



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8:30am **Prayer meeting** on Zoom  
10:30am

**Morning Worship and Baptism**

in the Church and online

***Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ***

**Reading:** Ephesians 5: 21 – 6: 9

**Leading:** Pam Norman (Reader)

**Speaking:** Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

**Evening Encounter Service and Holy Communion**

***The Supremacy of Jesus in All Things***

**Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-14

**Leading:** Michael Norman (Vicar)

**Speaking:** Dave Clarke (Reader)



✉ 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

### **Tuesday 3rd**

10am

**Holy Communion** in Church

8pm

**FOCUS prayer** on Zoom

### **Wednesday 4th**

8.30am

**Staff Meeting**

### **Friday 6th**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Saturday 7th**

**Fire Awareness Staff Training** 9-12 upstairs

### **Sunday 8th**

8:00am

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Holy Communion** in the chapel

8:30am

**Pre-service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**All age worship** in Church

3pm

**Recital: Christina Birchall-Sampson**

5.30pm

**Encounter – Hebrews 2**

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

### **Ephesians 5: 21 - p.1213**

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing<sup>[b]</sup> her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup> “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Fathers,<sup>[b]</sup> do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. <sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, <sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. <sup>9</sup> And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.

# Church News / Get involved

**Prayer ministry:** Please come along and pray for the evening Encounter service at 16:50 this afternoon if you are able.

**Office:** Please note that the church office is not open on Tuesdays.

**Coffee rota:** We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers for the important coffee serving ministry to start as soon as possible and join the team which needs expansion.

**Children's Work:** Volunteers needed. We wish Lydia well as she moves to Sheffield this week. However, we are now needing more volunteers to help our children's groups to continue - particularly on Tuesdays at 5.30pm. We would love to continue Saturday Breakfast Club but at the moment we are unable to do so regularly because of the lack volunteers.

**Can you help at Rainbows?** 12<sup>th</sup> Watford Rainbows is held at St Luke's on Tuesdays between 5:15-6:15pm and may have to close in December if they don't find more helpers. If you think you'd like to get involved please speak to Catherine or submit the enquiry form through <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/> stating your interest to support 12<sup>th</sup> Watford Rainbows. We really hope that the unit doesn't close and appreciate your prayerful support for this.

**Interested in writing Bible drama?** Please see Pam N who is planning a workshop in the Autumn.

**Plays at Watersmeet:** Sunday 8th Sept. The story of Eric Liddell at 3.30pm followed by Titanic at 6pm. Each is just over an hour long and can be booked separately or together. The timings are such that people can go and have a snack or meal in between if they wish to see both. Flyers available.

**Focus Prayer meetings:** The next in-person prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 10th September at 8pm.

**Recital:** There will be a recital at 3pm next Sunday afternoon September 8th at St Luke's Church. Followed by light refreshments. Christina Birchall-Sampson will be performing. Entry free with donations welcome.

**Funeral:** Neal Wilkinson's funeral will be held at 11:30 am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome to attend. For details of the funeral tea and to RSVP please email the church office. Black attire is not mandatory. No flowers but donations to Watford Mencap gratefully received via the following site [www.lintr.ee/nealwilkinson](http://www.lintr.ee/nealwilkinson)

# Prayer:



## **Collect**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **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.*

**World events:** For ceasefire negotiations in Gaza and Lebanon. For peace in Ukraine. For the US elections. For the threat posed by the spread of Mpox.

**World Watch List:** Christians in **Nicaragua** (*world's 30<sup>th</sup> highest area of religious persecution*)

**Deanery Cycle of Prayer:** Oxhey: All Saints; Oxhey: St Matthew

**Those with on-going needs.**

**St Luke's family in need.**

**Our wider family and friends in need.**

**Those in mourning:** friends and family of Neal W, Mike T and Nathan D and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

**Giving Thanks.**

The next prayer list is **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.