# **Christ Church and St Mark's**

Parish Information Sheet for June and July 2016

#### **CELEBRATING BEGINNINGS**

### <u>Lift off !</u> Community Garden Opening Party

On Saturday 14th May 2016 the Lottery funded garden was officially opened by the Bishop of Hertford and over 100 people came to celebrate with us, including the elected Mayor of Watford, Dorothy Thornhill, and local Councillors Joynes, Khan and Mauthoor.



The day began at 9am for part of the fantastic volunteer team that day, with putting up Gazebos on the vicarage lawn. For the rest of the morning an increasing number of volunteers from Christ Church, St Mark's and St Andrew's gradually put together a wonderful display of everything Claire Locke had prepared for all the activities she runs under Lift Off! in the gazebos. Together with fabulous new banners which have been purchased to advertise all the activities at all the churches. Anne Campbell kept the team going with tea, coffee and biscuits.



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### **Congratulations to Lay Leaders of Worship**

For some years our congregations have benefited from church members who have assisted in leading worship. They bring a different approach, fresh ideas, and importantly on a long Sunday, a fresh voice! From 2014 the Diocese decided to offer training and formal recognition to Lay worship leaders.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated Val Bryce and Chris Long having completed the Diocesan course for Lay Leaders of Worship, receiving their Bronze Award certificates and letters of permission from the Bishop. The training consisted of two full days, followed by preparing and leading two services which were assessed by feedback from the vicar and church members, and writing a reflection on each of the services. We formally commissioned Chris and Val as worship leaders on behalf of our congregations and are delighted to have them with us as part of the worship team.

Lay Leaders of Worship are only allowed to lead worship in the church(es) for which they have the permission of the PCC and the Bishop's approval. They are able to lead Services of the Word without a Reader or Clergy present but may not preach, although they can lead another form of reflection instead.

It may appear easy to lead worship since often all the words seem to be in the service book. In reality it requires careful preparation, especially of any extra material, consideration of the church calendar, a willingness to sacrifice one's own time to worship in order to lead others and attention to voice production. It's far from easy though a real privilege. Please pray for Chris and Val as they continue in this ministry.

**Duncan Campbell** 

Chris and Val would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and encouragement during their training to become Lay



Leaders of Worship. "We both thoroughly enjoyed the training course and thank Duncan for bringing it to our attention. We can truly recommend the course to anyone else who feels they are being called to lead services."

**Lift off! Community Garden Opening Party** 

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The garden was not full of plants in time for the party but nevertheless the garden preparations for the party began the night before with the first Gardening Club and families helped decorate the four raised beds (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and fences with great bright creations they had made at previous Art Clubs and what a wonderful job they did.

The finishing touches were then done alongside the others on the morning of the party.

At 1.45pm our guests started to arrive together with people who attend Lift Off! activities, congregation members from all three churches and local residents. Then at 2pm the Bishop of Hertford, dressed appropriately in green welly boots and carrying his staff of office, addressed the gathering, prayed for its success, cut the ribbon to officially declare it open and very skilfully planted an apple tree. All joined in the celebrations.



Everyone had a really good time, it was wonderful to see so many people come together and show an interest in everything including the garden. It sparked interest from the Rainbows and Brownies for future activities in the garden.

A big thank you to everybody who worked right through till 5pm to finish clearing up after everyone had left.

Since the grand opening we have had the second Gardening Club with eight children planting, weeding and watering after a picnic on the Vicarage lawn. The old brambles in the garden have been cut back and a new fence on Leggatts Way erected - there will be new growth and more blackberries than ever next year. From local residents we have had a compost bin donated, and also the promise of some free labour from Veolia corporate social responsibility team. An outside tap has been fitted to the Vicarage which will help us water without disturbing Duncan and Anne.



So a great way to start the Lift Off! Community Garden. We have had Lift Off, it is a Garden - so now the plan is to get the Community more involved.



For the rest of the afternoon everyone was able to see and enjoy all that happens at the three churches with Lift Off!, look around the garden, hear all about plans for this year and into the future and find out how they can get to be part of it. There was also the chance to sit down and enjoy the lovely weather together with cups of tea, coffee and cold drinks provided by Lynne Mallows and friend Amanda, and a wonderful array of cakes that volunteers had baked for the day.







# KWA MKONO NEWS

# April 2016

# A new administrator at the centre

For some time Fr. Simon has felt that his calling is to do parish work and he has not appeared happy at the centre and found it difficult to advance the work there. In January Bishop Maimbo moved Fr. Simon to Tanga as the area dean and appointed Fr. Noel administrator.

