



Sunday 29th September 2024

10:30am

Family Communion with Baptism of Anabella B-H

in the Church and online

How Do You Know Me

Readings: Psalm 139 1- 16 (page 628); John 1: 43 -51 (page 1064)

Leading: Revd. Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

5:30pm

Encounter Service

Christlike Obedience

Reading: Hebrews 5 (page 1204)

Leading: Revd. Tolu George (Curate)

Speaking: Revd. Tolu George



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.

Church Office not open on Tuesdays.

Please send your email details to the Church Office

if you would like to receive them at office@stlukeswatford.org **Church Website:** www.stlukeswatford.org

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1st

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 2nd

8.30am	Staff Meeting in vestry
8pm	Can Community Choir in church

Thursday 3rd

9:30am	Toddlers in church hall
6:15pm – 7:30pm	Youth Club Yrs 7-8 church hall
7:30pm	BETA group in chapel
7:30pm	Alpha Week 1 in lounge

Friday 4th

10-11am	Hour of Prayer in the Chapel
6.30pm to 10pm	Cameo in the Lounge

Sunday 6th

8:30am	19th Sunday after Trinity Pre-service Prayer meeting on Zoom
10:30am	All Age Harvest Worship with parade in Church
5.30pm	Encounter with Holy Communion – Hebrews 6

Psalm 139: 1 – 16 (page 628)

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. 5 You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

John 1: 43-51 (page 1064)

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."
44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." 48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." 50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Get Involved/Other News

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Helen D today, Wendy S and Alison B on Monday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

Harvest Festival is an all-age service on Sunday 6th 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 they are having to purchase about 50% of the food they give out each month.

First Aid Certification Only 2 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 and Family Team Leader Vacancy at St Lukes. Look out for details coming up on our website later this week. Thanks to those who have come forward to help with children's work. 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 (cooking bacon and making coffee) please have a word with Tolu or Neil. Please note that the next Breakfast Club is on the **12th October**.

Creative Space kicks off on 19th October with a practical workshop on memory stone painting and banner making. 10am -11.30am. Contact Pam on 01923 242208 or pamstlukes@gmail.com to book a place.

Big Parenting Questions: This is a brand-new event for mums, dads and carers, designed to offer hope and help through times of change in our children's lives. It will explore principles that will equip you to come alongside your child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world. All are invited to the event at St Luke's - 7.30pm to 10.30pm on Wednesday 6th November. Places can be booked for £6 cff.org.uk/bigparenting

Live at St Luke's on 19th 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 – 16th November - and prepare your team of 8 for a 7pm start.

Di Gibbs thanks everyone for their jam jars. She now has enough for all marmalade production.

Patricia Reeve who was a member of Friday club died recently. Her family are holding a wake for her in the upper hall between 12 and 2pm on Friday 18th October. Please let Wendy D know if you are planning to attend.

Helen Roberts (former leader of Wellspring Church with her husband Tim) died on Wednesday 25th September. An online book of condolences has been opened for comments, memories, photos etc on <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/pLoMtYog/helen> Please contact Wellspring for details of the funeral on Saturday 26th October if you wish to attend (01923 331382).

Prayer:



Collect (18th Sunday after Trinity)

Lord, we beseech thee,
grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world,
the flesh, and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow thee the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 **Columbia** (*world's 34th highest area of religious persecution*)

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

Those with on-going needs: 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 Helen Roberts, friends and family of Neal W; friends and family of Patricia Reeve 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 **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.