



Sunday 16th March 2025

10:30 Family Communion

Seek the Lord

Isaiah 55:1-13; John 7: 37 - 41a

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Simon Trundle (Reader in Training)

We will be having a time of remembering Karen Smith and celebrating her life and commending her to God at **3:30pm** in church followed by refreshments. All welcome.

17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

Hard Sayings of Jesus – Sign Or No Sign

1. Jonah 3: 1-10

2. Mark 8: 11-12; Luke 11: 29-32

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

**SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE
MAY BE FOUND; CALL ON
HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR.
– ISAIAH 55:6**

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.

Weekly updates by email – contact church office if you would like to receive them.

✉ **St Luke's Church Office** ☎ 01923 246161 **Church Website:** www.stlukeswatford.org
Church Office closed Tuesdays

Tuesday 18th

10:00

Holy Communion - Church

20:00

Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom**Wednesday 19th**

20:00

Can Choir - Lounge**Friday 21st**

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer - Chapel**Sunday 23rd**

10:30

Morning Worship

17:30

Encounter Service with Holy Communion**Youth Groups at St Luke's****Kids Club** Junior School Age, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pmYouth Groups: **K2** Tuesday 7.45-9.00pm and **Base Thursday** 6.15-7.30pm.**Life Groups at St Luke's**

All groups welcome you to attend for bible study; fellowship; praise; prayer and the encouragement of one another as we seek to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Contact

office@stlukeswatford.org or call 01923 246161

Day	When	Where	Who	Notes
Monday (mostly fortnightly – see notes for dates)	19:30	Chapel	Edna W, Pam N	Dates for Spring term 2025 - March 10; March 24; April 7
Wednesday weekly	10:15am – 12pm	Lounge and Church	Esther M; Mave C, Sarah I and Ann M	
Wednesday weekly	13:30 – 15:15	Members' Homes	Jeremy C and Adrienne C	
Wednesday weekly	19:45	Members' Homes	Melanie S; Tim W	
Wednesday weekly	20:00	Zoom	Susan M; Mary B	
Thursday (weekly)	19:30	Chapel	Wendy D; Ann M	
Friday (weekly)	19:45 – 22:00	Youth Lounge	Simon T	Men's Group

Prayer for Triplets for Lent – for Life

One of the ways to increase prayer in our lives and in church life is through gathering in threes to pray – Prayer Triplets! We encourage church members to do this at least for the six weeks of Lent. So – either grab two other church members and arrange a meet/zoom or contact Ann MacLeod/Revd. Michael N

Celebrations: Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church in Christ.

Creative Space - 22nd March 9:30am to 12 midday. This week we will be doing Landscape Felting. The cost for materials is £8 with a donation for breakfast. Contact pam.stlukes@gmail.com to book your place.

Formal Notice:

Thank you for returns so far....

Ahead of our APCM on Sunday 4th May, it is a Church of England requirement that all electoral rolls have to be fully renewed. **At St Luke's we all have to be signed back on the electoral roll** which is the formal list of all people eligible to attend and vote at that meeting. The renewal will happen between Sunday 2nd March and Sunday 13th April.

If you think of St Luke's as your church, please sign an enrolment form and return it to the office digitally or in paper form by the 13th April.

The form and box for returns are at the back of church and are also attached to the weekly email. Copies can be obtained from the office from

office@stlukeswatford.org

Food Bank Shopping List

Thank you to those who have already generously contributed items. Please see list in gathering area for updated shopping list for Watford Foodbank.

Please do donate generously this Lent and buy food to give away. List also attached on weekly email.

Children and Family Team Worker. We are looking for someone who will be responsible for supporting and developing the spiritual life of children from the early years to age 11, and for engaging and encouraging families through their life issues, and in their walk with Jesus. This post will be either a full-time role or part-time with job share a possibility, negotiable for the right candidate. The hours of the post can be fitted around those with study or family commitments but will include Sunday mornings and some after-school hours. Informal visits are warmly welcomed. Details and forms are on our website. Please contact the vicar directly on 01923 242208 or michael.stlukes@gmail.com **Church magazine copy deadline** Monday 17th March — to the office.

Easter Holiday Club Short April 1st, 5 – 7pm for children aged 5 – 11. This fun event is free and food is included. Get your child's name down using the QR code on the poster or by contacting office@stlukeswatford.org

Music at St Luke's - Sundays 3pm. Recitals are free. Donations are welcome.

Saturday March 22nd, 3pm. Garfield Jackson – viola; Winnie Wu – piano. Works by Bach, Rebecca Clarke and Schumann.

Sunday April 13th, 3pm. Charis Sykesud – violin; Jack Redman – piano. Works by Faure, Amy Beach and Debussy.

The second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

<p>Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world, for the church, and let us thank God for his goodness. Let us encourage one another to go deeper into God's word, to pray and to persevere.</p>

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

Those with on-going needs: Pat W, Janine (Gill Es' sister),

Our church family in need: Barbara T, Dave W; Maeve K; Steve B; Valerie T, Helen J, Veronica C, Mark H, Antoinette M and Alured D.

Our wider family and friends in need: Angela S's mother, Rosemary R; Penny A's niece, Jo; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's mother, Eileen R and brother Stephen R and others we know and love.

Those in mourning: friends and family of Beverley Clinch, Adrienne C's sister; friends and family of Ron Haynes; friends and family of Monica Warner; friends and family of Karen Smith and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

Giving Thanks: We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week.

The next prayer list is **blue**. Please do take one home to pray over.