Fr Noel has experience of running projects having worked with World Vision for 25 years. In the picture Fr. Noel is on the left, Nasoro, the carpenter in the centre, and James are in front of the new wall and gates at the front of the centre.

The perimeter of the centre is over 400 metres and although the fence has been repaired over the years in December large parts of it collapsed and it needed to be renewed. We thank Polio Children, the CSP Sisters and Hereford Cathedral as well as a number of small donations from individuals for their help funding the new fences.

This year 4 students are living away from the centre. Adam is a first year student at Hegongo secondary school. Omari is doing a carpentry course; Sauda and

Veronica are studying tailoring, all three are at Sindeni vocational college. We hope they are happy and working hard and we look forward to hearing from them.

The kitchen is in need of improvement and a better way of cooking is required that uses less wood and has a chimney so the ladies are not working in the smoke all the time. Our thanks to Polio Children who are helping us with the funding of this project. The kitchen is being moved away from the side of the mini class (the common room). A new building is being constructed with storerooms for food and a covered cooking area. The stoves we hope to install are Instoves which use just 25% of the wood used by the current fire but can also burn sawdust and some woody vegetable waste if it is pressed into bricks. The stoves are made in America and although we can purchase them the problem is shipping them to Tanzania.

When the centre has moved the kitchen they will be able to enlarge the mini class so all the children can get in both to eat when it is raining and to do homework in the evenings. Here some of the boys are watching Nasoro's men as they finish the foundations and start the block work wall.



Four children have joined the centre two girls: Ester Robert, Penina Mwanyemi Luze and two boys: Benjamin Clement Mhando, Yasin Miraji Mbwana, they will all attend the Kindergarden class that is held in the mini class at the centre until they are used to school life.

It costs just over £1 a day for each child at the centre so with 47 children currently there plus the 4 children we support away from the centre we have to raise £18,000 each year to keep the centre open.

If you are able to sponsor a child or make a donation towards the running costs of the centre go to our web site http://www.kwamkono.org.uk for details of how to donate.





# Over Sixties' Spring Party - 23rd April 2016



What perfect timing for our Over Sixties' Party!

Just two days before the party our Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Not only had she reached this memorable and remarkable milestone but she also became the longest reigning monarch, on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015. And, of course it was St George's Day on the same day as the party. So, we had many reasons to celebrate and it was perfect for our Committee to theme the party in commemoration and it was obvious that a good time was had by all.

Everybody was made to feel like royalty with the Royal crest on their name badges, VIP place settings and their own individual itinerary, with a lovely picture of Her Majesty with two of her corgis. We utilised all the space on these itineraries to inform our guests of our weekly services. The 14<sup>th</sup> Watford (Christchurch) Brownies bedecked our tables with red, white and blue flowers in jewelled crowns, beautifully painted and all made out of papier-maché. The hall and tables were appropriately draped with union jacks and royal memorabilia was on display.



We give thanks to Bob Mackie in his first year as Master of Ceremony. He had an interesting challenge with four demanding women and a busy itinerary. After Bob's welcome to our 35 guests, Sue Pankhurst proceeded to get the party under way by reading the official prayer that was approved and released by the Diocese on behalf of our Queen and we then sang the National Anthem, kindly organised by Maurice Saunders.

The annual quiz focused on multiple choice questions about our Royalty and a picture round of naming individuals on the Royal Family Tree and a "spot the difference" of our Queen. It was lovely watching the interaction between our quests.

The biggest highlight of the event was the 45 minutes of gripping entertainment by the Trinity Performing Arts Academy, who performed their own version of a Royal Variety Show. Forty students, ranging from 3 year olds up to 70 years,

took part. Rebecca Ostman choreographed each of the dance routines with extreme passion and energy, with the assistance of her brother-in-law, Dickie Danger, who compered with fitting historic facts. They really did keep our guests well entertained. Rebecca was recognised for all her hard work by Bob presenting her with a beautiful basket of flowers from the Committee.



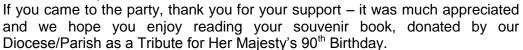




We even sang "Happy Birthday" to Her Majesty, as Moira Morgan had kindly made a delicious crown cake. Joyce Neill our nonagenarian guest, was asked to "cut the cake" – as can be seen in the photo. Joyce's late husband, Alan was a churchwarden at Christ Church some 20 years ago. Joyce now lives in St Albans and so travelled the furthest to be with us.



