



Sunday 24th March 2024
Palm Sunday



8:30am Prayer meeting On Zoom

10:30am

Family Communion

Behold Your King!

In the Church and Online

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10, John 12:12-19

Leading and Presiding: Rev Michael Norman

Preaching: Dave Clarke (Reader)

5:30pm

Encounter

Healing: stepping out in Faith

In the Church

Reading: *1 Kings 17: 1-24*

Leading: Richard Waddington (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Jeremy Hogarth (Lay Leader of Worship)

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

Coming Up This Week

Monday 25th

7:30pm **Compline Service** in the Chapel

Tuesday 26th

10am **Holy Communion**

6:15-7:30 **Urban Saints** (School Years 3-6) in the Hall

7:30pm **Compline Service** in the Chapel

7:45-9pm **K2 Youth** (school years 8-10) in the Hall

Wednesday 27th

8.30am **Staff meeting**

7:30pm **Compline Service** in the Chapel

8pm **Cassiobury and Nearby Community Choir** in the Church

Thursday 28th

9:30-11am **Toddlers** in the Hall

6:15-7:30pm **Base Youth** (school years 7-9) in the Hall

7:30pm **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service** in the Church

Friday 29th

10:30am start **Good Friday Walk of Witness** – meet in the park (see notice)

11am **Journey to the Cross service** in Church (see notice)

2-3pm **Hour at the Cross** in the Church

7:30pm **Compline Service** in the Chapel

Sunday 31st

8am **Easter Sunday**
Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:30am **Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am **Family Communion** in Church and online

5:30pm **Encounter** in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Get involved

Church Magazine: Yvonne would like any articles for the Church Magazine to her by Maundy Thursday (28th March) – these can be reflections on events or notice of upcoming events. No more than 400 words please, and please check pictures for copyright. Articles may be edited for clarity.

Easter Leaflet Drop: We will be distributing flyers with information about our Easter services and the upcoming Alpha course from Sunday 24th – please do take a pack and deliver it (and return the empty pack for next time 😊)

Walk of Witness: Meeting at Cassiobury Park Kids' Playground at 10:30am

Journey to the Cross service: An interactive service moving around areas of the church with refreshments and hot cross buns afterwards for all.

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 31st March and the 14th April. Forms available from the office or from Michael. Thank you.

Looking ahead

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

We 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.

Summer Holiday Club: We are in the planning stage for the Summer Holiday Club (6-9th August). If you might be interested in volunteering, please join us for a meeting on Thursday 28th March at 6pm.

Readings for the 10:30am service:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

John 12:12-19

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Prayer

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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; Sudan; Ukraine; lessening of tensions round the Red Sea; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

St Luke's Outreach: Plans for the Easter Services; all who were reached during Mission Week.

World Watch List: Christians in Sudan (*world's 8th highest area of religious persecution*)

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St Mary's, Watford and the Town Centre Chaplaincy.

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