

Christ Church and St Mark's

Parish Information Sheet for February and March 2020

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 1st February
and**

Saturday 7th March.

All Welcome.

Also

BOOK SWAP

On the 1st Saturday of the month, during "Coffee, Tea and Cakes" 10 am to 12 noon.



Bring a book and swap it with another - Free
Buy a book - 50p

Tuesday 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 meetings will be on:

19th February at 2:00pm

where there will be a speaker on "Animated Cartoons"

18th March at 2:00pm

for Fun and Games

EXTENDED YET AGAIN!

Buy House/Contents Insurance and benefit your Church!

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office (E.I.O.) is offering £130 to the Church for each House/Contents Insurance policy purchased by a member of the congregation.

This is to celebrate their 130th Anniversary and I and another church member have already taken out a policy, benefitting the Church by £260.

We have both found the premiums quoted very reasonable, so if your house/content policy is up for renewal, please try E.I.O. for a quote.

Their website is:

www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130

and nominate Christ Church Watford to receive their donation of £130. You don't have to accept their quote but you do have to take out a policy to claim the £130. Give them a try – please!

If you have given them a try but found their quote unsuitable for your needs, please let me know, so that I have some idea of how many people have tried to take up the offer.

Ray Andrews – Treasurer

New Year greetings to you from Ibba.

We thank God for the gift and joy of Jesus Christ and the gift of new year. We were able to celebrate these two occasions peacefully all over Ibba. As usually we had confirmation program scheduled in all our Parishes, we were able to listen to Christians at the grass-root level and being listened to as well. We discovered with concern that all our parishes have huge challenges but we thank God because we now know those challenges. (To see the report, ask Shirley.)

Please pass my regards to our friends in the two Parishes St Mark and Christ Church.

Thanks and stay blessed

Bp Wilson Kamani

Avoid Problems with 2020

We have been advised to write the whole of the year 2020 when filling in dates on anything important this year.

If we just put (e.g.) 12/3/20, that could easily be changed to make it anything from 2000 to 2099!

In most situations this would not matter terribly, but it's good to be aware.

Christmas Eve Crib service

We began Messy Church style with time for craft. The craft options included a crib Christmas tree toy, mini Christmas wreaths using curtain rings, a paper Christmas tree and a few others.

Snacks including sausage rolls, pizza slices, cake, tea and coffee were available (and much enjoyed) during the whole event.

After time for craft we gathered near the front of the church and told the story of "The very noisy stable", pausing to sing carols and add the appropriate figures to the crib as the story progressed. There were lots of animal noises and many people to bring crib figures to the front.



Everyone left with a party bag (gold coins and a small Christmas book for children, a boxed slice of Christmas cake for the adults). About 50 adults and children attended. Some of us are looking forward to the next one!

We've never had so many sheep at our Nativity!

Gather Round Ladies had encouraged people to knit or crochet sheep, so that families hosting the Nativity (a Hispanic custom called Posada) could keep one of the sheep to bring to the Crib service.

Next Advent there will be even more, as not all of us managed to finish ours in time!

Inclusivity

This is the picture from the last All Age Worship Service.

It was taken to the Ignite art club for the children to add their hands to the crib scene.



DATES IN FEBRUARY 2020

1st Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church - including Book Swap</i>
2nd Sun 9.30am	<i>Worship for all Ages with Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
2nd Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
2nd Sun 11.00am	<i>Worship for all Ages at Christ Church</i>
2nd Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
4th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
4th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
5th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
5th Wed 12.00noon	<i>Bible Study with light lunch at St Mark's</i>
7th Fri 2.00pm	<i>World Day of Prayer Bible Study (John 5: 2-9a) at Holy Rood RC Church, Market Street</i>
7th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
8th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
9th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
9th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion at Christ Church</i>
11th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
11th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
11th Tue 7.45pm	<i>Deanery Synod at All Saints', S Oxhey</i>
11th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church hall. Bring your favourite poem or hymn / song lyrics</i>
12th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
12th Wed 12.00noon	<i>Bible Study with light lunch at St Mark's</i>
14th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
16th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
16th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
16th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer and Baptism at Christ Church</i>
16th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
16th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
18th Tue 9.30am-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Andrew's</i>
18th Tue 7.30pm	<i>PCC at St Mark's</i>
19th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
19th Wed 12.00noon	<i>Bible Study with light lunch at St Mark's</i>
19th Wed 2.00pm	<i>Wednesday Circle at St Mark's: Speaker on "Animated Cartoons"</i>
21st Fri 9.30am-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club at St Andrew's</i>
22nd Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
22nd Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
23rd Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer with Bible Study at St Mark's</i>
23rd Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion at Christ Church</i>
25th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
25th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
26th Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
26th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
26th Wed 12.00noon	<i>Bible Study with light lunch at St Mark's</i>
26th Wed 7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes (but only for those who want it) at St Mark's</i>



