

Welcome!



*Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waves;
they ceased, and there was a calm.
He said to them, "Where is your faith?"
(Luke 8:24-25)*

- we have a box for food contributions to Watford Foodbank at the back of church
- there is a book on the table at the back of church where you can enter names of people to remember in our prayers
- there is coffee in the hall after the service – please stay!
- there is a hearing aid loop system operating



Readings

To review today's readings: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25
Luke 8:22-25

This week's AllSorts passage: Genesis 25, 27, 32, 33

To prepare for next week: Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-43a

In our prayers, let us remember:

The family and friends of Doreen Stringer, who died on Friday. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 13th March at 2:40pm at West Herts Crematorium.

Tom Samuels, in hospital following a stroke.

Rev'd Guy Edwards and the parish of St James' Bushey.

Margaret Lewin's Mum and Dad - Grace and Cedric Whiteman.

Invitation to VisitMyMosque Day

Watford Interfaith Association has received this invitation, which Councillor Khan says all are welcome to attend, but please let him know you are coming if you do wish to go along:

VisitMyMosque Day is on Sunday 3rd March 2019 from 12:15 to 14:30 at North Watford Jamia Mosque.

Our mosque is taking part in the national #VisitMyMosque initiative and in the spirit of friendship and conversation we hope to give members of the local community an engaging insight into the life of the mosque and to promote greater understanding of Islam. We anticipate welcoming local people from all walks of life to visit the mosque and meet with its diverse Muslim congregation.

We would be honoured to have your presence on the day between 12:15-14:30. In particular, if you are able to arrive by 12:30pm we would like to invite you to observe the midday prayer followed by light refreshments and a tour of the building.

Please contact me by telephone or email to confirm your attendance or for further information.

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World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March

This year this will be held at All Saints', Horseshoe Lane, Leavesden at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

Open House

Please invite people to our next Open House: 12-3 on Sat 2nd March.

News from Traidcraft

Traidcraft, as an ethical business, pays its suppliers up front, and when the pound fell after the Brexit referendum their finances were adversely affected. In addition, they did their best to honour their published prices. These two factors were major contributors to a decision to cease trading at the end of 2018 and to make their 67 staff redundant.

Their charity arm, Traidcraft Exchange, is a separate organisation which is continuing its work with producers and lobbying and campaigning to fight injustice in trade.

Traidcraft has since adopted a plan for the future with 12 employees. It will maximise the profitable parts of the business, phase out loss-making lines, create a membership culture and set a new high bar for ethical trading in the UK.

CEO Robin Roth writes:

The last few months have been some of the hardest in our history. Facing up to the fact that the old way of conducting business simply wasn't working any longer was tough.

Fair trade has been the most monumental success, far beyond the dreams of the pioneers who started things off back in the 1970s.

Looking forward I feel genuine excitement. We are leaner and nimbler, and we share enormous passion about what we do.

Our major immediate concerns are:

- Economic turbulence following Brexit.
- Climate change, which is having a significant, occasionally existential, impact on our producer friends.
- Promoting the health of the soil in organic and environmentally friendly ways.

We have enough to be getting on with, and we want to make sure that our partners have enough too. I hope you will continue to support us on this mission.

Ash Wednesday

We will have a special Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service at 7:30pm on 6th March.

Lent courses

Please see the leaflet containing details of Lent courses at churches across Watford, including our own. Be ecumenical! Or stay with your home church. Or both ...

Big Brew

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and 40 years of the Traidcraft family by coming to BIG BREW on Saturday, 9th March from 3pm to 4:30pm in the church hall.

Tea, delicious home-made cakes and good company.

What's not to like?!

Profits will go to Traidcraft Exchange.



This week

Today, 24th February - The 2nd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

8:00pm OneHour prayer - meeting at Woodside Community Church, The Brow, WD25 7NY

Friday, 1st March - 'Bible Perspectives' meet at 7:00pm

Saturday, 2nd March - Open House, 12 noon - 3pm

Next Sunday, 3rd March - The Sunday next before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

8:00pm OneHour prayer

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