



## Sunday 22nd September 2024 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

**10:30am**

### **Morning Service**

in the Church and online

#### ***Delight in the law of the Lord***

**Readings:** Psalm 1 (p. 543); Psalm 111 (p.614); Matthew 6: 5-15 (p.970)

**Leading:** Revd. Tolu George (Curate)

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

**5:30pm**

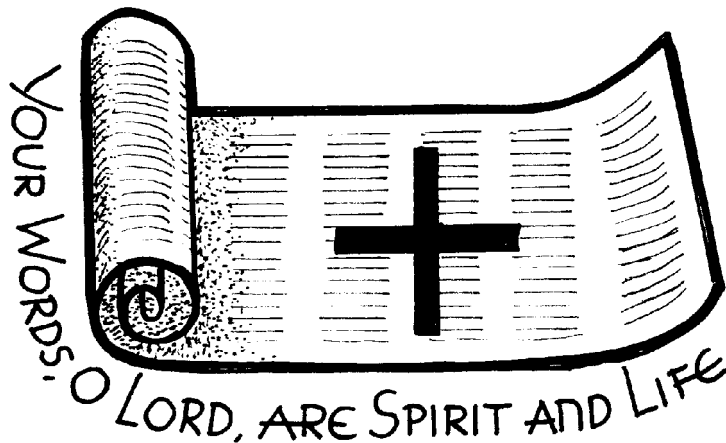
### **Evening Encounter Service**

#### ***Entering into God's Rest***

**Reading:** Hebrews 4 (p.1203-1204)

**Leading:** Revd. Michael Norman (Vicar)

**Speaking:** Pam Norman (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.

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## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 24th

10am **Holy Communion** in Church  
5:30pm **Kids Club** (Urban Saints) in church hall  
7.45pm – 9pm **Youth Club Yrs 9-10** church hall  
8pm **Focus prayer meeting** - zoom

### Wednesday 25th

8.30am **Staff Meeting** in vestry

### Thursday 26th

9:30am **Toddlers** in church hall  
6:15pm – 7:30pm **Youth Club Yrs 7-8** church hall  
7:30pm **BETA group** in chapel

### Friday 27th

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

### Saturday 28th

8:30am to 10:00am **Breakfast Club**

### Sunday 29th

8:30am **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**Pre-service Prayer meeting** on Zoom  
10:30am **Morning Worship** in Church  
5.30pm **Encounter with Holy Communion – Hebrews 4**

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

**Psalm 1:1-6 (page 543)** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Psalm 111:10 (page 614)** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

**Matthew 6:5-15 (page 970)** “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray: “ 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## **Get Involved/Other News**

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Penny A on Friday and Shell H for Saturday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

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

**First Aid Certification** We have 3 places left for the First Aid course on Saturday 26th October from 9.00-3.00 in upper hall and youth lounge. Anyone interested in supporting the church through this important training please speak to Susan M.

**Children's Work:** With thanks to those who have come forward. More volunteers are needed in this important work of the church and particularly on Tuesdays at 5.30pm.

**Saturday Breakfast Club** We are looking for people interested in this important outreach opportunity to local families. If you are interested in serving here please have a word with Tolu or Susan.

**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'd like to get involved please speak to Catherine and 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 appreciate your prayerful support for this.

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

**Can Community Choir** We welcome new members to join us in singing together. We meet on Wednesdays at 8pm in the church.

**Harvest Festival** is an all-age service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am. There will be a uniform parade and a harvest play. There will be a collection of tins and dried food for the Food Bank and New Hope Trust. Watford Foodbank currently gives out about 700 food parcels to clients in need every month. Due to the cost-of-living crisis however, donations from the public are declining at the same time as demands are rising, so we are having to purchase about 50% of the food we give out each month.

**Creative Space** kicks off on 19<sup>th</sup> October with a practical workshop on memory stone painting and banner making. 10am -11.30am. Contact Pam on 01923 242208 or [pamstlukes@gmail.com](mailto:pamstlukes@gmail.com) to book a place.

**Big Parenting Questions:** You are invited to the event at St Luke's - 7.30pm to 10.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Places can be booked for £6 @ [cff.org.uk/bigparenting](http://cff.org.uk/bigparenting)

**Live at St Luke's** on 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm – 9.15pm for secondary age pupils. This is a free live gig featuring local youth bands. This is a great event for young people to invite school friends to attend.

**Tearfund Big Quiz Night** Looking ahead please save the date – 16<sup>th</sup> November - and prepare your team of 8 for a 7pm start.

# Prayer:



## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.*

**World events:** For ceasefire negotiations in Gaza and Lebanon. For peace in Ukraine. For the US elections. For the success of vaccination programme halting spread of Mpox.

**World Watch List:** Christians in **Tunisia** (*world's 33rd highest area of religious persecution*)

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

**Those with on-going needs:** Barbara T, Pat W, Janine (Gill Es' sister), Valerie W

**St Luke's family in need:** Veronica C, Val and Ron H, Mark H, Elizabeth S, Maeve K, Gill E, and others we know.

**Our wider family and friends in need:** Andrew C's twin Tony, Stephen R and others we know and love.

**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:** We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week.

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