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28th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>	FEBRUARY <i>continued.</i>
29th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Tea & Cake at St Mark's (donations to Love Russia)</i>	

DATES FOR MARCH 2020

1st Sun 9.30am	<i>Worship for all Ages with Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>
1st Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
1st Sun 11.00am	<i>Worship for all Ages at Christ Church</i>
2nd Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
3rd Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
3rd Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
4th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
6th Fri 2.00pm	<i>World Day of Prayer Service at Holy Rood RC Church, Market Street, followed by afternoon tea. The service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe and is entitled "Rise! Take your mat and walk." based on John 5:2-9a.</i>
6th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
7th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
7th Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes at Christ Church - including Book Swap</i>
8th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
8th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School</i>
10th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
10th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
10th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church halls: Introduction to Bridge</i>
11th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
13th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
14th Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
15th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
15th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
15th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
15th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
15th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
17th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
17th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
18th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
18th Wed 2.00pm	<i>Wednesday Circle at St Mark's: Fun and Games</i>
20th Fri 2.00pm	<i>Follow-up meeting to the World Day of Prayer Service at Holy Rood RC Church, Market Street</i>
20th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
21st Sat 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
22nd Sun	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
22nd Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer with Bible Study at St Mark's</i>
22nd Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion at Christ Church</i>
24th Tue 9.30-11am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
24th Tue 1.15-2.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
25th Wed 11.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
27th Fri 4.30-6pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>



28th Sat 7.30am	Men's Breakfast at St Mark's	MARCH continued.
28th Sat 9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's	
29th Sun	The Clocks Go Forward	
29th Sun 10.30am	Joint Communion Service at St Mark's (there will be no service at Christ Church that day)	
31st Tue 9.30-11am	Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's	
31st Tue 1.15-2.45pm	Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's	

Our Re-Registration

"Thank you very much for your recommitment for Christ Church & St Marks to become a registered Fairtrade place of worship. Congratulations on your hard work in promoting the Fairtrade Mark. Such enthusiasm from all over the UK means more than **7500** churches, mosques, temples and synagogues have now pledged to use and promote Fairtrade."

The Fairtrade Foundation

We are a Fairtrade parish. We use only fairly traded tea and coffee at our church events.

We need your help to be able to continue to trade fairly, by supporting the Fairtrade stall, which is held once a month at each church.

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.

Thank you to everyone who does already support the stalls.

You make a real difference to producers around the world.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

We will soon have details of all the Easter eggs available through the Fairtrade stall: Divine eggs, Real Easter Eggs and NEW Organic Easter eggs from Traidcraft.



Awarded to
Christ Church & St Mark's

On
20th January 2020

Valid until:
 20th January 2022

Michael Gidney
 Chief Executive
 Fairtrade Foundation



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.

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2020 DIARIES

There are still new diaries available. If anybody would like a copy, please see Paul Pratchett.

DIGITAL PARISH INFORMATION SHEET

The full colour version of the current Information Sheet may soon be available from our website: www.christchurchandstmarkswatford.org.uk, but to be sure of having one, please contact the office to receive a copy by email.

THE NEXT EDITION

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

If you have any articles, dates or information for inclusion, please send them to the Parish Office by post or via email to ccwatford@btinternet.com by 19th March.

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