



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**  
**First Sunday after Trinity**



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

10:30am

**Morning Communion**

*Discipleship: The Word of God (part 2)*

In the Church

**Readings:** Psalm 119:97-105 and 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

**Leading:** Michael Norman (Vicar)

**Speaking:** Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

5:30pm

**Encounter**

*The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: Slowing Down*

In the Church

**Readings:**

**Leading:** Michael Norman

**Preaching:** Wendy Somerville (Reader)

**For your Information:**

✎ **If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome.** Please email your details to [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org) if you would like to receive them.

✎ **Church Website:** [www.stlukeswatford.org](http://www.stlukeswatford.org)

✎ **Find us on Facebook or Instagram**

## **Coming Up This Week**

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:30am

**Funeral of Richard Greenhill**

12 noon

**Funeral of David Potts**

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

10am

**Holy Communion** in Church

6:15-7:30pm

**Urban Saints** in the Hall

8pm

**FOCUS prayer** on Zoom

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

9am-3pm

**Cassiobury Juniors Year 6** visiting the Church

8pm

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

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:30-11am

**Toddlers** in the Hall

7:30pm

**Alpha Course Week 6** in the Lounge

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

9am-2pm

**The Big Help Out**

10am-11:30am

**Creative Space** in the Upper Hall – bring and share your craft

7:30pm

**Men's Fellowship Skittles Evening** – see notice

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am

**Second Sunday after Trinity**

10:30am

**Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

5:30pm

**Morning Worship** in Church

**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!

**Magazine:** There is a new church magazine out this weekend, please do take one or look it up online. Thanks to Yvonne for all her hard work putting it together!

**News:** Beth has been offered a new position and sadly will be leaving us. Please pray for her in her new role and for the Exec as we advertise and recruit a new administrator. Please also be praying for the right person to come forward.

**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.

**Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy** has its AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

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

**Men's Fellowship:** there will be a skittles evening on the 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm. Please contact Bill Miller if interested.

**Recitals** Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 3pm, Amy Naddermeier (Flute) will be performing Vivaldi and other works for our afternoon recital at St Luke's. And Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2.30pm Winnie Bethel (Piano) & Garfield Jackson (Viola) will be performing Bach, Schumann & Brahms St Luke's.

**CAMEO** All are welcome to the next meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 for 7.30. The speaker will be Gerard Casale from WATER AID. We will meet in the upper hall and the lift will be available for any who might wish to avoid the stairs. For further information see Pam and Jos.

**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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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 **21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 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://stalitfest.co.uk/> for details or to buy tickets.

**Tolu is being ordained** at St Albans Cathedral on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Please pray for her and for the family as she prepares for the next stage in her training. All are welcome to join the service.

**Holiday Club** is fully booked! If you are still interested in signing your child up then please email Lydia ([children@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## Prayer

### Collect

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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:** in particular, funerals and school visits this week

**World Watch List:** Christians in Iraq (*world's 16<sup>th</sup> highest area of religious persecution*)

**Deanery Cycle of Prayer:** St Lawrence's and the Church of the Ascension, Abbots Langley; Watford Foodbank

**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 **peach** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.