



## **Sunday 16th February 2025**

### **10:30am Morning Worship**

in the Church and online

#### **A New Shoot**

Isaiah 11:1-11; 12: 1-6 (pages 696 – 697)

John 4: 7-14 (page 1067)

**Leading:** Clinton Dan Jumbo (Ordinand)

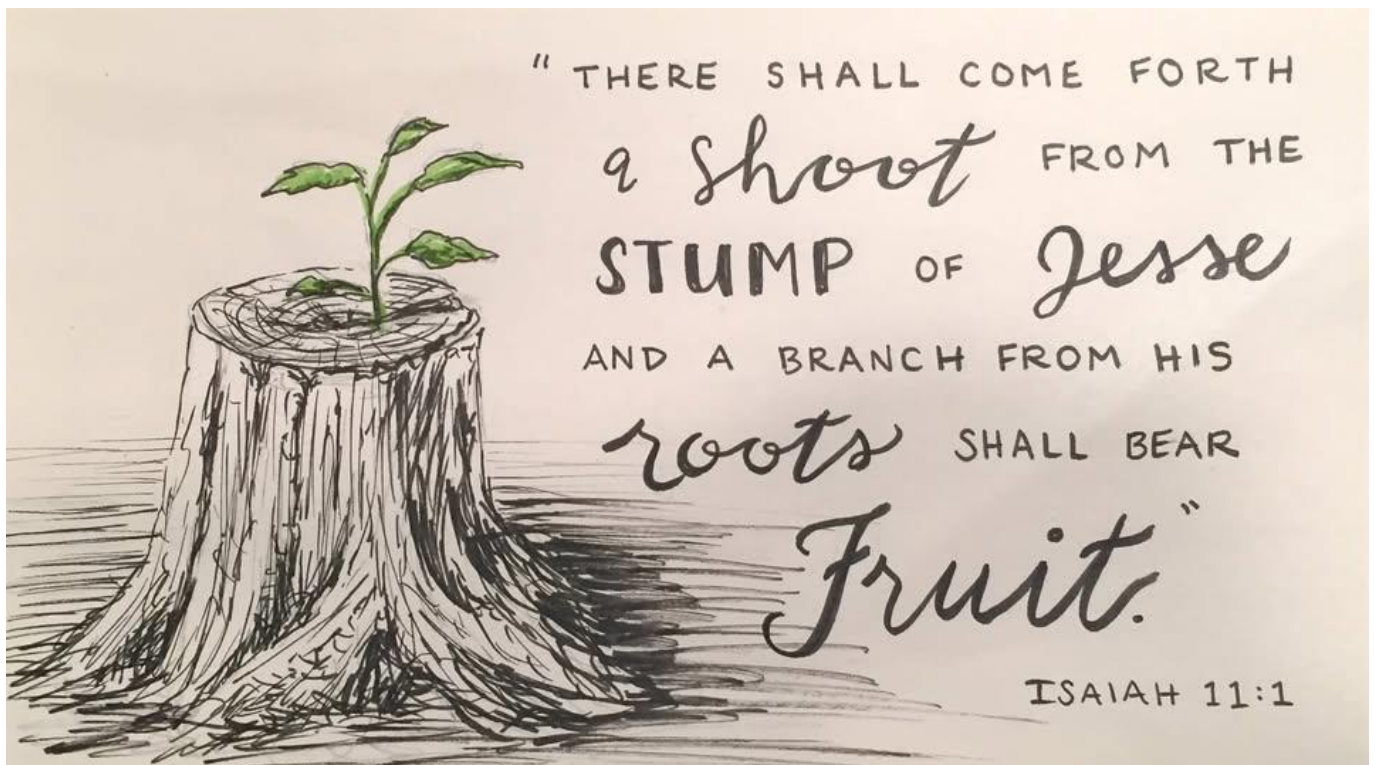
**Speaking:** Bill Miller (Lay Leader in Worship)

### **5:30pm Encounter Daniel 11**

#### **The North-South Divide**

**Leading:** Bill Miller (Lay Leader in Worship)

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



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.

