

Christ Church and St Mark's

Parish Information Sheet for June and July 2018

OPPORTUNITIES TO 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 2nd June

Saturday 7th July.

All Welcome.

'JOIN US FOR A CUPPA'



at ST MARK'S CHURCH

Every Saturday

June 16th to August 25th 2018

From 2pm-4pm.

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

All Welcome

Christ Church & St Mark's,
Watford
Presents

A concert of
varied music
sung by



Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir

Monday 11 June 2018

7.45 p.m.

Christ Church, St Albans Road
Watford WD24 5BD

(opposite the Kentucky Fried Chicken /
Brixton Road)

Tickets
(including light refreshments)
£7, concessions £5

from 01923 675173

AND on the door

In aid of

The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's
Centre in Tanzania
and Mercy Ships.

Limited Parking

and a THANKYOU

Love Russia

£213.20 and 24 garments, or packs of small items of clothing, for 0-8 year olds, have been sent to Love Russia H.Q. to be taken out on the next visits to Russia.

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the appeal.

A splendid result.

Keith Cheyney

Women's World Day of Prayer Service 2018



EASTER GARDENS



Produced by the children at Lift Off!

Where do we go from here?

I hope you've all had a chance to read the Annual Report for 2017 and particularly the accounts and my remarks. People have already told me that they found the "Summary" of the accounts easier to understand than the accounts in full, so I shall continue with that in future years. They have also told me that the daily rates quoted on the summary came as a shock to them, and I have to admit they surprised me too.

So, the obvious question is "what can we do about the fact that we, as the church, contribute only just over half what it costs to keep up this building where we meet together in love and friendship to worship God, to bring our troubles to Him and be re-assured, to thank Him for all his goodness towards us and to welcome all others who wish to do the same and get to know Him better"?

As you might imagine, we talked a lot about this at the Annual Meeting and one idea put forward was that we should all consider increasing our giving by £1.00 per week. Assuming an average attendance of 30 each week, this would raise an additional £1,560 which would be very welcome and would reduce the current necessity of drawing on our reserves, so can we all please give that some prayerful thought.

Another idea was to increase the use of the Church Envelope Scheme. Many members use this already, but more would be welcome.

It works like this:

- At the beginning of the year you are given a booklet of 52 envelopes, one for each week.
- Your offering is put into the envelope and then into the collection plate as it comes around.
- If you miss a Sunday or more than one, you still put your offering in the appropriate envelope and bring them all next time you come. I call this the "All-Bran" system because it keeps us regular in our giving and also reminds us that the Church expenses continue whether we are there or not. If you would like to join the Envelope Scheme, and you can join at any time, please talk to me.

Another way, of course, is by regular transfer from your Bank to ours and I hope to have the relevant forms soon, so again, please talk to me.

As you will have seen from the Summary, we have somewhat of a problem, but I would like to think that, with God's help, we can overcome it. After all, we are only giving back to God what He has already given us.

Ray Andrews - Treasurer

OVER SIXTIES PARTY – 21ST APRIL 2018

WOW!!!! What an amazing turnout for this year's annual Parish event.

57 invited guests gathered at Christ Church Halls for this year's themed event "**100 years of the Suffragettes**", when women were given the right to vote.

One might wonder how this could be themed, but with lots of thought and imagination from the Committee they made it possible. There was lots of **X's** going on from Quiz papers, to "**voting in**" under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), to allow us to use guest's personal contact information for future Parish events, and a good old game of Bingo for a Full House.

The room was attractively decked out with hand knitted bunting in Spring colours and the helpers were easily identifiable by their yellow rosettes and a yellow theme was continued throughout to reflect this milestone. It was wonderful to see the effort that some guests had gone to as well by donning a splash of yellow.

Thanks go to our Master of Ceremony, Maurice Saunders, who directed the event with such enthusiasm and light hearted humour. Proceedings got underway with an opening prayer thanks to Chris Long, Lay Worship Leader at Christ Church, followed by the National Anthem.

A fantastic spread of food was beautifully presented, including the infamous trifles and cakes. Nobody left feeling hungry; thanks to all the contributions that were donated.

The Academy of Performing Arts did us proud, choreographed by Jade and Lucy. A group of talented dancers entertained us, performing to a range of different music, from Beethoven, Disney, Classical, Modern and Pop to name but a few. A lot of very brave solo and group performers were showing us their acrobatic, tap, ballet and beautiful dance routines which embraced the audience and was evident by the tapping of feet.



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It was then time for our guests to exercise their vocal chords, before the raffle, to the St George's Day sing-along led by Maurice, who always has a knack of getting people up on their feet dancing and singing along to the old favourites.

We also had the delight of singing "Happy 95th Birthday" to Jean Henning (Jenny Sleeper's mother).