These parties would not be complete without the refreshments and the most popular and highly sought after trifle and cakes that are kindly donated. The committee members, Jenny Sleeper, Moira Morgan, Chris Woodward, Bob Mackie and Lynne Mallows would like to thank everybody who contributed not least themselves. We would also like to thank our many volunteers, who just turned up on the day to help, our drivers - without whom many of the guests would not have been able to attend the party - and to those who generously donated raffle prizes.





	DATES IN JUNE 2016
1st Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
1st Wed 11.00am	Morning worship at Courtland Lodge
1st Wed 12.40-2.00pm	Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8 together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan
4th Sat 10.00am- 12.00noon	Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church
4th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's
5th Sun 8.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
5th Sun 9.30am	Parish Communion at St Mark's
5th Sun 10.30am	Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's
5th Sun 11.00am	Morning Prayer at Christ Church
5th Sun 4.00pm	Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge
6th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
8th Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
8th Wed 12.40-2.00pm	Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8 together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan
10th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	Lift Off! Family film night in Christ Church Hunt Hall
11th Sat 9.30-11.00am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's
11th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	(No "Join us for a cuppa" today)
12th Sun 9.30am	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at St Mark's in honour of the Queen's official 90th birthday
12th Sun 11.00am	Parish Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church in honour of the Queen's official 90th birthday
12th Sun 11.00am	Sunday School during the service at Christ Church
12th Sun 6.30pm	Evening Worship at St Mark's
13th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
14th Tue	Gather RoundLadies Quiet evening in Radlett: lifts to be arranged
15th Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church
15th Wed 12.40- 2.00pm	Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8 together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan
17th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	Lift Off! Games Night at Christ Church

18th Sat 9.30-11.00am Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at Christ Church

**DATES IN JUNE - contd.** 

18th Sat 2.00-4.00pm Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's

19th Sun 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast

19th Sun 9.30am Parish Communion at St Mark's19th Sun 11.00am Morning Prayer at Christ Church

19th Sun 12.00noon Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church

19th Sun 4.00-6.00pm Messy Church at Christ Church

20th Mon 3.45-4.45pm Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3

21st Tue 2.30pm Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: 60's Music Quiz

22nd Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church

22nd Wed 12.40- Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8

2.00pm together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm.

Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from

Duncan

22nd Wed 7.30pm Prayer Meeting at 26 Hollytree House

24th Fri 4.30-6.00pm Lift Off! Art Club at Christ Church

25th Sat 7.30am *Men's Breakfast* at St Mark's 25th Sat 2.00-4.00pm *Join us for a cuppa* at St Mark's

26th Sun 9.30am *Morning Prayer* at St Mark's

26th Sun 11.00am Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church

26th Sun 6.30pm Evening Worship at Christ Church

27th Mon 3.45-4.45pm Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3

29th Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church

29th Wed 12.40- Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8

together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from

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2.00pm



# Stand up for JUSTICE

This summer, Traidcraft is shouting loud and clear that Justice Matters.

British companies are getting away with things in developing countries which just wouldn't be tolerated here.

Companies get away with these abuses because there is no straightforward way for them to be held to account; there are no prosecutions, no admission of guilt and compensation is rarely paid. This means there is no assurance that the harm won't happen again.

People who have been harmed don't get justice.

People who work for or even just live near the operations of some irresponsible British companies are suffering.

- Livelihoods are destroyed by toxic pollution.
- People are forced out of their homes to make way for new mines or plantations.
- And if anyone questions what is going on, they may find themselves threatened with violence.

#### We wouldn't find this acceptable – so why should they?

This is why Traidcraft has launched the Justice campaign to campaign for all business to be fair. And it's why we're calling for British businesses to be prosecuted if they abuse or harm people abroad. At the moment there is a gap in British law which means that it's almost impossible to do so.

There have been 303 allegations of serious abuse by 127 British companies over the last ten years - but not one prosecution. That needs to change.

This cartoon shows some of the ways people might get justice:

- Complaining to the company
- Bringing a legal case in their own country
- Bringing a case to the English courts

But each of these are fraught with difficulties and leave people in an unwinnable situation.

# What is Traidcraft calling for?

Traidcraft wants the next UK government to:

- Make it possible to bring criminal prosecutions in the UK against British companies that abuse human rights in other countries
- Remove the barriers which stop people from poor communities bringing civil cases in the UK courts
- Ensure that companies can also be held to account effectively outside the court system.



These injustices happen to real people-

**Masuma** worked in the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh, making clothes for the UK high street. The building collapsed in April 2013, killing well over a thousand people.

Masuma was one of the survivors: 'There was so much debris you could barely see. I closed my eyes and started to crawl my way towards the window.' Rana Plaza was not a one-off: hundreds more people have been killed or injured in clothing factories across Bangladesh and other countries in recent years.

