

Christ Church and St Mark's

Parish Information Sheet for June and July 2017

OPPORTUNITIES TO COME AND JOIN US!

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 3rd June and Saturday 1st July.**
All Welcome.

'JOIN US FOR A CUPPA'



at ST MARK'S CHURCH
Every Saturday
June 24th to August 26th 2017
From 2pm-4pm.

An opportunity to meet new and existing friends for a catch up. All Welcome

Bible study: Psalms – Cries from the heart

Wednesdays 1 pm at St Mark's
From June 7th to July 26th.

A series of 8 discussion meetings including a light lunch.
All Welcome.

Next Meetings

June 13th:

Gather Round... Ladies' Summer Picnic

Ladies are cordially invited to the home of Ann Covington, in Eastbury Road. For more details, or to arrange a lift, please speak to Ann, Polly Eldridge or Lorraine Ellis.

July 11th

Speaker from the Church Army

Sister Diana from the Church Army has kindly agreed to come and talk to us at Christ Church. We will be starting promptly at 8pm, so please try to arrive at about 7: 45pm, to arrange seating and cuppas etc.

Remember the chicks!!!!

Thank you to everyone who bought them. We sold out!

In total we raised £164.44, in memory of Jane Martin-Dye and that was before we added gift aid, and the basketful given to the Peace Hospice to sell.

Thankyou to everyone at Gather Round...

...Ladies who contributed to making chicks and donated wool, felt, ribbon and cream eggs.

Delia has expressed her heartfelt thanks to everybody who contributed.



LIFT OFF! COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENING TIMES

JUNE

3 rd	10 - 12 am
11 th	2 - 4 pm
17 th	2 - 4 pm
24 th	10 - 12am
25 th	2 - 4 pm

JULY

2 nd	2 - 4 pm
9 th	2 - 4 pm
16 th	2 - 4 pm
22 nd	2 - 4 pm
29 th	2 - 4 pm

AUGUST

5 th	2 - 4 pm
12 th	2 - 4 pm
20 th	2 - 4 pm
26 th	2 - 4 pm

OVER SIXTIES SPRING PARTY – 22nd April 2017

Wow, the feedback for this year's Over Sixties Spring Party has been terrific and so a big thank you to all of you who have taken the time and trouble to let us know how much you enjoyed yourselves. One guest even got up at the party to thank Christ Church, the committee and helpers for putting on such a wonderful party. This year the theme for the party was once again "spring". The tables were bedecked with fresh daffodils in green bottles, colourful serviettes, bright yellow itineraries and beautifully decorated "paper boaters" that the Brownies had made. Artificial flowers brightened up the hall, the quiz focused on flowers, sport and the 1950s and the committee could be identified by their nippy aprons as well as the flowers they wore in their hair; except our MC Bob Mackie of course who donned his dicky bow tie!



47 guests, as well as the committee and helpers, thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment as they sang along with gusto to music provided by the **Ver-Colne Valley U3A Ukulele Sunshine Band** and a **St. George's Day sing-along with Maurice Saunders**. Maurice kindly stepped in at the last moment as the dance group we had planned for the second entertainment slot was unable to do so due to illness.

Nevertheless, dancing still featured as many of the guests and helpers could not resist getting up to *dance*, as well as sing, along to the music.

At the end of another successful party, guests left with a party bag promoting our church services and activities, some edible treats

and a fresh daffodil.

The party committee, namely Jenny Sleeper, Bob Mackie, Lynne Mallows, Moira Morgan, and Chris Woodward, would not have managed without the help of Amanda Brackman,



a friend of Lynne's, Polly Eldridge, Jean Morris, Lynne O'Connor, Sue Pankhurst and Mavis Thwaite. Our thanks also



go to Maurice Saunders who not only provided entertainment but set up the PA system. Last but not least, we are most grateful to all those who contributed to the success of the party by kindly donating cakes and raffle prizes, delivering party invites, and transporting the guests to and from the party.

News From Kwa Mkono

Dear all

We have had good news from Paul of Chem-Chem Drilling Co about the borehole in the valley at KwaMkono

“Thanks to God

Lots of water found in the borehole and great re-charge .

We are still testing .

Happy

Paul” .

We hope and pray that other tests are positive and we can get water, Paul is going to suggest the best way forward and the costs but then the hard work begins as we will have to raise a lot of money for the water and still find the quarterly money.

