



Sunday 12th May 2024
Sunday after the Ascension



8am

Holy Communion

In the Chapel

Presiding: Rev Michael Norman

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

10:30am

Morning Service/ APCM

Jesus at the heart of all we do

In the Church and Online

Readings: Exodus 40:17-19, 34-38; Psalm 34:1-10; Luke 5:27-32

Leading and Preaching: Rev Michael Norman

5:30pm

Encounter with Anointing

Healing: Life in the Spirit Part 1

In the Church

Readings: Luke 6:42-48; Matthew 4:23-25; James 5:13-16

Leading: Rev Michael Norman

Preaching: Pam Norman (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 13th

7-9pm

Creative Space

Tuesday 14th

10am

Holy Communion

6:15-7:30

Urban Saints (School Years 3-6) in the Hall

7:45-9pm

K2 Youth (school years 8-10) in the Hall

8pm

FOCUS prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday 15th

8.30am

Staff meeting

8pm

Cassiobury and Nearby Community Choir in the Church

Thursday 16th

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 4 in the Lounge

Friday 17th

10-11am

Hour of Prayer in the Chapel

Saturday 18th

8:30-10am

Breakfast Club in the Hall

10am-3pm

Alpha AwayDay (off-site)

Sunday 19th

8:30am

Pentecost Sunday with Mission Partners Update

10:30am

Pre-Service Prayer meeting on Zoom

5:30pm

Family Communion in Church

Encounter in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Church News/ Get involved

Recital: No recital this Sunday, next recital is on the 9th June at 3pm.

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.

Mission Sunday: On **Sunday 19th**, we are having an update from our mission partners. Due to the sensitive nature of the information they are sharing, this service will not be available online.

Summer Alpha: Our Summer Alpha course continues on Thursday evenings. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone you could invite or bring along.

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.

Christian Aid week is this week, **12th to 18th May**, and volunteers are needed to deliver and collect envelopes from the Cassiobury Estate. Sign up on the list of streets which is in the Gathering Area. See Pamela W for details.

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.

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).

Prayer

Collect

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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; Peace in Israel and Gaza; Sudan; Ukraine; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

St Luke's Outreach: the Alpha Course, our Mission Partners (see the coloured prayer lists).

World Watch List: Christians in Saudi Arabia (*world's 13th 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 **purple** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.