



# Christ Church and St Mark's



Parish Information Sheet for February and March 2017



A way to talk about things that matter



Faith Pictures is new material from the Church Army.

It's designed to help Christians talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what they believe.

The heart of the course is about helping people to identify a single picture or image that embodies something of their faith. It aims to be accessible and light-hearted, without jargon.

It has been designed to appeal particularly to people who would normally run a mile from courses on faith-sharing!

We're running Faith Pictures on Wednesday lunchtimes and evenings.

We'll provide a snack lunch (soup, bread, cheese) during the day and coffee with cake in the evenings.

The sessions started in January, but newcomers will be welcomed at any of the sessions in February.

Faith Pictures 3      1<sup>st</sup> Feb 12.45 (St Mark's), 7.30 pm (Christ Church) *Traveller's tales*

Faith Pictures 4      8<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.45 (St Mark's), 7.30 pm (Christ Church) *Talking pictures*

Faith Pictures 5      15<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.45 (St Mark's), 7.30 pm (Christ Church)

*Companions on the journey*

Faith Pictures 6      22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 12.45 (St Mark's), 7.30 pm (Christ Church) *Hidden opportunities*

All materials supplied. Come and try it. No one will tease you, doubt you or judge you if you try it and then decide it's not for you but come and give it a try. No need to book. Just turn up. What can possibly go wrong ...?

More details from Duncan (01923 674142 or 07806602093 vicarccwatford@gmail.com). See also [www.churcharmy.org](http://www.churcharmy.org)

## Coffee, Tea and Cakes



Our coffee mornings are normally at Christ Church from 10am to 12 noon on the first Saturday of every month.

The next Coffee, Tea and Cakes will be on **Saturday 4th February.**

All Welcome.

## The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust



supports the charitable work of the Kwa Mkono Polio Hostel in Tanzania by providing grants of equipment and funding so the hostel can offer rehabilitation, education and training to physically disabled young people, enabling them to live independently when they leave.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

The next Kwa Mkono Quiz  
Saturday 29th April 2017 at Christ Church.

## Diamond Couples in 2016

It is not often that a married couple celebrates a Diamond Anniversary, but last year Christ Church and St Mark's had 3 couples celebrating.

Each couple received a card and certificate from the Queen to mark the occasion.

In June, Doris and Maurice Saunders celebrated 60 years since they tied the knot in Christ Church and are pictured with theirs.



September saw 2 couples at St Mark's celebrating.

Len and Marian Ray were married on 8th September at St Saviours Church, Raynes Park, SW19 and you might recall the delicious rainbow cake they treated us to after the services on the Sunday.



Keith and Mary Cheyney reached 60 years of marriage on 29th September. They were married at St Mary's, Lewisham by Rev. Longworth-Dames.



It is a fantastic achievement and we send our congratulations to them all.

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### **OVER 60's SPRING PARTY** **SATURDAY 22ND APRIL – 4-8PM** **at Christ Church**

By this time, “**Spring will have Sprung**” and to get you into this mood we are in the process of arranging some gripping entertainment. To those people who have been to one of these parties before, we are sure you will agree, that it is always a good afternoon with plenty of food, a quiz, raffle, entertainment and most importantly an opportunity for you to meet other people and socialise. Transport will also be provided, if necessary by willing volunteers.



#### **Your Invitation:**

If you have **not** received an invitation before and would like to, please complete the tear off slip below and return to: Lynne Mallows, Parish Administrator, St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, Watford, Herts. WD24 5NQ, before the 12<sup>th</sup> March. If you would feel more comfortable if you could bring a friend, please include their name on the slip.

An official invitation will be sent to you **from the 12<sup>th</sup> March**, explaining all the details.

I would like to receive an Invitation to the Over 60's Party:

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel. No:

..... Postcode: .....

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**NB: If you would like to bring a friend please supply details:**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel. No:

..... Postcode: .....

**Return to: Parish Office, St Mark's, Leggatts Way, Watford, Herts. WD24 5NQ**

**Information for Volunteers (only):**

It goes without saying that these events do not just happen without the help of volunteers.

**Party Committee Members:**

*Moira Morgan Tel: 01923 232618*

*Lynne Mallows Tel: 01923 681972 Email: ccwatford@btinternet.com*

*Jenny Sleeper Tel: 01923 236847 Email: mickandjenny.sleeper@orange.net*

*Chris Woodward Tel: 01923 230592 Email: thewoodwardsuk@me.com*

*Bob Mackie Tel: 07841 366279 Email: bobmackie85@yahoo.co.uk*

**Distribution of Invitations:**

The invitations for guests to be invited to this event will be in both Churches on the **12th March 2017**. The Committee will be very grateful to anybody who can help with the distribution of these invites.

**Transport:**

We need volunteers to bring guests to the church hall by 4pm and to take them home again from approximately 7.50pm. If you can only manage one of the journeys, then that would be helpful too. **Jenny Sleeper** would be pleased to hear from you. Without transport, many of our guests would be unable to come to the party.

**Raffle Prizes:**

If you can oblige with any unwanted gifts, toiletries, stationery items, chocolates or food items with a long shelf life, etc. Remember, some of the guests will be gentlemen! Please either bring them on the day or hand in to the committee either at Church or deliver to the Parish Office, by contacting Lynne in advance.

**Party Food:**

Donations of either homemade or shop bought cakes, trifles, scones, etc., would be gratefully received by the party committee. A list of food items required will be drawn up, so that we can ensure that there is a good assortment of food and that there is not too much wastage. If you are able to donate, then please look out for this list, which will be available in both Christ Church and St Mark's Church nearer the party date (a notification will appear on the weekly notice sheet).

