



Sunday 16th June 2024
Third Sunday after Trinity



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

10:30am

Morning Worship

Lego Church

In the Church

Readings: Luke 11:1-13, Ephesians 3:14-21

Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director)

Speaking: Lydia Davies (Children and Families Team Lead)

5:30pm

Encounter with Holy Communion

Ephesians

In the Church

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Leading: Rev Michael Norman

Preaching: Simon Trundle (Reader-in-Training)

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

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Coming Up This Week

Monday 17th

1pm **Pastoral Care Meeting**
2pm **Knitting Club**

Tuesday 18th

10am **Holy Communion** in Church
6:15-7:30pm **Urban Saints** in the Hall
8pm **FOCUS prayer** on zoom

Wednesday 19th

8:30am **Staff Meeting**
8pm **Cassiobury and Nearby Community Choir** in the Upper Hall

Thursday 20th

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

Friday 21st

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

Sunday 23rd

8:30am **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
Pre-Service Prayer meeting on Zoom
10:30am **Family Communion** in Church
5:30pm **Encounter** in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Readings for 10:30am

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Church News/ Get involved

Celebrations: Happy birthday this week to Margaret H and to Mitch! Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

Sermon Series change: the Encounter services will be working through the book of Ephesians rather than the previously advertised study.

Administrator Role: As you may know, Beth is leaving us soon. Details of the job advert for her position will be available from the office from Wednesday 19th.

Big Parenting Questions Event: this event has had to be cancelled – please contact the ticket office for refunds if you haven't already been contacted by them.

Magazine: Copies of our latest magazine are available in the gathering area or you can look it up online. Thanks to Yvonne for all her hard work.

Recitals: on Sat 22nd June 2.30pm Winnie Bethel (Piano) & Garfield Jackson (Viola) will be performing Bach, Schumann & Brahms.

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 volunteers meeting: Monday 24th June, 8pm in the Lounge. Please do come along.

Tolu is being ordained at St Albans Cathedral on the 30th 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. Our Encounter service that day will be a welcoming event rather than a service.

Men's Wine Tasting in the Vicarage Garden on the 5th July. Talk to Michael if interested. Wines mostly from the Dordogne area. Donations towards costs.

CANCC Concert on the 13th July at 5pm – please put this date in your diary.

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. All volunteers welcome! Contact Lydia (children@stlukeswatford.org).

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

Prayer

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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; Ukraine; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

St Luke's Outreach: in particular, our pastoral care to each other and our witness through that.

World Watch List: Christians in the Maldives (*world's 18th 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.

Please update the office regarding any prayer needs or answered prayer.

This week's prayer list is a **green** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.