



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**10:30am**

**All Age Harvest Service**

in the Church and online

***Do Not Worry!***

**Reading:** Luke 12: 22-31 (page 1045)

**Leading:** Pam Norman (Reader)

**Speaking:** Neil Brookes (Youth Leader)

**5:30pm**

**Encounter Service with Holy Communion**

***Not Looking Back But Persevering in Faith***

**Reading:** Hebrews 6 (pages 1204 – 1205)

**Leading:** Revd. Tolu George

**Speaking:** Michael Norman



**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.

**Church Office not open on Tuesdays.**

Please send your email details to the Church Office

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## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Tuesday 8th

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

### Wednesday 9th

9.00am – 11.30am	<b>Cassiobury Infants – Harvest</b> in church
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Parent and Baby Loss Service</b> - church
8pm	<b>Can Community Choir</b> in church

### Thursday 10th

9:30am	<b>Toddlers</b> in church hall
12:00 – 1.30pm	<b>Staff Meeting</b> – byo lunch
6:15pm – 7:30pm	<b>Youth Club Yrs 7-8</b> church hall
7:30pm	<b>BETA group</b> in chapel
7:30pm	<b>Alpha Week 2</b> in lounge

### Friday 11th

10-11am	<b>Hour of Prayer</b> in the Chapel
6.30pm to 10pm	<b>Cameo</b> in the Lounge

### Saturday 12th

8:30am – 10:00	<b>Breakfast Club</b> in the hall
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### Sunday 13th

	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
8:00am	<b>Holy Communion in the Chapel</b>
8:30am	<b>Pre-service Prayer meeting</b> on Zoom
10:30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> in Church
5.30pm	<b>Encounter - Hebrews 7 with guest speaker: Clinton Dan-Jumbo</b>

### **Luke 12 22-31 (page 1045)**

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? 27 "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

## **Get Involved**

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Bill M on Tuesday, Arun D on Friday and Fiona C on Saturday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

**Harvest Appeal – for leprosy:** Please donate via the Offering baskets marking envelopes with 'Harvest', or send an online donation to the church bank account marked Harvest.

**Parent and Baby Loss Service** We are holding a special service on Wednesday and any are welcome to attend this service that will last approximately 40 minutes. This service is being run in conjunction with Watford General Hospital.

**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.

**First Aid Certification** Only 2 places left for the First Aid course on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Details are 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 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**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. She will be talking about the challenges the organisation faces keeping Watford's homeless safe as winter approaches. Please let Bill M know if you plan on attending.

**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. 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 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.

**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 2024 Harvest Appeal Prayer



God of abundant life and grace,  
whose Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
fed the hungry and healed the sick:  
we pray your blessing on the people of Sri Lanka,  
on their farmers and those struggling economically,  
and particularly on those affected by leprosy.  
As we rejoice in the abundance of our harvest,  
may our thanks overflow with the joy of giving.  
Give us the imagination and generosity  
to share our plentiful resources with those in need,  
that your Gospel of salvation be life-giving and life-changing,  
for the sake of 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 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 **Vietnam** (*world's 35<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, Bryan H, Barbara T

**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:** 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 **red**. Please do take one home to pray over.