



Christ Church and St Mark's



Parish Information Sheet for February and March 2018



We are running an Alpha Course at Christ Church, beginning from Wednesday January 31st at 7.15 pm. The course will run for eight Wednesday evenings plus a Saturday.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation (© The Alpha Course)

We'll provide a hot meal (including a vegetarian option), there'll be a live speaker or a short DVD, followed by the opportunity to talk about the evening's theme in small groups. We aim to conclude the evenings by 9 pm.

Would you like to come? Then just turn up to any session that you can make (but if you can let us know in advance it will help for catering. Call 07806602093 or email vicarccwatford@gmail.com)

Alpha Course 2018

7.15 pm at Christ Church

- 1 Wed, 31 Jan Session 1 - Is There More to Life than This?
 - 2 Wed, 7 Feb Session 2 - Who is Jesus?
 - 3 Wed, 14 Feb Session 3 - Why Did Jesus Die?
 - 4 Wed, 21 Feb Session 4 - How Can I Have Faith?
 - 5 Wed, 28 Feb Session 5 - Why and How Do I Pray?
 - 6 Wed, 7 Mar Session 6 - Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- W1 Saturday 10th March Away Day *Venue to be arranged. Start time around 10 am*
- Session (a) - Who is the Holy Spirit?
 - Session (b) - What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
 - Session (c) - How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - Session (d) - How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?
- 7 Wed, 14 Mar Session 7 - Does God guide us?
 - 8 Wed, 21 Mar Session 8 - What about the Church?

You can find more information about Alpha at www.htb.org/try-alpha



FLOWER ARRANGING



- *Would you be prepared to organise the flower rota for Christ Church?*
- *Would you be prepared to volunteer to arrange the flowers at Christ Church?*

If so, please either let the parish office know or speak to one of the current flower arrangers. (Names of the flower arrangers appear on a list in the baptistry).

Flowers are only displayed from Easter Sunday through to Remembrance Sunday with the exception of Christmas. You do not need to be an expert or experienced in arranging flowers – just willing. On average an *arranger* is called upon 4 -5 times a year to do the flowers but help is also welcomed at Easter, possibly Harvest and Christmas. If a new volunteer would like to be shown the ropes or shadow an *arranger* then this could be organised. Or perhaps someone would like to volunteer but only for a specified number of times in the year. Even once would be welcomed. It may be that some of you from Gather Round Ladies would like to do an arrangement on the shelf at the back of the church only – to try out all those tips that you have been given by Lorraine? Why not have a go! Your help would be much appreciated.

OVER 60's SPRING PARTY
SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018 – 4-8PM
at Christ Church

By this time, “**Spring will have Sprung**” and to get you into this mood we are in the process of arranging some enjoyable entertainment.

To those people who have been to one of these parties before, we are sure you will agree, that it is always a good afternoon with plenty of food, a quiz, raffle, entertainment and most importantly an opportunity for you to meet other people and socialise. Transport will also be provided, if necessary, by willing volunteers.



Your Invitation:

If you have **not** received an invitation in the past and would like to, please complete the tear off slip below and return to: Lynne Mallows, Parish Administrator, St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, Watford, Herts. WD24 5NQ, before the **11th March**. If you would feel more comfortable if you could bring a friend, please include their name on the slip.

An official invitation will be sent to you **from the 11th March onwards**, explaining all the details. **Please RSVP by the 8th April.**

I would like to receive an Invitation to the Over 60's Party:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:Tel. No:

NB: If you would like to bring a friend please supply details:

Name:

Address:

Postcode:Tel. No:

Return to: Parish Office, St Mark's, Leggatts Way, Watford, Herts. WD24 5NQ

Information for Volunteers (only):

It goes without saying that these events do not just happen without the help of volunteers.

Distribution of Invitations:

The invitations for guests to be invited to this event will be in both Churches on the **11th March 2018**. It will be much appreciated if willing volunteers could assist with the distribution of these invites (should this be necessary).

Transport:

Without transport, many of our guests would be unable to come to the party.

If you can be a driver, to bring guests to the church hall by 4pm and to take them home again from approximately 8.00pm, this would be much appreciated. If you can only manage one of the journeys, then that would be helpful too.

Please let Lynne Mallows know if you can assist on ccwatford@btinternet.com or 07890 962116.

Raffle Prizes:

If you can oblige with any unwanted gifts, toiletries, stationery items, chocolates or food items with a long shelf life, etc. Remember, some of the guests will be gentlemen! Please either bring them on the day or hand in to the Parish Office, by contacting Lynne in advance on **07890 962116**.

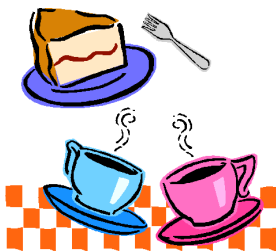
Party Food:

So that we can ensure that there is a good assortment of homemade or bought cakes, and of course enough infamous trifles, a list will be available in both Christ Church and St Mark's Church nearer the party date with a request for volunteers to donate if possible. (A notification will appear on the weekly notice sheet).