Please continue to pray for this important project, that it may proceed to help the Centre, hospital and community.

Love and prayers

Lesley and Keith Wright

KwaMkono Disabled Children's Trust

To make a donation:

Send a cheque to KMDCT 36 Beel Close, Little Chalfont. Bucks HP7 9 NS

kwamkono@gmil.com

Bank transfer Barclays bank, sort code: 20-91-79 account: 03854272

Through the web site www.kwamkono.org.uk



Kwa Mkono Quiz

The Kwa Mkono quiz in April was great fun and raised an amazing £663 for the Disabled Children's Trust Thank you to all who attended.

DATES IN JUNE 2017

3rd Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes</i> in Christ Church
4th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church
4th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> at St Mark's
4th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at St Mark's
4th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word</i> at Christ Church
4th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship</i> in Hollytree House Lounge
5th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
6th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
6th Tue 7.30pm	<i>PCC Meeting</i> at Christ Church
7th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
7th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship</i> at Courtland Lodge
7th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion. A new series: Psalms – Cries from the heart
9th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
10th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
11th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
11th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School</i> at Christ Church
11th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i> at St Mark's
12th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
13th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
13th Tue 7.30pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies picnic</i> in Eastbury Road. Please ask for address details or for a lift
14th Wed 10.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
14th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
16th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
18th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church, followed by breakfast
18th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at St Mark's
18th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
18th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at Christ Church
19th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
20th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
20th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle</i> at St Mark's: Alzheimer's and singing
21st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
21st Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
23rd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
24th Sat	<i>"Men's Breakfast"</i> day out
24th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
24th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
25th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
25th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School</i> at Christ Church
25th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church</i> at Christ Church
26th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
27th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
28th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
28th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
30th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's

The Easter gardens at St Marks
that the children made at
Lift Off! Project.



An Appeal

Good Afternoon

My name is Leroy; I work for a company called Debra which is a furniture and Electrical Charity store.

DEBRA is the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) - a painful genetic skin blistering condition which, in worst cases, can be fatal. The reason for me contacting you today is to potentially help us raise funds as well as stock in our store. We collect furniture and offer house clearances, for anyone looking to get rid of their old items. We do offer a free collection service and we take almost anything, as long as they are generally in good condition (no major rips, stains, or breakages) and have a fire label if they have any fabric or leather on them. The same goes for large electricals, they must be in good condition and in good working order.

If it's at all possible to do this, we would be very grateful.

Kind regards

Leroy Bucknall, Watford.

Watford Shop

E: watford@debra.org.uk

T: 01923 804241

www.debra.org.uk

DEBRA, 13 Wellington Business Park, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 6LS

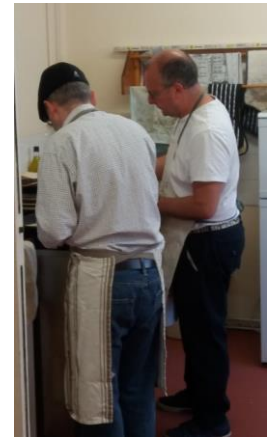
A charity registered in England and Wales (1084958) and Scotland (SC039654).

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FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

The Christian Aid breakfasts

We initially raised £365.50 during the breakfasts at St Mark's and Christ Church.. a great result.



But money has been coming in since and the total will be over £400.

WaterAid

Water Aid Appeal – Wow - £1,018.69 was raised!

Ray's long awaited target has been achieved!

Thank you to all who contributed, to this much needed charity. Fantastic!

WTCC : The Way Forward



Watford Town Centre is going to change recognisably over the next couple of years.

- It's rebuilding itself and reinventing itself as a major UK business hub
 - A centre for finance and business
 - A centre for shopping
 - A centre for leisure
 - A centre for culture

How is the Church in Watford going to rise to meet the challenge of town centre ministry and mission? Just as the secular world is investing in the centre of Watford, the Church (ie not solely WTCC) needs to invest in town centre ministry.

The Trustees have a clear vision of collaboration with other agencies, not in competition or working in isolation but a vision to be part of a co-ordinated team seeking to build God's Kingdom in the heart of Watford

Like the town centre God is rebuilding the Chaplaincy. In the next two years the Trustees are hoping to establish

- A street presence, clearly visible to all shoppers and workers.
- An early evening presence for those heading into town for the cinema/restaurants etc.
- Street Angels out every night of the week.

