



Sunday 20th October 2024

10:30am

Family Communion with Anointing for Healing
in the Church and online

With Ruth Guinness from SIM (Serving in Mission)

Readings: Isaiah 53: 1-12 (page 740); Acts 8: 26-40 (pages 1101-1102)

Leading: Revd. Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Ruth Guinness

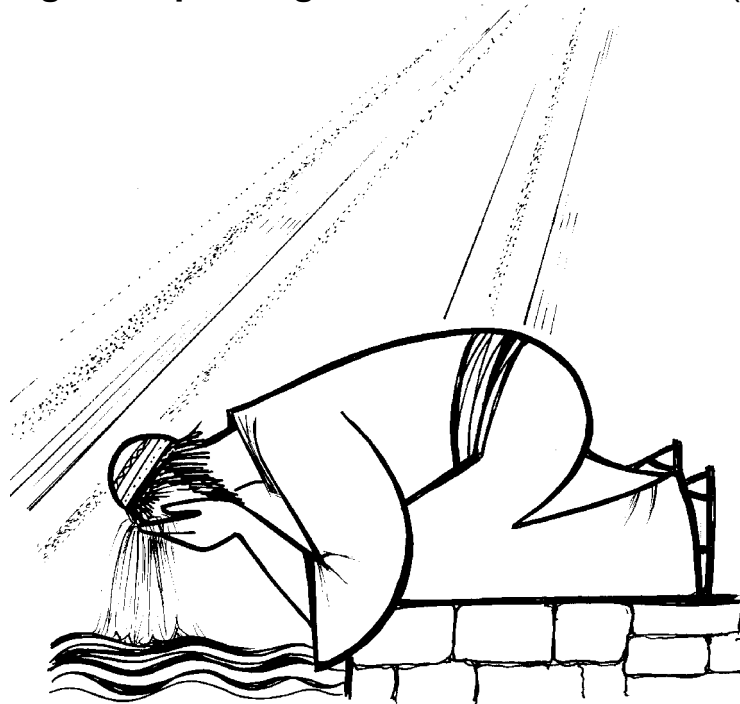
5:30pm

Encounter Service

The High Priest of the New Covenant

Reading: Hebrews 8 (page 1206)

Leading and Speaking: Revd. Michael Norman (Vicar)



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.

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

Church Office not open on Tuesdays.

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Church Website: www.stlukeswatford.org

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 21st

7:30pm – 9pm **Prayer Ministry Meeting** - Lounge

Tuesday 22nd

10am **Holy Communion** in Church

7pm – 8pm **Focus Prayer Meeting** in Chapel

8pm – 10pm **PCC Meeting** in Lounge

Wednesday 23rd

8pm **Can Community Choir** in church

Thursday 24th

9:30am **Toddlers** in 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 26th

9am-3pm **First Aid Training** – Upper Hall and Youth Lounge

Sunday 27th

8:30am **Pre-service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am **Family Communion with Baptism**

5.30pm **Encounter - Hebrews 9**

Acts 8 26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. 31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” 34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptised?” 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Angela S on Thursday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

Church Magazine – deadline for contributors is Monday 21st October. If you like to make a contribution please send copy (up to 400 words) to office@stlukeswatford.org. Thank you.

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

Children and Family Team Leader Vacancy Details are on our website.

Big Parenting Questions: Care for The Family Autumn tour at St.Luke's November 6th 7.30pm. Book ccf.org.uk/bigparenting. Speakers Robin Vincent and Cathy Madavan. Offers hope and help when parenting adolescents.

Christmas Pudding Making Event 15th November Tickets selling fast! £10 per pud with profits going to Watford Food Bank contact Kate D-B or email stlukespuds@gmail.com

Tearfund Big Quiz Night - Hundreds of churches, one big quiz, **Saturday 16th November** 7.00pm Reserve your place through Churchsuite, Donations through Justgiving QR code.

SANTAS HAMPERS 2024 to be packed on 6th 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 5th November 1-2pm and 12th November 6-7pm - tbc. Link to application and role information: <https://www.newhope.org.uk/volunteering-watford-winter-shelter>

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).

The Collect (21st after Trinity)

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
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 peace in Gaza and Lebanon. For peace in Ukraine. For the US elections. For people rebuilding lives in Florida after hurricanes. For humility, wisdom and understanding in our world's leaders.

World Watch List: Christians in **Mexico** (*world's 37th 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 Wilkinson; 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 **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.