



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**8:00am**

**Holy Communion** in the chapel

**10:30am**

**Morning Worship**

in the Church and online

***The Challenge of Following Jesus***

**Reading:** Mark 10:17-31 (pages 1014 – 1015))

**Leading:** Michael Norman (Vicar)

**Speaking:** Dave Clarke (Reader)

**5:30pm**

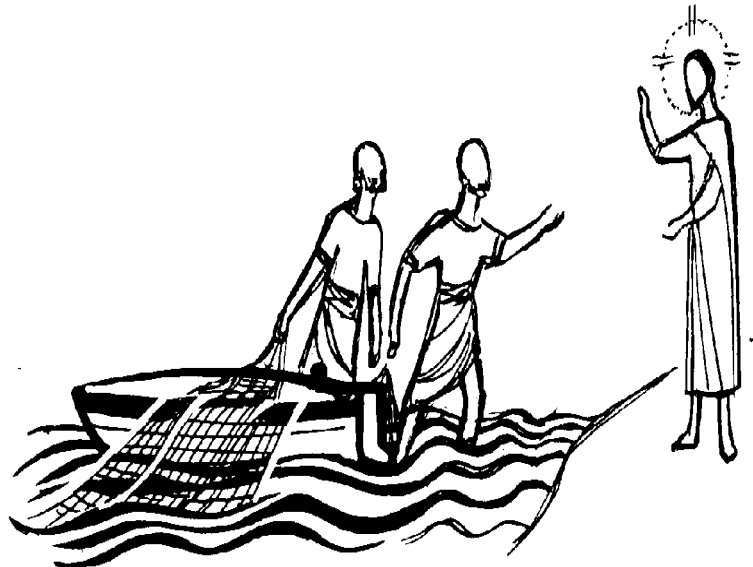
**Encounter Service**

***Jesus Like Melchizedek***

**Reading:** Hebrews 7 (pages 1205 – 1206)

**Leading:** Dave Clarke (Leader)

**Speaking:** Clinton Dan-Jumbo (Ordinand)



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.

**Weekly updates** by email – contact church office if you would like to receive them.

**Church Office not open on Tuesdays.**

✉ **St Luke's Church Office** ☎ 01923 246161

**Church Website:** [www.stlukeswatford.org](http://www.stlukeswatford.org)

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 15th

- 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  
8pm **Deanery Synod** – St. Peter's Watford

### Wednesday 16th

- 9.00am **Harvest service assembly** Cassiobury infants and juniors  
8pm **Can Community Choir** in church

### Thursday 17th

- 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** in lounge

### Friday 11th

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

### Saturday 19th

- 9am **Men's Breakfast** with guest speaker Sarah Shaw  
10am – 11.30am **Creative Space** - Lounge  
7.30pm – 9.15pm **Live At St. Luke's**

### Sunday 20th

- 8:00am **Holy Communion** in the Chapel  
8:30am **Pre-service Prayer meeting** on Zoom  
10:30am **Family Communion** in Church with guest preacher Ruth Guinness – missionary with SIM's in Malawi  
5.30pm **Encounter - Hebrews 8**

**Mark 10: 17-31** When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No-one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no-one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

## **GET INVOLVED**

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Edna W on Monday and Simon T on Wednesday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

**Afternoon Song Recital Today 3pm** 'Strange Things of Natural Things' – Miranda Westcott (meson-soprano, Mark Packwood (piano). Free entry, donations welcomed

**Church Magazine** – deadline for contributors is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you like to make a contribution please send copy (up to 400 words) to office@stlukes Thank you.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast** – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9:00 to 10:30 in the hall. **Sarah Shaw, Chaplain at New Hope**, will be our guest speaker. Please let Bill M know if you plan on attending.

**First Aid Certification** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00-3.00 in upper hall and youth lounge. Interested? Please speak to Susan M.

**Children and Family Team Leader Vacancy** at St Lukes. Details are on our website.

**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:** 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. All 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)

**Christmas Pudding Making Event 15<sup>th</sup> November** Tickets selling fast! £10 per pud with profits going to Watford Food Bank contact Kate D-B or email [stlukespuds@gmail.com](mailto:stlukespuds@gmail.com)

**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.

**SANTAS HAMPERS 2024 to be packed on 6<sup>th</sup> December** – sweet treats, toiletries, toys and gifts for 50 families in conjunction with Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. Last year each box cost £40. You can make a contribution via the church office, or in the gift aid envelopes in church (marking it 'Santa's Hampers').

**Watford Winter Shelter Volunteer Scheme** We also have proposed dates for training on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1-2pm and 12<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm - tbc. Link to application and role information: <https://www.newhope.org.uk/volunteering-watford-winter-shelter>

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> October if you wish to attend (01923 331382).

## The Collect (20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make  
us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;  
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 peace in Gaza and Lebanon. For peace in Ukraine. For the US elections. For humility, wisdom and understanding in our world's leaders.

**World Watch List:** Christians in **Bhutan** (*world's 36<sup>th</sup> 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, Barbara T

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

**Our wider family and friends in need:** Pam N's brother 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 **orange**. Please do take one home to pray over.