Before proceedings were drawn to a close, Comfort Tetsola surprised us by reading a poem "don't rush me". Thank you Comfort; it was beautifully composed and read.

All this would not have been possible without the dedication of the Party Committee: Lynne Mallows, Polly Eldridge, Maurice Saunders & Chris Long. The Committee would like to thank: Mavis Thwaites, Jean Morris, Val Bryce, Elaine & Steve Ashley (Lynne's sister and brother-in-law), Amanda Brackman (Lynne's friend), David Full, Lynne O'Connor, Chris Woodward, Margaret Wellings and Pat Thompson, for their wonderful support - and of course our volunteer drivers, without whom many of the guests would not have been able to attend.



Buy House/Contents Insurance and benefit your Church!

For this year only, 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/contents 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!

Ray Andrews - Treasurer



KWA MKONO NEWS

May 2018

It has been a busy time at the centre for the last 6 months. The building of the 2 new dormitories that were started when Lesley and Keith visited in October last year were finished in January, the beds and cupboards are now made and they are ready for the new children who started to arrive in March. Over the next few months the number of children resident at the centre will increase to 68 and with those at Hegongo school and teacher training college there will be 75 disabled young people. The girl's laundry had to be demolished to make way for the new dormitory, it was one of the original buildings and as it had not been updated it was in need of major repair and enlarging so when the rains have stopped later this month or early June a new laundry will be built.



In the valley the borehole now has a lockable lid and is inside a small brick building with a concrete floor surrounding it to stop vandalism and allow the Centre to access the water. A 2,500 litre bowser, petrol powered pump and hoses to fill the bowser so that it can be towed by the tractor has been purchased, so the Centre can collect water during the dry season.

The rains have been good this year so the Centre should get a good harvest. At the shamba (farm) maize, peas and cassava has been planted. In the grounds round the Centre vegetables are being grown and with the borehole water available they will get 3 or 4 crops a year producing most of its needs for the children. Unfortunately, the heavy rain has caused some damage and we recently received an e mail saying that one of the cesspits had collapsed and the trust had to send emergency funds to have it repaired.

Things for the children to do after school are important especially during the rainy season. In the hall a cupboard has educational games to help the young children with letters, numbers, colours and jigsaws, board games and books for the older ones. Enoch, who was a child at the centre for several years, supervises the children helping them with homework and teaches computing to those who can read basic

English. Outside there is a play area where ball games can be played there are swings, a slide, see-saw and just installed a roundabout which is proving very popular with the children.

The trust funds are depleted because we have sent money to repair the cesspit.

Help support the work of the Trust:-

Donate online: My Donate,

Send a cheque: Kwamkono Disabled Children's Trust.

36 Beel Close, Amersham, Bucks. HP7 9NS.

By bank transfer: sort code: 20-91-79 Account number 03854272

All money donated is used to benefit the children at Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre.

All UK expenses are met by the Trustees.



CONGRATULATIONS

Delia and John Martin-Dye celebrated their Golden Wedding on 30th March with family and friends. They were married on 30th March 1968 at Christ Church.



DATES IN JUNE 2018

1st Fri 7.45pm	<i>Choir Practice at Christ Church</i>
2nd Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church</i>
3rd Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
3rd Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Communion at St Mark's</i>
3rd Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>
3rd Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word at Christ Church</i>
3rd Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
4th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
5th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
6th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
6th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship at Courtland Lodge</i>
6th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Gardening club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
8th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
9th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
10th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
10th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
10th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at St Mark's</i>
11th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
11th Mon 7.45pm	<i>Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir concert at Christ Church</i>
12th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
12th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church hall</i>
13th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
13th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Gardening club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
13th Wed 7.30pm	<i>PCC Meeting at St Mark's</i>
15th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
15th Fri 7.45pm	<i>Choir Practice at Christ Church</i>
16th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>
17th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
17th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
17th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
17th Sun 12.00am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
17th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
18th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
19th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
19th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: Cream Tea / Auction</i>
20th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
20th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Gardening club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
22nd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
23rd Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
23rd Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
23rd Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>
24th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
24th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
25th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
26th Tue 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
27th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
27th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Gardening club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
29th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
30th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</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.

SOME DATES IN JULY 2018

1st Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>
1st Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with 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>Service of the Word at Christ Church</i>
1st Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>
7th Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church</i>
7th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>
10th Tue 7.30pm	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies Summer picnic at Ann Covington's house</i>
14th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>
17th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: Desk Tidies</i>
17th Tue 7.30pm	<i>PCC Meeting at Christ Church</i>
21st Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>
28th Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
28th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	<i>Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's</i>



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.

THE NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the Information Sheet is scheduled to be published at the end of July, to cover all events in August and September.

If you have any articles, dates or information for inclusion, please send them to the Parish Office via email to ccwatford@btinternet.com by 18th July.

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