i> at St Mark's
7th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at St Mark's
7th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word and Baptism</i> at Christ Church
7th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship</i> 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	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
10th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship</i> at Courtland Lodge
12th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	<i>Lift Off! Gardening Club</i> at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way
13th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> 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	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
14th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion</i> 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	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
19th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Games Night</i> at Christ Church
20th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at Christ Church
20th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's - the last one for this year
21st Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church
21st Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at St Mark's
21st Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
21st Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> 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	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
24th Wed 9.30-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's. (For info. contact Claire Locke.)
24th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
24th Wed 7.30pm	<i>St Mark's Monthly Prayer Meeting</i> at 26 Hollytree House
26th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Gardening Club</i> at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way
28th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
28th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at Christ Church
28th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship</i> 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	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
31st Wed 7.30pm	<i>St Mark's Prayer Meeting</i> at 26 Hollytree House

DATES IN SEPTEMBER 2016

4th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
4th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
4th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
4th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word and Baptism at Christ Church</i>
4th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
5th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
7th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
7th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship at Courtland Lodge</i>
9th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	<i>Lift Off! Gardening Club at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way</i>
10th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
10th Sat	<i>Bike`n Hike – Sponsored Bike `n Hike for Beds. and Herts. Historic Churches Trust</i>
10th Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church. Please note change of date</i>
11th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
11th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
11th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at St Mark's</i>
12th Mon 12.40-2.00pm	<i>Lunch & Bible Study at St Mark's. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan</i>
12th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
13th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church hall: 'Secrets of a store detective'</i>
14th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
16th Fri 4.30-6.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Games Night at Christ Church</i>
17th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at Christ Church</i>
18th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
18th Sun 9.30am	<i>Harvest Parish Communion at St Mark's with a speaker from Love Russia</i>
18th Sun 11.00am	<i>Harvest Morning Prayer at Christ Church with a speaker from Love Russia</i>
18th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
18th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
19th Mon 12.40-2.00pm	<i>Lunch & Bible Study at St Mark's. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome</i>
19th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
20th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: Talk - The Lift off! project</i>
21st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
23rd Fri - 25th Sun	<i>National Prayer Weekend</i>
23rd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Gardening Club at C. C. Vicarage / St Mark's, Leggatts Way</i>
24th Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
24th Sat 10.00am-4.00pm	<i>National Prayer Weekend at St Mark's</i>
25th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
25th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
25th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at Christ Church</i>
26th Mon 12.40-2.00pm	<i>Lunch & Bible Study at St Mark's. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome.</i>
26th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
28th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
28th Wed 7.30pm	<i>Prayer Meeting at 26 Hollytree House. Check nearer the time for confirmation</i>

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 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 full colour version 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.

www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk

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