



Sunday 23rd February 2025

10:30am Family Communion

in the Church and online

Streams in the Desert

Isaiah 35: 1 – 6 (page 719)

John 7 37-39 (pages 1072 – 1073)

Leading: Pam Norman (Reader)

Speaking: Revd Michael Norman

5:30pm Encounter

The End Times

Daniel 12 (pages 898 – 899)

Leading: Revd Michael Norman

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 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

Church Office closed Tuesda

Tuesday 25th

10:00

8pm

Service of the Word**Focus Prayer Meeting - Zoom****Friday 28th**

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer - Chapel**Saturday 1st**

9 – 12 noon

Half Day of Prayer - Chapel**Sunday 2nd**

10:30am

Family Communion – Isaiah 35: 7 - 10

5:30pm

Encounter Service Hard Sayings of Jesus**Mark 11: 12-14; 20-25 with prayer for healing****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 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	

Prayer for Triplets for Lent – for Life

One of the ways to increase prayer in our lives and in church life is through gathering in threes to pray – Prayer Triplets! We encourage church members to do this at least for the six weeks of Lent. So – either grab two other church members and arrange a meet/zoom or contact Ann MacLeod/Revd. Michael Norman.

Future Dates for Diary:**Saturday 1st March** - Half Day of Prayer, Chapel**Tuesday 4th March** - Pancake Community Event – Drop in from 5pm to 8pm**Ash Wednesday 5th March** - Holy Communion 7pm (in church)**Friday 7th March** -World Day of Prayer, Christ Church, Watford 2pm**Sunday 9th March** -Bring & Share Church Family Lunch (after morning service)

All welcome. Activities for children and young people.

Monday 17th March – Church magazine copy deadline - to the office

Celebratory wishes for birthdays for Reef T on Wednesday and Keshy T on Thursday. We will celebrate all February birthdays with cake after the morning service on the 23rd February.

Formal Notice:

Thank you for returns so far....

Ahead of our APCM on Sunday 4th 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 2nd March and Sunday 13th 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 13th 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 from office@stlukeswatford.org

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

Quiz Night supporting the Fairtrade Foundation on Saturday 15th March at St Luke's. Doors open at 7.15 for a 7.30 start. Tables of up to 6 people. Tickets £5 each, pay on the door. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Reserve a table by messaging Fran on 07909 904872 or at snigernarf@hotmail.com

Music at St Luke's - Sundays 3pm. Recitals are free. Donations are welcome.

Sunday March 9th, 3pm. Matthew Bethel – violin; Winne Wu – piano. Works by Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, R Strauss. This recital will follow on from the bring and share lunch for those who would like to attend.

Saturday March 22nd, 3pm. Garfield Jackson – viola; Winnie Wu – piano. Works by Bach, Rebecca Clarke and Schumann.

Sunday April 13th, 3pm. Charis Sykesud – violin; Jack Redman – piano. Works by Faure, Amy Beach and Debussy.

Collect for Sexagesima – Second Sunday before Lent

O Lord God,
who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do:
Mercifully grant that by thy power
we may be defended against all adversity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for the world and the leaders of 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*)

Please pray for the New Wine Leader's Conference in Harrogate next week (25th – 27th February); for staff members attending and for inspiration and spiritual refreshment.

Those with on-going needs: Pat W, Janine (Gill Es' sister),

Our church family in need: Barbara T, 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 Monica Warner who passed away peacefully recently; 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.