**Christian** had set up a fish farm in the mangrove swamps of southern Nigeria. It was flourishing, with ten employees.

But a leak from an oil pipeline owned by a UK company destroyed his business overnight.

'It was beyond my imagination. As the tide came in with the crude oil, it entered and covered all the fish ponds. Everything we had put in just disappeared.' After a six year legal battle, the company has just agreed to pay an out of court settlement, and to clear up the pollution. Now it's time for other companies to be held to account too.

Traidcraft thinks justice matters in business.

So we're aiming to get 25,000 people to sign the Justice Matters petition to send a clear message to the British government that we've had enough of British businesses abusing and exploiting people in developing countries, and getting away with it.

If you agree, add your name to the Justice Matters petition: there is a copy in your church now. Alternatively, see Anne Austin or Rachel Chappell.

## Greetings from South Sudan

Dear Shirley,

Greetings to you and all our friends and St Mark's and Christ Church Parish.

We are fine and Alice is also fine. We thank God because the conflict in South Sudan has reduced. People can now move from one place to another.

My wife and children are still in Juba. It is only my wife who has case of ulcer and she is under medication though she looks tired.

The first phase of the construction of our new Cathedral is over and we have started the second phase now (metallic roofing). According to the engineer, it will take 4 months to finish. Our prayer is to start the third phase which is plastering soon after that. Please continue to pray for us so that we can be able to finish the construction.

Thanks and God bless

Bp Wilson Kamani



### Christ Church & St Mark's, Watford

Presents a concert of varied music sung by

## **Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Christ Church, St Albans Road

Watford WD24 5BD

Tickets (including light refreshments) £7,

concessions £5

from 01923 675173 AND on the door

Occasional evening service at Christ

Church or St Mark's

6.30pm



#### **OUR USUAL PATTERN OF SUNDAY SERVICES**

CHRIST CHURCH		ST MARK'S	
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH		FIRS	T SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	9.30am \	Parish Communion: Common Worship (followed by the Fairtrade stall)
11.00am	Morning Prayer  NO Evening service in the Parish		NO Evening service in the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH		SECO	OND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8.00am	NO service in the Parish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Parish Communion (Common Worship)	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Christ Church or St Mark's
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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH		THIR	D SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) followed by breakfast	9.30am	Parish Communion: Common Worship
11.00am	Morning Prayer (followed by the Fairtrade stall)		NO evening service in the Parish
4.00pm	Messy Church		
(NO other evening service in the Parish)			
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH		FOU	RTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8.00am	NO service in the Parish	9.30am	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Parish Communion (Common Worship)	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at St Mark's or Christ Church
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Church			
FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH		FIFT	H SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8.00am	NO service in the Parish	9.30am	Service of the Word or Common
11.00am	Service of the Word or Common		Worship Communion
	Worship Communion	6.30pm	Occasional evening service at Christ

Church or St Mark's

### **DATES IN JULY 2016**

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2nd Sat 2.00-4.00pm	Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's
4th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
6th Wed 10.00am	Service at Christ Church
6th Wed 12.40-2.00pm	Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Reading Mark 1-8 together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan
8th Fri 4.30-6:30pm	Lift Off! Family film night in Christ Church Hunt Hall
9th Sat 9.30-11.00am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's
9th Sat	(No "Join us for a cuppa" today)
10th Sun 11.00am	Sunday School at Christ Church
11th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
12th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	Gather RoundLadies Picnic: Details to follow
13th Wed 10.00am	Service at Christ Church
13th Wed 11.00am	Morning worship at Courtland Lodge
13th Wed 12.40-2.00pm	Lunch & Bible Study: Who is Jesus? at St Mark's. Final week of reading Mark 1-8 together over 8 weeks. Bread, cheese, soup lunch from 12.45pm. Bible Study starts at 1.15pm. Everyone welcome. More details from Duncan
15th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	Lift Off! Games Night at Christ Church
16th Sat 9.30-11.00am	Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at Christ Church
16th Sat 2.00-4.00pm	Join us for a cuppa at St Mark's
18th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	Lift Off! Explorers at St Marks for children in school years 2 and 3
18th Mon 7.30pm	Concert of varied music sung by Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir at Christ Church. In aid of the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre in Tanzania and church funds
19th Tue 2.30pm	Tuesday Circle at St Mark's: Bumble Bees
20th Wed 10.00am	Service at Christ Church
22nd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	Lift Off! Art Club at Christ Church
23rd Sat 7.30am	Men's Breakfast at St Mark's
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# 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 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 by the beginning of August, 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 20th July, or

Via email to **ccwatford@btinternet.com**, or

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

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