✉ St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161 Church Website: [www.stlukeswatford.org](http://www.stlukeswatford.org)

Church Office closed Tuesday

## **This Week**

### **Tuesday 18th**

10:00am

7.30pm

8pm

### **Wednesday 19th**

8pm – 10pm

### **Friday 21st**

10:00 – 11:00

### **Sunday 23rd**

10:30am

5:30pm

**Holy Communion**

**Deanery Synod, All Saints Leavesden**

**Focus Prayer Meeting - Zoom**

**CAN Community Choir - Lounge**

**Hour of Prayer - Chapel**

**Family Communion**

**Encounter Service - Daniel 12**

## **Children and Youth Groups at St Lukes**

**It's Half Term! There are no midweek children or youth groups this week.**

## **Life Groups at St Luke's**

All groups welcome you to attend for bible study; fellowship; praise; prayer and the encouragement of one another as we seek to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Contact [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org) or call 01923 246161

Day	When	Where	Who	Notes
Monday (mostly fortnightly – see notes for dates)	19:30	Chapel	Edna W, Pam N	Dates for Spring term 2025 - Feb 10; Feb 24; March 10; March 24; April 7
Wednesday weekly	10:15am – 12pm	Lounge and Church	Esther M; Mave C, Sarah I and Ann M	
Wednesday weekly	13:30 – 15:15	Members' Homes	Jeremy C and Adrienne C	
Wednesday weekly	19:45	Members' Homes	Melanie S; Tim W	
Wednesday weekly	20:00	Zoom	Susan M; Mary B	
Thursday (weekly)	19:30	Chapel	Wendy D; Ann M	
Friday (weekly)	19:30 – 21:00	Youth Lounge	Simon T	

**Celebratory wishes** for birthdays for Dave C, Ben H and Alastair P on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>; Shirley D on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Carl M on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. We will celebrate all February birthdays with cake after the morning service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **Formal Notice:**

Ahead of our APCM on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, it is a Church of England requirement that all electoral rolls have to be fully renewed. **At St Luke's we all have to be signed back on the electoral roll** which is the formal list of all people eligible to attend and vote at that meeting. The renewal will happen between Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

If you think of St Luke's as your church please sign an enrolment form and return it to the office digitally or in paper form by the 13<sup>th</sup> April.

The form and box for returns are at the back of church and are also attached to the weekly email. Copies can be obtained from the office.

### **Children and Family Team Worker.**

We are looking for someone who will be responsible for supporting and developing the spiritual life of children from the early years to age 11, and for engaging and encouraging families through their life issues, and in their walk with Jesus. This post will be either a full-time role or part-time with job share a possibility, negotiable for the right candidate. The hours of the post can be fitted around those with study or family commitments but will include Sunday mornings and some after-school hours. Informal visits are warmly welcomed. Details and forms are on our website. Please contact the vicar directly on 01923 242208 or [michael.stlukes@gmail.com](mailto:michael.stlukes@gmail.com)

### **Future Dates for Diary:**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Half Day of Prayer, Chapel

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Pancake Community Event – Drop in from 5pm to 8pm

Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Communion 7pm (in church)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Day of Prayer, Christ Church, Watford 2pm

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Bring & Share Church Family Lunch (after morning service)

All welcome. Activities for children and young people.

**Music at St Luke's** Recitals are free and around 40 minutes in duration followed by light refreshments. Donations are welcome.

**Sunday Feb 16th 3pm**, St Luke's Church Watford. Quintet (wind quintet formed in September 2023 by students at the Royal Academy of Music). To include works by Ravel, Amy Beach and Nielsen.

**Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 3pm** Recital, Matthew Bethel – violin; Winnie Wu – piano. To include works by Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, R Strauss. The recital will follow on from the bring and share lunch for those who would like to attend.

## Collect for Septuagesima

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of your people;  
that we, who are justly punished for our offences,  
may be mercifully delivered by your goodness,  
for the glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**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 God's word, to pray and to persevere.

**World Watch List:** Christians in **Sudan** (*world's 5th highest area of religious persecution*)

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

**Our church family in need:** Dave W; Maeve K; Steve B; Valerie T, Helen J, Veronica C, Val and Ron H, Mark H, Antoinette M and Alured D.

**Our wider family and friends in need:** Adrienne C's sister Beverley; Penny A's niece, Jo; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's mother, Eileen R and brother Stephen R and others we know and love.

**Those in mourning:** friends and family of Marika Smart; friends of family of Jacky Clare; friends and family of Karen Smith 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.