



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**10:30 Morning Worship**

**The Spirit of the LORD is upon me  
Isaiah 61 (p748); Luke 4:14-21 (p 1031)**

**Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)**

**Speaking: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion**

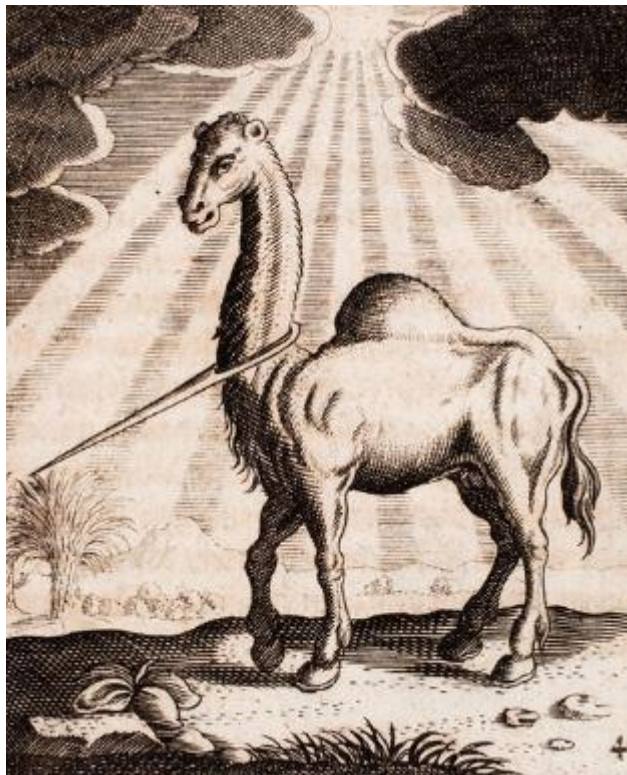
**Hard Sayings of Jesus**

**The Camel and the Eye of the Needle**

**Mark 1:16 -20 (p1002); 10-13:31 (p1014/5)**

**Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)**



**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 Tuesdays**

## **Tuesday 25th**

10:00

**Holy Communion - Church**

20:00

**Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom**

## **Wednesday 26th**

20:00

**Can Choir - Lounge**

## **Friday 28th**

10:00 – 11:00

**Hour of Prayer - Chapel**

## **Sunday 30th**

10:30

**All Aged Mothering Sunday with Parade**

17:30

**Encounter Service**

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

**Kids Club** Junior School Age, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pm

Youth Groups: **K2** Tuesday 7.45-9.00pm and **Base Thursday** 6.15-7.30pm.

## **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 - 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 N

**Celebrations:** Happy birthday to Margaret F and Tiffany P on Monday and John B on Friday this week; Happy Anniversary to Jeremy and Adrienne C on Wednesday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church in Christ.

**Formal Notice:**

**Thank you for returns so far....**

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 from

[office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org)

**Food Bank Shopping List**

Thank you to those who have already generously contributed items. Please see list in gathering area for updated shopping list for Watford Foodbank.

Please do donate generously this Lent and buy food to give away. List also attached on weekly email. We will be having a special food collection Sunday on April 6<sup>th</sup> (am and pm) where we are collecting food to be brought to the front of the church during the services. Shopping list: tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned fruit; tinned tomatoes; tinned vegetables; milk (long-life); fruit juice (long-life); cereals; rice pudding; custard; tea/coffee; mashed potatoes; pasta sauce; jam; biscuits/snack bar. Thank you for this.

**Easter Holiday Club Short** April 1st, 5 – 7pm for children aged 5 – 11. This fun event is free and food is included. Get your child's name down using the QR code on the poster or by contacting [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org)

**Easter leaflets and posters:** Leaflets will be available to take to distribute from 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please feel free to take A4 flyers to put in windows at home from the foyer.

**Music at St Luke's.** Recitals are free. Donations are welcome.

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

## The third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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 **Iran** (*world's 9th highest area of religious persecution*)

**Mission Partners:** The Gelsthorpe family working with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) in Japan.

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

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

**Our wider family and friends in need:** Bryan H; Angela S's mother, Rosemary R; 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 Beverley Clinch, Adrienne C's sister; friends and family of Ron Haynes; friends and family of Monica Warner; 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 **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.