The Trustees have been increasingly convinced that the work of the chaplaincy is one that should be rooted in the local church, of being partnered with churches in the town and working as part of a team that ministers to the town centre.

The vision includes the appointment of someone to head up this work who will:

- Facilitate volunteers
- Recruit volunteers
- Be a visible presence on the High Street alongside the volunteers.

The Trustees have a clear vision and the strategy is unfolding. They see the WTCC of the future as being a resource for all the churches in Watford to use, working alongside New Hope, the YMCA, the Food Bank etc to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in both actions and words. This may include:

- Helping to equip individuals from different churches for ministry
- Providing a safe frame work to 'do' mission (eg Street Angels)
- Being powerful in unity
- Active listening

As trustees we are starting to have conversations with key figures in the redevelopment to hear about ways in which WTCC can be of support.

It was a great joy early in the New Year to be contacted by the police. Chief Inspector Sandwell and Inspector Lillitou praised the work of our Street Angels and recognised the sterling work that they do on the High Street on a Saturday night

Our finances are in order but are low. The current income is from two main sources: members of the Friends scheme and donations from churches. As the work of the chaplaincy is now well over ten years old it has become almost impossible to get access to grants – many organisations are willing to fund start up projects but not to maintain them. So if we do decide to go ahead and seek someone to head up the work we strongly believe God is calling us to do, we face the challenge on how to finance this kingdom work. We have been and continue to be thankful to the churches and individuals who have given so generously in the last twelve months – you have all been amazing! Thank you!

This is a really exciting time for every one of us as God challenges us to build his kingdom here in the heart of Watford where our friends, children, neighbours, congregations work, shop and spend their leisure time. Will you be part of this ministry?

Prayer as always is a vital support to us. If you would like to be part of our weekly Call to Prayer group or would like to receive our monthly prayer diary either email us (office@watfordtcc.org) or phone the office (01923 227700) and leave a message.

Giving financially is only one of the ways that you can be involved. We need people to get involved not just as volunteer chaplains and Street Angels. Some of you may have time and skills that could help support our work. Perhaps you could give time to help with admin support? Or technological support? We now have a fantastic new website - www.watfordtcc.org - could you help us to run it? Give us creative ideas for future funding?

The possibilities are only limited by our imaginations.

Mrs Jayne Fish

Vice Chair Trustees, Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy

Tel: 01923 227700 email: JEF5953wtcc@outlook.com

DATES FOR JULY 2017

1st Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes</i> in Christ Church
1st Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
2nd Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion (BCP)</i> at Christ Church
2nd Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion</i> at St Mark's
2nd Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at St Mark's
2nd Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word</i> at Christ Church
3rd Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
4th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
5th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
5th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship</i> at Courtland Lodge
5th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
7th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
8th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
8th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
9th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
9th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at Christ Church
9th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship</i> at St Mark's
10th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
11th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
11th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies</i> in Christ Church halls: Sister Diana from the Church Army will come to speak to us
12th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
12th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
14th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
15th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
16th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at St Mark's
16th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
16th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at Christ Church
16th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church</i> at Christ Church
17th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
18th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
18th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle: Cream Tea</i>
19th Wed 10.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
19th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
21st Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
22nd Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
22nd Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
22nd Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's
23rd Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
23rd Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at Christ Church
25th Tue 9.30am -2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's
26th Wed 9.30am -2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Mark's
26th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
26th Wed 1.00pm	<i>Bible Study at St Mark's</i> . Light lunch & discussion: Psalms – Cries from the heart
29th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa</i> at St Mark's

Lift Off! Holiday Club Dates



9:30am-2:30pm

25th and 26th July or

22nd and 23rd Aug

23rd and 24th October

St Andrews Church or St Marks Church

For children 5-11 years old.

For more info and to book, email

clairelocke@liftoff.org.uk

Holiday Clubs run during each of the school holidays.

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

All holiday clubs are for children aged 5-11 years old and run between 9:30 till 2:30.

Children will need a packed lunch.

Stallholders Needed

For:-



September Fayre

Saturday 30th, 11am to 3pm

Christ Church,

St Albans Road, Watford

Lots of stalls selling lovely products

at our September Fayre.

Free entry.

Refreshments available.

For more information please email

Rachel at chappells@ntlworld.com



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, 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 July, to cover all events in August and September.

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 July, 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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