Cakes can be brought to the church halls on the day of the party between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. However, if this is not convenient, the church will be open between 7.30pm and 8.45pm the night before, when choir practice takes place. Your donation can be left on one of the tables at the back of Christ Church. If freshly baked, please ensure that the cakes are covered with cling film or foil.

The party committee have a final preparation meeting, on **Tuesday 11th April** so please could those people **attending as guests, please RSVP by the 9th April**.

**Please look out for up-dates on the Weekly Notice Sheet.**

**DATES IN FEBRUARY 2017**

1st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
1st Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship at Courtland Lodge</i>
1st Wed 12.45pm	<i>Faith Pictures 3 at St Mark's, with bread, cheese, soup lunch: 'Traveller's tales'</i>
1st Wed 7.30pm	<i>Faith Pictures 3 at Christ Church, with coffee and cake: 'Traveller's tales'</i>
4th Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Cakes in Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
5th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
5th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word at Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
8th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
8th Wed 12.45pm	<i>Faith Pictures 4 at St Mark's, with bread, cheese, soup lunch: 'Talking pictures'</i>
8th Wed 7.30pm	<i>Faith Pictures 4 at Christ Church, with coffee and cake: 'Talking pictures'</i>
12th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at St Mark's</i>
12th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
12th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at St Mark's</i>
14th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church: Craft evening</i>
15th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
15th Wed 12.45pm	<i>Faith Pictures 5 at St Mark's, with bread, cheese, soup lunch: 'Companions on the journey'</i>
15th Wed 7.30pm	<i>Faith Pictures 5 at Christ Church, with coffee and cake: 'Companions on the journey'</i>
19th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
19th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
19th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
19th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
19th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
21st Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: "Role of a Magistrate"</i>
22nd Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
22nd Wed 12.45pm	<i>Faith Pictures 6 at St Mark's, with bread, cheese, soup lunch: 'Hidden opportunities'</i>
22nd Wed 7.30pm	<i>Faith Pictures 6 at Christ Church, with coffee and cake: 'Hidden opportunities'</i>
25th Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
26th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
26th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
26th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at Christ Church</i>



## Lift Off! Holiday Club Dates

13th and 14th February

9:30am-2:30pm

St Andrews Church, Church Road, WD17 4PY

30 spaces available. Spaces are on first come first basis.

Registration opens soon. See [liftoff.org.uk](http://liftoff.org.uk)

**Holiday Clubs run during each of the school holidays.**

**All holiday clubs are for children aged 5-10 years old and run between 9:30 till 2:30.**

**Children will need a packed lunch.**

**A typical holiday club day consists of songs, crafts, games and bible stories based themes.**



### DATES FOR MARCH 2017

1st Wed	Ash Wednesday
1st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
1st Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship at Courtland Lodge</i>
1st Wed 7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
4th Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea &amp; Cakes in Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
5th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
5th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word at Christ Church</i>
5th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
8th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
12th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at St Mark's</i>
12th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
12th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at St Mark's</i>
14th Tue	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies' visit to a synagogue</i>
15th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
19th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
19th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
19th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
19th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
19th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
21st Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: Easter Quiz</i>
22nd Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
25th Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
26th Sun	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
26th Sun	<b>The clocks go forward</b>
26th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
26th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
26th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at Christ Church</i>
27th Mon 7.30pm	<i>PCC meeting in Christ Church</i>
29th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>

It is time to put Fairtrade into your Breaks



## Watford Fairtrade Town Tenth Anniversary March 2017

10 years ago Watford Borough Council, Faith groups, Shops, Cafés, Businesses, Schools, the Media and Community Groups all contributed to our Campaign to become the 250<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Town in the UK. We satisfied the Fairtrade Foundation's Five Goals and were declared a Fairtrade Town on 5 March 2007 in Watford Museum.

By joining the ranks of Fairtrade Towns across the UK we contributed to the benefits of the Fairtrade System to over a million farmer producers in the Developing World, who were supported and guaranteed a sustainable future. The numbers of producers have increased to 1.6 million and with their families there are about 8 million people able to live 'normal' lives.

Families across Africa, Asia, South America and the Pacific can now put food on their tables, send their children to school and access clean water and health-care on a regular basis.

Watford Fairtrade Steering Group is asking that as many people as possible will recognise the Tenth Anniversary celebrations in Fairtrade Fortnight 2017. The dates are 27th February to 12th March 2017. The theme is "**It is time to put Fairtrade into your Breaks**". Churches can celebrate Pancake Night, 28th February, using many Fairtrade fillings such as pineapple chunks, sugar, honey, lemon juice, hazelnut spread, jams, peanut butter, bananas, marmalade and many others all available as Fairtrade products.

There are about 4500 Fairtrade products available in UK but ones such as gold wedding rings, cotton wool, cotton clothing, rubber products, cosmetics and footballs are not really suitable for filling a pancake!

Watford Fairtrade Steering Group needs to recruit new members – please encourage someone from your Church to join us!

Brian Mee

Hon Chair, Watford Fairtrade Steering Group

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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 Service 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 Service at Christ Church or St Mark's
5th Sunday		<b>10.30am</b> 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

# 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.



### 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.

### NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the Information Sheet will be published at the end of March, to cover all events in April and May.

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 23rd March, or

Via email to [ccwatford@btinternet.com](mailto:ccwatford@btinternet.com), or

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

[www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk](http://www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk)

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