

Christ Church and St Mark's

Parish Information Sheet for April and May 2016

THANKYOU

The Knit for Lent Challenge



I would like to say a big thank you to all who joined in knitting. I am hoping we will have a good number of blankets.

I am collecting in the squares now, but people can carry on knitting as they will still be made into blankets for Kwa Mkono. Chris Long

RUDOLPH SAYS THANK YOU

This is a big thank you for all the help, prayers and finance we received to enable Operation Rudolph to go so well this year.

350 hampers were delivered, to much delight and positive feedback, not least about the specially high quality and Christmassy nature of the contents.

Volunteering and delivering were especially smooth this year, so a big thanks there.

The finances looked like this:

Income £8829

Expenditure £9555

Gift Aid (est.) £400

Balance £-333

Carried forward £4489 - this is our start-up money for next Christmas, only slightly down on last year's so once again, thank you.

By this action we, the One Church in and for Watford, demonstrate in a small way the sacrificial, practical and costly nature of the giving love of God in Christ.

Chris Cottee

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thank you to all who helped to make the Maundy Thursday meal to celebrate Jesus Christ's Last Supper a success. There are pictures of the evening, later in the magazine.

JOIN US

Kwa Mkono Quiz

7.00 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 16th April 2016 at Christ Church.

It will cost £8 including a ploughman's supper. (Bring your own drinks and glasses.)

To include raffle and sale table.

Remember all profits go to benefit the disabled children at the hostel in Tanzania.



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 7th May. All Welcome.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA



at ST MARK'S CHURCH
Every Saturday

from 7th May until 27th August 2016

(excluding May 14th, May 21st and July 9th)

From 2pm-4pm. An opportunity to meet new and existing friends for a catch up.

No need to feel lonely either: these are the perfect opportunities to meet like people in a friendly environment.
All Welcome

Invitation

Saturday 14th May - Garden Opening day. 1.45 for 2.00pm start at Christ Church Vicarage.

The Bishop of Hertford is opening our new garden. So please come and show your support for Lift Off! and the church.

There will be a chance to plant, learn more about Lift Off! and have a cup of tea. The more the merrier. Let's make this an exciting and fun day.





SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2016, 4pm – 8pm.

Most of you will have been given a flyer about this year's Over Sixties Party which is to be a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday and her record breaking reign. However, this article is a further plea from the party committee as we need your help and support to ensure that the party is successful.

Invitations and Attending the Party

There have not been as many positive RSVPs to the invitations as we would like but we hope this is because we asked for the replies a little earlier than we usually do. This article is therefore a plea to all of you who will admit to being over sixty to come along and enjoy the food, company and the "Alternative Royal Variety Show" being put on by the Trinity Performing Arts Academy.

We need plenty of people to come to the party in order to create the right atmosphere and so please do not feel that you are too young to come. Remember that some of our guests may not know anyone else and would love to see a friendly face and have a chat. It is part of our Christian service to one another and to senior citizens in our community.

Royal Memorabilia Table

We would be most grateful for any royal memorabilia that we could display during the party but please remember to label your items.

Transporting Party Guests

If more positive replies to the invitations are received we will need more volunteers to transport guests – particularly for homeward journeys. **Jenny Sleeper** should know how many volunteer drivers are needed by 10th April but if you would like to offer transport in the meantime, she would be most grateful.

Raffle Prizes

So far we have only been offered four raffle prizes. Can you help us out with more prizes please?

Party Food

A list for donations will be put in church on the 10th April or you can just speak to **Moira Morgan**.

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.

Help on the Day

Help on the day is always appreciated. Tasks could include taking and labelling the guest's coats, escorting them to a table, making and serving cups of teas, washing and wiping up, serving the guests food and best of all ensuring that everybody has a good time and is relaxed.

If you are able to help in any way, then please speak to one of the party committee members below or email them:

<i>Moira Morgan</i>	<i>Tel: 01923 232618</i>	<i>Email: moiramorgan1957@gmail.com</i>
<i>Lynne Mallows</i>	<i>Tel: 01923 681972</i>	<i>Email: ccwatford@btinternet.com</i>
<i>Jenny Sleeper</i>	<i>Tel: 01923 236847</i>	<i>Email: mickandjenny.sleeper@orange.net</i>
<i>Chris Woodward</i>	<i>Tel: 01923 230592</i>	<i>Email: thewoodwardsuk@me.com</i>
<i>Bob Mackie</i>	<i>Tel: 01923 231320</i>	<i>Email: bobmackie85@yahoo.co.uk</i>

The party committee have their last meeting on 15th April. It would therefore be helpful if you could let them know if you can help in any way before this meeting.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



We started with a Passover style liturgy with Holy Communion, then after the meal there was a prayer vigil followed by Compline.

