



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**



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

10:30am

**Family Communion**

*The Cost of Discipleship (Part 1)*

In the Church and online

**Readings:** Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-35

**Leading:** Simon Trundle (Reader-in Training)

**Speaking:** Pam Norman (Reader)

**Presiding:** Rev Michael Norman

5:30pm

**Encounter**

*Ephesians – What's so Amazing about Grace?*

In the Church

**Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10, Luke 18:8-14

**Leading:** Jeremy Hogarth (Lay Leader)

**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](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)

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## **Coming Up This Week**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

8pm

**Holiday Club Meeting** in the Lounge

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

10am

**Holy Communion** in the Chapel

10:30am-12noon

**School Visit** in Church

6:15-7:30pm

**Urban Saints** in the Hall

8pm

**FOCUS prayer** on zoom

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am

**Staff Meeting**

8pm

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

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:30-11am

**Toddlers** in the Hall

6:15-7:30pm

**Base Youth Group (Years 7-9)** in the Hall

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

2:30pm

**Friday Club** in the Church

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-10am

**Breakfast Club**

2:30pm

**Winnie Wu recital** – all welcome

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**Family Communion** in Church

5:30pm

**Welcoming Tolu and Family** in Church (see notice)

## **Other events happening through the week organised by external groups**

### **Luke 9:57-62**

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

### **Luke 14:25-35**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against

him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## **Church News/ Get involved**

**Goodbye from Beth:** Thank you all for being so wonderful to work with! I will be thinking of you and praying for you.

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

**Administrator Role:** Details of the job advert for the Administrator position are available on the church website.

**Christian Aid update:** A big thank you to all the collectors and helpers of Christian Aid this year. The grand total was £821.33 sent to Christian Aid. This does not include any bank transfers that members of the congregation have made but does include all cash/cheque donations handed in from the congregation. Special thanks to Jean R for helping with counting. Pamela W.

**Holiday Club volunteers meeting:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm in the Lounge. Please do come along.

**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. Our Encounter service that day will be a welcoming event rather than a service.

**Funeral for Francis Goode:** There will be a thanksgiving service for his life on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:45pm at St Luke's with refreshments after the service. All who knew him are welcome to come.

**Men's Wine Tasting** in the Vicarage Garden on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Talk to Michael if interested. Wines mostly from the Dordogne area. Donations towards costs will be welcome.

**CANCC Concert** on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm – please put this date in your diary.

**All-age Parade Service:** we are having an end-of-term parade service followed by a barbecue on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, to wish Jeremy well on his last Sunday with us. Please do come to the service and the barbecue – if you are likely to be coming and have specific dietary needs, please let us know so we can be sure to cater for you.

**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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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 plans for the holiday club and the visit from Merchant Taylor's school

**World Watch List:** Christians in China (*world's 19<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 **blue** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.