



Sunday 9th March 2025

8:00 Holy Communion – Chapel

10:30 Morning Worship

in the Church and online

Behold I Am Doing A New Thing!

Isaiah 43:1-7; 14-21

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

Bring and Share Lunch after morning service

17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

Hard Sayings of Jesus – series

Mark 7:24-30; Matthew 10:1, 5-10

Leading: Neil Brooke (Director of Youth)

Speaking: Revd Helen Neville (Curate) St Lawrence, Abbots Langley



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 11th

10:00

Holy Communion - Church

20:00

Focus Prayer Meeting – Church**Wednesday 12th**

20:00

Can Choir - Lounge**Friday 14th**

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer - Chapel**Sunday 16th**

10:30

Morning Worship – Jesus Prophecies from the OT

17:30

Encounter Service Hard Sayings of Jesus**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 - 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

Food Bank Shopping List

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.

Celebratory wishes to Pat H for her birthday on Sunday 9th March and Jeremy C, Cathy B and Angela S on Wednesday 12th, Jeff G on Friday 14th; Di G, Helen C and Tony S on Saturday 15th.

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.

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

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.

The first Sunday of Lent

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights:
Give us grace to use such abstinence, that,
our flesh being subdued to the Spirit,
we may ever obey your godly motions in righteousness and true holiness,
to your honour and glory,
who livest and reigns with the Father and the Spirit,
one God, world without end.
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 **Nigeria** (*world's 7th 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, 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 Ron Haynes; 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 **green**. 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.