



## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Easter Sunday

8am

**Holy Communion** in the Chapel  
*Easter*

8:30am **Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**Family Communion** in the Church and Online  
*Greetings – The Lord has Risen!*  
**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and Luke 24:1-12  
**Leading:** Tolu George (Ordinand)  
**Preaching and Presiding:** Rev Michael Norman

5:30pm

**Encounter** in the Church  
*The Basis for Christian Hope*  
**Reading:** *Luke 24:1-8 and Romans 6:1-11*  
**Leading:** Rev Michael Norman **Speaking:** Wendy Somerville (Reader)

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am **Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**Morning Worship** in the Church and Online  
*Three Gifts of Easter*  
**Reading:** John 20:19-31  
**Leading and Preaching:** Dave Clarke (Reader)

5:30pm

**Encounter** in the Church  
*A Christian Paradox: our vulnerability and strength*  
**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-11 and 5:1-10  
**Leading:** Dave Clarke (Reader) **Speaking:** Wendy Somerville (Reader)

## **Coming Up This Week**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Office Closed**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10am

**Holy Communion**

8pm

**Focus Prayer** on Zoom

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-10am

**Breakfast Club**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

8:30am

**Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**Morning Worship** in Church and online

5:30pm

**Encounter** in Church

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

10am

**Service of the Word**

8pm

**Focus Prayer** in the Chapel

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

3-5pm

**Recital** in Church (**Alexander Ardakov**)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30am

**Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**Family Communion** in Church and online

5:30pm

**Encounter** in Church

**Other events happening organised by external groups**

## **Church News**

**Partnership Fund Appeal:** We are launching an appeal for the Partnership Fund (please see the appeal flyers for details).

**Revision of the Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll is being revised before the APCM. If you are a regular worshipper at St Luke's please consider adding your name to the Electoral Roll between the 31<sup>st</sup> March and the 14<sup>th</sup> April. Forms available from the office or from Michael. Thank you.

# Get involved

## Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey - Monday 1st April 2024

Many are walking from across the Diocese into the city on Easter Monday, 1st April 2024, and will gather in the Abbey Orchard around 1pm for a picnic together. All are welcome to join this bring your own picnic and then be part of the procession into the Cathedral for the 3pm Easter Monday Service, at which the Dean will preach. The service finishes by around 4pm. We hope to see you there!

Jill R will be part of a group leaving **from St Luke's at 9am**, for those who would like to join them on this 8-mile gentle walk (going initially via Nascot Wood then to St. Albans Road, then Balmoral Road to the Munden Estate and across field to St. Albans), or even join them along the way. Return would be via public bus or train.

Or a group will be setting off from St Mark's Church, Leggatts Way, Watford, WD24 5NQ. Service 9.45am. **Setting off 10am**. Please join us for the walk. Please bring a packed lunch and wear sensible shoes as it can be very muddy.

## Dates for your diary

**Alexander Ardakov recital:** Alexander is an international recitalist and will be performing works by Beethoven at St Luke's on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets free, donations welcome.

**Thanksgiving for Myrtle Crawley:** There will be a thanksgiving service for Myrtle Crawley at 2:45pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please come and support the family if you are able.

**Summer Alpha:** Our Summer Alpha course starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone you could invite or bring along.

**Big Parenting Questions Event:** As our children approach adolescence, it can be a minefield to try and negotiate the everchanging landscape of their lives as they want more independence and are beginning to ask complex questions that can leave us, as parents, feeling bewildered.

Big Parenting Questions is a brand-new event from Care for the Family designed to offer mums, dads and carers hope through this transitional time in a child's life. It's packed with practical advice and strategies to help parents feel better equipped to come alongside their child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

At St Luke's on the 19<sup>th</sup> June – see posters/ flyers for how to get tickets.

# Prayer

## Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.



## 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; Sudan; Ukraine; lessening of tensions round the Red Sea; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

**World Watch List:** Christians in Iran (*world's 9<sup>th</sup> highest area of religious persecution*)

**Deanery Cycle of Prayer:** St Peter's and Soul Survivor, Watford.

**Those with on-going needs.**

**St Luke's family in need.**

**Our wider family and friends in need.**

**Those in mourning:** and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

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

## For your Information:

✉ **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.

✉ **St Luke's Church Office** ☎ 01923 246161

✉ **Weekly updates** by email. Please send your email details to the Church Office at [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org) if you would like to receive them.

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