



Sunday 19th May 2024
Pentecost Sunday/ Partners in Mission Sunday



8:30am **Prayer meeting** On Zoom

10:30am

Family Communion

Mission Partners Sharing

In the Church

Readings: Acts 1:4-9 and 2:1-13

Leading and Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Presiding: Rev Michael Norman

5:30pm

Encounter with Anointing

Healing: Life in the Spirit Part 2

Can these dry bones live?

In the Church

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Acts 2:29-41

Leading: Tolu George (Ordinand)

Preaching: Dave Clarke (Reader)

For your Information:

✎ If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome. Please email your details to office@stlukeswatford.org and we will email back a welcome form for you to complete.

✎ St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161

✎ Weekly updates by email. Please send your email details to the Church Office at office@stlukeswatford.org if you would like to receive them.

✎ Church Website: www.stlukeswatford.org

✎ Find us on Facebook or Instagram

Coming Up This Week

Monday 20th

10am-12 noon **Knitting Club** in the Lounge

Tuesday 21st

10am **Holy Communion**

6:15-7:30 **Urban Saints** (School Years 3-6) off-site

7pm **FOCUS prayer** in the Chapel

7:45-9pm **K2 Youth** (school years 8-10) off-site

8pm **PCC meeting** in the Lounge

Wednesday 22nd

8pm **Cassiobury and Nearby Community Choir** in the Church

Thursday 23rd

9:30-11am **Toddlers** in the Hall

6:15-7:30pm **Base Youth** (school years 7-9) in the Hall

7:30pm **Alpha Course week 5** in the Lounge

Friday 24th

10-11am **Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

Sunday 26th

8:30am **Trinity Sunday**
Pre-Service Prayer meeting on Zoom

10:30am **Morning Worship** in Church

5:30pm **Encounter** in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Church News/ Get involved

Interested in volunteering at St Luke's? There are some leaflets out at the back of church about different ways you could offer some time to support our work and our building. Volunteers of all abilities and ages accepted, relevant training will be provided. Talk to the office or a church warden if you would like to help. Regular or ad-hoc volunteering both help!

Rota Volunteers: For those who attend the Encounter Service, there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to read at this service for the next couple of months. Please do sign up to do a reading. Readings are usually sent out by email on Fridays so you have time to read them through before the service. Large print is an option.

Big Help Out: There is a Big Help Out weekend on the 7-9th June. St Luke's will be having a Help Out day on the **8th June 9am-2pm**. Please drop in for a bit to help us keep our church and grounds clean and tidy.

Church Magazine: The next magazine deadline is Wednesday **22nd May**. Please offer submissions (max 450 words) to office@stlukeswatford.org. Past events, upcoming events and points of interest all welcome.

Fairtrade Rep: St Luke's is looking for a new Fairtrade representative as our status as a Fairtrade Church has lapsed – information available from the office.

YMCA Volunteering: The YMCA are looking for volunteers to help with decorating and raising funds to improve their residents' communal area. Please see the poster on the Working Together board or ask Paul R for details.

Big Parenting Questions Event: As our children approach adolescence, it can be a minefield to try and negotiate the everchanging landscape of their lives as they want more independence and are beginning to ask complex questions that can leave us, as parents, feeling bewildered.

Big Parenting Questions is a brand-new event from Care for the Family designed to offer mums, dads and carers hope through this transitional time in a child's life. It's packed with practical advice and strategies to help parents feel better equipped to come alongside their child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

At St Luke's on the **19th June 7:30pm** – see posters/ flyers for how to get tickets.

St Andrew's Literature Festival: St Andrew's bookshop in Great Missenden is hosting a literature festival on the **21st-22nd June**. They have assembled a fantastic line-up of speakers including Andy Bannister, Andrew Ollerton, Paula Gooder, Claud Jackson, Simon Guillebaud, Patrick Regan and many more! See <https://stalifest.co.uk/> for details or to buy tickets.

Holiday Club is fully booked! If you are still interested in signing your child up then please email Lydia (children@stlukeswatford.org) to add your child to the waiting list.

We need volunteers to help with Holiday Club – working with groups, helping with art projects, catering or any support you can offer. Volunteers will need to have a DBS registered with St Luke's and to have done the Church of England Safeguarding Training within the last 3 years (it takes about 2 hours and can be done online). All volunteers welcome, for one day or for the whole week, or anything in between! Contact Lydia (children@stlukeswatford.org) to offer help.

We may be asking for help with preparing resources or collecting supplies before August as well – keep an eye out!

Partnership Fund Appeal: Our Partnership Fund appeal is ongoing (please see the appeal flyers for details). We will be closing this appeal after next Sunday (26th)

Prayer

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Suggestions for prayer this week

Let us pray for the world, for the church, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Let us encourage one another to go deeper into prayer and to persevere.

Immediate needs: Floods; Sudan; Peace in Israel and Gaza; Sudan; Ukraine; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

St Luke's Outreach: Our mission partners (see the coloured sheets)

World Watch List: Christians in Mali (*world's 14th highest area of religious persecution*)

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St Peter's, Watford and Soul Survivor, Watford.

Those with on-going needs.

St Luke's family in need.

Our wider family and friends in need.

Those in mourning.

Giving Thanks: answers to prayer this week.

Please update the office regarding any prayer needs or answered prayer.
This week's prayer list is a **red** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.