



Sunday 24th November 2024

10:30am

Christ the King – with Family Communion
in the Church and online

Reading: John 18 33-40 (page 1087)

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

5:30pm

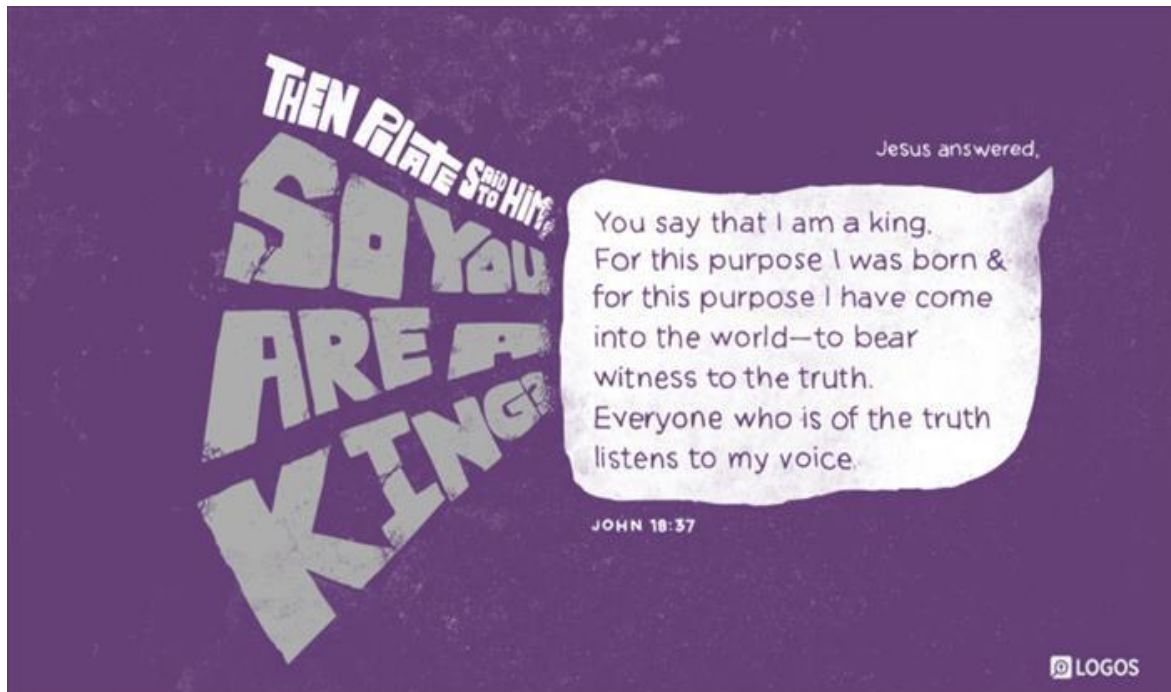
Encounter Service

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

Reading: Hebrews 12: 1 -13 (1210-1211)

Leading: Dave Clarke

Speaking: 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.

St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161 **Church Website:** www.stlukeswatford.org

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26th

10am

8pm – 9pm

Holy Communion in Church

Focus Prayer Meeting on zoom

Thursday 28th

7:30pm

7:30pm

BETA group in chapel

Alpha in lounge

Friday 29th

10-11am

Hour of Prayer in the Chapel

Saturday 30th

9 - 12pm

Half Day of Prayer in the Chapel

6:30 -10pm

Wine for Christmas Dinner event

Sunday 1st December

10:30am

Family Communion

5.30pm

Encounter - Hebrews 12: 14-29

John 18 33-40

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” 34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” 35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” 36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.” 37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” 38 “What is truth?” Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?” 40 They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Jenny on Friday. Please let the office know of any celebrations you would like to share.

Stamp Collection Christmas is coming and we hope to receive Christmas cards. Please save the stamps, trimming at least 2 centimetres around them and deposit them in the box in the welcome area. They all go to support the Peace Hospice. Thank you. Pamela W

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'). Packers welcome from 6:30pm.

Half Day of Prayer 30th November 9am – 12pm in the chapel. All welcome.

Wine for Christmas Dinner 30th November 6.30pm please book for this event to taste up to 12 types of wine accompanying Christmas dinner. Invite friends to this fun pre-Christmassy event to get into the spirit of things. Book your places via the church office or direct from Michael.

Confirmation Service at St Luke's with the Bishop of Hertford – Sunday 9th February 2025 If anyone is interested in being baptised and confirmed on this date please contact Michael. Preparatory classes for adults and young people will be announced in the New Year. michael.stlukes@gmail.com

Christmas Dates in December for the Diary

Saturday 7 th	7:30 – 9:15pm	Live At St Lukes – live music event for secondary age students
Sunday 8 th	10:30am	Christmas Leaflets on tables for distribution to estate by church members
Thursday 12 th December	7:00pm	Carols at the Essex Arms
Sunday 15 th December	4:30pm	Carols Around the Crib
Tuesday 17 th December	5 – 7pm	Christmas Holiday Club Short
Thursday 19 th December	7:00pm	Carols at the Essex Arms
Sunday 22 nd December	10:30am	Nativity Service
	6:30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 th December	4:30pm	Christingle
	11:30pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 th	9:00am	Holy Communion with Carols
	10:30am	Family Celebration with shortened Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th December	10:30am	All-age Family Communion

Collects

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be
plenteously rewarded;
through 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
humility, wisdom and understanding in our world's leaders.

World Watch List: Christians in **Cuba** (*world's 41st highest area of religious
persecution*)

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

Our families in need: Valerie T, Janet G, Helen J, Veronica C, Val and Ron H,
Mark H, Elizabeth S, Maeve K, Gill E, Bryan H, Ryan W 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 Audrey Pitkin; friends and family of Tim
McEwen (Andrew C's brother-in-law); prayers for Helen J B and family after the
loss of her father; friends and family of Helen Roberts 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.