



Sunday 5th May 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

10:30am

All-age Family Communion

Discipleship – Making Disciples

In the Church and Online

Reading: John 13:1-17

Leading: Lydia Davies (Children's Team Leader)

Presiding: Rev Michael Norman

Preaching: Pam Norman (Reader)

5:30pm

Encounter

The Importance of Sabbath

In the Church

Readings: Genesis 1:31-2:3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-14, Mark
2:23-28

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader)

Preaching: Rev Michael Norman

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

Tuesday 7th

10am **Holy Communion**
6:15-7:30 **Urban Saints** (School Years 3-6) in the Hall
7pm **Parish Prayer Walk (see notice)**
7:45-9pm **K2 Youth** (school years 8-10) in the Hall

Wednesday 8th

8.30am **Staff meeting**
8pm **Cassiobury and Nearby Community Choir** in the Church

Thursday 9th

9:30-11am **Toddlers** in the Hall
6:15-7:30pm **Base Youth** (school years 7-9) in the Hall
7:30pm **Alpha Course week 3** in the Lounge
7:30pm **Ascension Day Service** at St Peter's (see notice)

Friday 10th

10-11am **Hour of Prayer** in the Chapel

Saturday 11th

9-10:30am **Men's Breakfast** in the Hall

Sunday 12th

8am **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:30am **Holy Communion** in the Chapel
10:30am **Pre-Service Prayer meeting** on Zoom
5:30pm **Morning Worship with APCM** in Church and online
Encounter with Holy Communion in Church

Other events happening through the week organised by external groups

Church News/ Get involved

Summer Alpha: Our Summer Alpha course continues on Thursday evenings. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone you could invite or bring along.

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.

Prayer Walk: There will be a prayer walk around the parish, starting from the church, in place of a Focus meeting on the **7th May**. This will start at 7pm to catch the sunlight.

Ascension Day Service: We are having a joint service at St Peter's on Thursday **9th May** at 7:30pm, with Michael preaching. Please put this in your diaries and come along to celebrate Ascension with us!

Partnership Fund Appeal: Our Partnership Fund appeal is ongoing (please see the appeal flyers for details).

Thy Kingdom Come: Please join this global prayer movement to pray for 5 other people every day between Ascension Day and Pentecost (11 days). Take a reminder card or a prayer diary from the Gathering Area as a prompt each day.

Men's Breakfast: Next Saturday, **May 11th**, 9.00 to 10.30am. Speaker will be Stephen M who is the new Strategic Programme Manager for St Alban's Diocese. Stephen has held high-profile jobs in the City, and is now working on strategic planning for the diocese. He will be sharing on "Vision and Calling - for Men". He is an excellent speaker and it should be a very interesting and challenging morning. Please do invite friends and neighbours.

Please let Bill M know if you are coming, if possible by Thursday 9th: sign up at <https://stlukeschurch.churchsuite.com/events/blnry3am>

APCM: Our APCM will be on the **12th May** after the morning service, please do attend to support the church and the PCC. Nominations are open for elections to the PCC – please see the forms in the Gathering Area.

Christian Aid week is fast approaching, **12th to 18th May**, and volunteers are needed to deliver and collect envelopes from the Cassiobury Estate. Look out for the list of streets which will be in the Gathering Area. See Pamela W for details.

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 **19th June 7:30pm** – see posters/ flyers for how to get tickets.

St Luke's Summer Holiday Club: the sign-ups are open for the Holiday club. We welcome all 5–11-year-olds and we are open Tuesday 6th-Friday 9th August 2024 10am-1pm with lunch included. Children can come for as many days as they want out of the four. <https://stlukeschurch.churchsuite.com/events/exyyukgw> to sign up.

We also need volunteers to help with Holiday Club – working with groups, helping with art projects, catering or any support you can offer. Volunteers will need to have a DBS registered with St Luke's and to have done the Church of England Safeguarding Training within the last 3 years (it takes about 2 hours and can be done online). All volunteers welcome, for one day or for the whole week, or anything in between! Contact Lydia (children@stlukeswatford.org) to offer help.

We may be asking for help with preparing resources or collecting supplies before August as well – keep an eye out!

Prayer

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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: Floods; Peace in Israel and Gaza; Sudan; Ukraine; those struggling with rising costs; repercussions of climate change.

St Luke's Outreach: the Alpha Course, Thy Kingdom Come prayers (see notice)

World Watch List: Christians in Syria (*world's 12th highest area of religious persecution*)

Deanery Cycle of Prayer: St Peter's, Watford 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: 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 **blue** slip. Please do take one home to pray over.