



Sunday 18th February 2024
First Sunday in Lent



8:30am Prayer meeting On Zoom

10:30am

Family Communion

Giving: Part 1

In the Church and Online

Reading: Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and Matthew 23:23-24.

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader-in-Training)

Preaching: Rev Michael Norman

5:30pm

Encounter

Inner Healing

In the Church

Readings: Psalm 34:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26

Leading: Rev Michael Norman

Speaking: Wendy Somerville (Reader)

Coming Up This Week

Monday 19th

10am-12 noon

Tuesday 20th

10am

3pm

8pm

Wednesday 21st

9am

8pm

Thursday 22nd

7:30-9pm

Friday 23rd

10-11am

Saturday 24th

8:30-10am

Sunday 25th

8:30am

10:30am

5:30pm

Office Closed – annual leave

Knitting Group in the Lounge

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Holy Communion in the Church

Funeral for P Crawley in Church

FOCUS Prayer on Zoom (3rd Tuesday)

Staff Meeting

CanCC in the Upper Hall

Beta Group (see notice)

Hour of Prayer in the Chapel

Breakfast Club in the Hall

Second Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service Prayer meeting on Zoom

Morning Worship in Church and online

Encounter with Holy Communion in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Family and Church News

Beta Group: We are inviting those who attended Alpha and any others who would like a simple bible study and have questions about faith to join a study on St Mark's gospel with space to continue to ask their questions. It is running on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm, with coffee and cake provided. It is run by Michael – see him if interested.

Get involved

Wycliffe Visit: We will be hosting a group from Wycliffe Hall from the 9th-17th March 2024. We are looking for:

- Any church-related groups who might like to invite one or two to join them that week

Please contact the office ☺

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March at 2pm at the Scroll Church, formerly North Watford Methodist, written by the Christian women of Palestine



Wycliffe Week events:

Among other events in the Wycliffe Week (details to follow), there are some that we would like people to sign up for. See sign up lists in the Gathering Area.

Saturday 16th March – we will be hosting an international meal (bring and share) at lunchtime – please do invite friends to come along too.

Please do think and pray about inviting friends along to the services and events during mission week.



Upcoming Sunday Services:

There will be an 8am Holy Communion on the second Sunday in the month.

Our 10:30am Services will have a theme of giving. Family Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Our 5:30pm Encounter services will be looking at the theme of Healing. Holy Communion will be offered on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We will also be holding our usual 10am Holy Communion Services on Tuesdays.

Life Groups: Life Groups will be continuing to meet and study throughout the upcoming Lent period. If you are interested in joining a Life Group, ask the office for details of where and when.

For your Information:

✉ 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.

✉ St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161

✉ Weekly updates by email. Please send your email details to the Church Office at office@stlukeswatford.org if you would like to receive them.

✉ Church Website: www.stlukeswatford.org

✉ Find us on Facebook or Instagram

Prayer

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.



Suggestions for prayer this week

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 prayer and to persevere.

Immediate needs: Peace in Israel and Gaza; Ukraine; lessening of tensions round the Red Sea; those struggling with rising costs; the repercussions of climate change and extreme weather.

St Luke's Outreach: A rest for those involved in schools over half term, plans for the Wycliffe Mission

World Watch List: Christians in Eritrea (*world's 4th highest area of religious persecution*)

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St Luke's, Watford and the Peace Hospice (now Rennie Grove)

Those with on-going needs.

St Luke's family in need.

Our wider family and friends in need.

Those in mourning.

Giving Thanks: answers to prayer this week.

Please update the office regarding any prayer needs or answered prayer.

This week's prayer list is a **green** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.