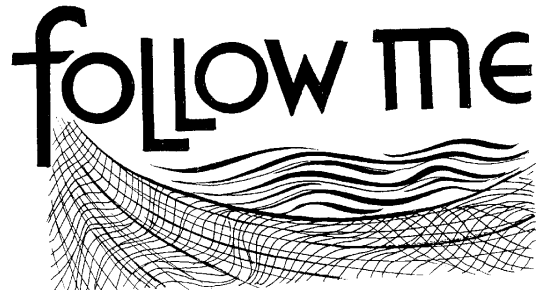




**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**



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

10:30am

### **Family Communion**

*Discipleship – Come Follow Me!*

In the Church and Online

**Readings:** Mark 1:14-20, Mark 8:34-3, John 6:60-69

**Leading:** Dave Clarke (Reader)

**Preaching and Presiding:** Rev Michael Norman

3:00pm

### **Nina Cook Recital**

In the Church (see notice)

5:30pm

### **Encounter**

*Hurry: the Problem*

In the Church

**Readings:** 1 Timothy 6:3-10, Luke 10:38-42

**Leading:** Rev Michael Norman

**Speaking:** Pam Norman (Reader)

### 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.

✎ **Church Website:** [www.stlukeswatford.org](http://www.stlukeswatford.org)

✎ **Find us on Facebook or Instagram**

## **Coming Up This Week**

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10am- 12 noon      **Knitting Club** in the Lounge

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

10am

**Holy Communion**

6:15-7:30

**Urban Saints** (School Years 3-6) in the Hall

7:45-9pm

**K2 Youth** (school years 8-10) in the Hall

8pm

**Focus Prayers** on Zoom

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

8.30am

**Staff meeting**

8pm

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

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30-11am

**Toddlers** in the Hall

2:45pm

**Memorial Service for M Crawley in the Church**

6:15-7:30pm

**Base Youth** (school years 7-9) in the Hall

7:30pm

**Alpha Course week 1** in the Lounge

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10-11am

**Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30-10am

**Breakfast Club** in the Hall

7:15pm start

**Fairtrade Quiz night** in the Hall (see notice)

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

8am

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Communion** in the Chapel

8:30am

**Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom

10:30am

**All-age Worship** in Church and online

5:30pm

**Encounter with Holy Communion** in Church

**Other events happening through the week organised by external groups**

## **Church News/ Get involved**

**Partnership Fund Appeal:** We have launched 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.

**Nina Cook Afternoon Recital:** This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm, Nina (Soprano) will be singing well loved favourites from the classics and shows in the church. Admission free with donations to the church 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.

**Fairtrade Quiz Night:** Saturday **20<sup>th</sup> April** in St Luke's Church Hall. Doors open 7.15pm quiz starts 7.30pm. Tables of 6, £5 a ticket, Nibbles will be supplied. Contact Fran Davies.

**Fairtrade Rep:** St Luke's is looking for a new Fairtrade representative as our status as a Fairtrade Church has lapsed – information available from the office.

**Bike 'n' Hike Rep:** We have been invited to take part in an annual Bike 'n' Hike event run by Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust and we are wondering if anyone would like to co-ordinate our involvement (which could either be having the church open for visits on the day or getting a team together to take part in the event. Details from the office, they need a name by the **28<sup>th</sup> April**. The event would be on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**Fundraising For London Marathon:** On Sunday **21<sup>st</sup> April** I will be running for Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to sponsor me, go to [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and search for me by name. Thank you. Jeremy H.

**New Hope Celebration Service:** Wednesday **24<sup>th</sup> April** 7:30pm at St Luke's. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for all that He has done in and through New Hope over the last year, and also to pray for His continued hand on their work. Doors will open at 7pm. Refreshments will be served at the end of the service. All welcome. Please do join us if you can.

**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

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained  
by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

**St Luke's Outreach:** The Alpha Course starting, plans for this term.

**World Watch List:** Christians in Iran (*world's 9<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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.