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, please contact Lynne to make alternative arrangements on **07890 962116**.

Please look out for up-dates on the Weekly Notice Sheet.

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 February
and
Saturday 3rd March.**

All Welcome.



HOSTS NEEDED!!

Would you like to earn some extra income?

Do you have a spare room?¶

Can you provide a welcoming stay to an international student during some weekends or half-term holidays?¶

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CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL LORRAINE ¶

07713 179397 ¶

COMPASSCE2@YAHOO.CO.UK ¶

DATES IN FEBRUARY 2018

2nd Fri 2.00-3.30pm	<i>Women's World Day of Prayer Bible Study</i> in the Kelsey hall at Christ Church. All welcome
2nd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
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 Tues 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots</i> at St Mark's
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 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> at Christ Church, with a hot meal. Session 2 - Who is Jesus?
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 9.30-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Andrew's
13th Tues 9.30-2.30pm	<i>Lift Off! Holiday Club</i> at St Andrew's
13th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies</i> in Christ Church : "Dementia Friends"
14th Wed	Ash Wednesday
14th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
14th Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> at Christ Church, with a hot meal. 3 - Why Did Jesus Die?
16th Fri	<i>Choir Practice</i> at Christ Church
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
18th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church</i> at Christ Church
19th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers</i> at St Mark's
20th Tues 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: Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
21st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)</i> at Christ Church
21st Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> at Christ Church, with a hot meal. 4 - How Can I Have Faith?
23rd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite</i> at St Mark's
23rd Fri	<i>Choir Practice</i> at Christ Church
24th Sat 7.30am	<i>Men's Breakfast</i> at St Mark's
24th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast</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 Tues 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 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Garden Club</i> at Christ Church Vicarage
28th Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course</i> at Christ Church with a hot meal. 5 Why and How Do I Pray?



DATES FOR MARCH 2018

2nd Fri 2.00pm	<i>Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Christ Church</i>	16th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
2nd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>	16th Fri	<i>Choir Practice at Christ Church</i>
3rd Sat 10.00am-12.00noon	<i>Coffee, Tea & Cakes in Christ Church</i>	18th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church, followed by breakfast</i>
4th Sun 8.00am	<i>Holy Communion at Christ Church</i>	18th Sun 9.30am	<i>Parish Communion at St Mark's</i>
4th Sun 9.30am	<i>Service of the Word with Holy Communion at St Mark's</i>	18th Sun 11.00am	<i>Morning Prayer at Christ Church</i>
4th Sun 10.30am	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at St Mark's</i>	18th Sun 12.00noon	<i>Fairtrade Stall after the service at Christ Church</i>
4th Sun 11.00am	<i>Service of the Word at Christ Church</i>	18th Sun 4.00-6.00pm	<i>Messy Church at Christ Church</i>
4th Sun 4.00pm	<i>Afternoon worship in Hollytree House Lounge</i>	19th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
5th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>	20th Tues 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
6th Tues 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>	20th Tue 2.30pm	<i>Tuesday Circle at St Mark's</i>
7th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>	21st Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
7th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Garden Club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>	21st Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Garden Club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
7th Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course at Christ Church, with a hot meal. Session 6 - Why and How Should I Read the Bible?</i>	21st Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course at Christ Church, with a hot meal. Session 8 - What about the Church?</i>
9th Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>	23rd Fri 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Ignite at St Mark's</i>
10th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>	23rd Fri	<i>Choir Practice at Christ Church</i>
10th Sat 10.00am-ish	<i>Alpha Course Away Day Venue to be arranged</i>	24th Sat 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Breakfast at St Mark's</i>
11th Sun	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	25th Sun	<i>The clocks go forward</i>
11th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>	25th Sun	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
11th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>	25th Sun 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer at St Mark's</i>
11th Sun 6.30pm	<i>Evening Prayer at St Mark's</i>	25th Sun 11.00am	<i>Parish Communion and Sunday School at Christ Church</i>
12th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>	26th Mon 3.45-4.45pm	<i>Lift Off! Explorers at St Mark's</i>
13th Tue 7.45 for 8.00pm start	<i>Gather Round ...Ladies in Christ Church</i>	27th Tues 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>
13th Tues 9.30-11.00am	<i>Lift Off! Messy Tots at St Mark's</i>	28th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>
14th Wed 10.00am	<i>Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Christ Church</i>	28th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Garden Club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>
14th Wed 4.30-6.00pm	<i>Lift Off! Family Garden Club at Christ Church Vicarage</i>	29th Thur	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
14th Wed 7.15pm	<i>Alpha Course at Christ Church, with a hot meal. Session 7 - Does God Guide Us?</i>	29th Thur 7.30pm	<i>Maundy Thursday Passover style Meal with Communion at Christ Church. (Children very welcome)</i>
		30th Fri	<i>Good Friday</i>
		30th Fri	<i>Good Friday Walk of Witness</i>
		30th Fri 2.00pm	<i>Good Friday at Christ Church</i>
		31st Sat 9.30am	<i>Church decoration for Easter. Help needed please</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.



2018 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 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 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 via email to ccwatford@btinternet.com by 15th March.

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