

Sunday 2nd March 2025

10:30am Family Communion

in the Church and online The Way of Holiness Isaiah 35: 7 – 10 (page 719) John 4: 7-15 (p 1067) Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar) Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)

Prayer Ministry Team 4:50pm in the Vestry

5:30pm Encounter - Healing Hard Sayings of Jesus – series Have Faith in God Mark 11: 12 – 14; 20 - 25 Leading: Simon Trundle 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. ≫St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161 Church Website: www.stlukeswatford.org Church Office closed Tuesday

Tuesday 4th				
10:00	Holy Communion - Church			
from 5:00pm	Pancake Event – Gathering Area			
8pm	Focus Prayer Meeting - Zoom			
Wednesday 5th				
19:00pm	Lent begins.			
	Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion – church (joined by St Mary's)			
Friday 7th				
10:00 - 11:00	Hour of Prayer - Chapel			
2pm	World Day of Prayer, Christ Church, St Albans			
	Road, WD24 5BD			
Sunday 9th	,			
8:00am	Holy Communion - Chapel			
10:30am	Morning Worship – Jesus Prophecies from the OT			
5:30pm	Encounter Service Hard Sayings of Jesus			
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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 <u>office@stlukeswatford.org</u> 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 - 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)	19:45 – 22:00	Youth Lounge	Simon T	Men's Group

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:**

Sunday 9th March -Bring & Share Church Family Lunch. Please sign up on sheets in gathering area and indicate what you might bring or how you could help. **Monday 17th March** – Church magazine copy deadline - to the office.

<u>Celebratory wishes</u> to Sarah I for her birthday on Sunday 2nd March and Sue R on Wednesday 5th.

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

<u>Children and Family Team Worker.</u> 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 <u>michael.stlukes@gmail.com</u>

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

<u>Music at St Luke's - Sundays 3pm</u>. Recitals are free. Donations are welcome. <u>Sunday March 9th, 3pm</u>. 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.

<u>Saturday March 22nd, 3pm</u>. 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.

The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 **Eritrea** (*world's 6th highest area of religious persecution*)

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 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 **yellow.** Please do take one home to pray over.

Karen Smith RIP

As many people know, Karen Smith died suddenly just after Christmas. We will be having a time of remembering Karen and celebrating her life and commending her to God on **Sunday 16th March at 3:30pm** in church followed by refreshments.