GOOD FRIDAY

We held a short service outside the Town Hall, in the sunshine, before the Walk of Witness to Watford Town Centre.



Celebrations at St Luke's Church

St Luke's Church is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the opening of our 'new' building this year - yes, 10 years have flown by! God has been good and blessed St Luke's in that time and many community groups have benefited from using the building.

We are having a weekend of community celebration on 16th and 17th April (I apologise for the short notice), to give thanks to God and also to enable as many of the users of our building to join us in the celebration.

Saturday 16th April - 2-5pm Free Community Day

Including bouncy castles, giant Sumo wrestling, face painting, cakes, tea, games and all kinds of activities.

Regular users of the building will also be displaying their talents with music, dancing, lace making, and much more.

Come in fancy dress (costumes to begin with the letter L: example lion, leek, log, Luke) The costumes will be judged at 4.15pm.

The Cake Decorating Competition will be judged at 4.30pm (please bring your labelled pre-decorated cake by 4.00pm).

Refreshments will be served until 4.30pm.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christ Church & St Mark's, Watford
Presents a concert of varied music sung by
Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir
Monday July 18th 2016 at 7.30pm
Christ Church, St Albans Road
Watford WD24 5BD

In aid of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in Tanzania and Christ Church funds.

For regular updates about the centre and the children follow us on facebook.

To make a donation towards the running costs of the centre see our web site <http://www.kwamkono.org.uk>.

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support the charity.



DATES IN APRIL 2016

10th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
10th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion</i> at Christ Church
10th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship</i> at St Mark's
12th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies</i> at Christ Church. We will hear from the magistrate Peter Spencer
13th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
13th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship</i> at Courtland Lodge
15th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Games Night</i> at Christ Church
16th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</i> at Christ Church
16th Sat 7.00 for 7.30pm	<i>Kwa Mkono Quiz</i> at Christ Church. £8 to include "ploughman's". Please bring your own drinks. To include raffle and sale table
17th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church, followed by breakfast
17th Sun	<i>No service</i> at St Mark's
17th Sun 10.00am	<i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting during Morning Prayer</i> at Christ Church
17th Sun 11.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the Annual Meeting and Service at Christ Church. Followed by a "Bring and Share" Lunch
17th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church</i> at Christ Church
18th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
19th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle</i> at St Mark's: The Royal Navy
20th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
22nd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Art Club</i> at Christ Church
22nd Fri 6.00pm	<i>Scout Service Rehearsal</i> at Christ Church
23rd Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
23rd Sat 4.00-8.00pm	<i>Over 60s Spring Party</i> at Christ Church
24th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> at St Mark's
24th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School</i> at Christ Church
24th Sun 1.30pm	<i>St George's Day Scout Service</i> at Christ Church
24th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship</i> at Christ Church
25th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
27th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
27th Wed 7.30pm	<i>Prayer Meeting</i> at 26 Hollytree House

DATES IN MAY 2016

1st Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i> at Christ Church
1st Sun 9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i> at St Mark's
1st Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall</i> after the service at St Mark's
1st Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word</i> at Christ Church
1st Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship</i> in Hollytree House Lounge

DATES IN MAY - contd.

4th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
4th Wed 11.00am	<i>Morning worship at Courtland Lodge</i>
5th Thur	<i>Ascension Day</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>
8th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
8th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
8th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Worship at St Mark's</i>
9th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
10th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church hall</i>
11th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
13th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	<i>Lift Off! Family film night in Christ Church Hunt Hall</i>
14th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
14th Sat 1.45 for 2.00pm start	<i>Lift Off! Garden Opening Day at Christ Church Vicarage, Leggatts Way</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>
16th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
17th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: History of Market Street</i>
18th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
20th Fri 4.30-6.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Games Night at Christ Church</i>
21st Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at Christ Church</i>
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23rd Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3</i>
24th Tue 7.30pm	<i>Prayer Meeting at 26 Hollytree House</i>
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27th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Art Club at Christ Church</i>
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29th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
29th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</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.



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 at the beginning of June, to cover all events in June and July.

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 25th May, 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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