



## **Sunday 30th March 2025**

**10:30 All age Mothering Sunday with Parade**  
**Isaiah 58: 6-12 (p 745) and 66: 13 (p 753)**  
**Ephesians 6:2 (p 1177) and 1 Timothy 4:12 (p 1193)**  
**Leading:** Clinton Dan Jumbo (Ordinand)  
**Speaking:** Neil Brookes (Director of Youth)

**17:30 Encounter**  
**Hard Sayings of Jesus**  
**Take Up Your Cross**  
**Mark 8: 31 – 38 (page 1012)**  
**Leading:** Dave Clarke (Reader)  
**Speaking:** Dave Clarke (Reader)



**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.

**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](http://www.stlukeswatford.org)  
**Church Office closed Tuesdays**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10:00

**Holy Communion - Church**

17:00 – 19:00

**Holiday Club Short**

19:00

**Focus Prayer Meeting – Chapel**

20:00

**PCC - Lounge****Wednesday 2nd**

20:00

**Can Choir - Lounge****Friday 4th**

10:00 – 11:00

**Hour of Prayer - Chapel****Sunday 6th**

10:30

**Family Communion**

17:30

**Encounter Service****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](mailto: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 2025 - April 7, 28 May 12, 19 June 2, 16, 30 July 14
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 M/Revd. Michael

**Celebrations:** Happy birthday to Fiona L on Thursday and Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to Geoff and Pam F on Saturday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church in Christ.

**March Birthday Cake:** All those of you celebrating March birthdays are invited to come and enjoy birthday cake (thank you Wera) after the morning service today.

**Easter leaflets and posters:** Leaflets are available for taking to distribute from today. There is a flyer from pre-school too and they would appreciate your posting them at the same time. Please feel free to take A4 flyers to put in windows at home from the foyer. Please mark off the section you have taken and return the envelope when completed. Thank you very much for this!

**Parish Magazine for April** is out now – on your weekly update email and some hard copies in the church too. Thank you to our wonderful contributors and Yvonne W for making it sparkle! Enjoy it.

**Formal Notice:**

**Thank you for returns so far....**

Ahead of our APCM on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stlukeswatford.org)

**Food Bank Shopping List**

Shopping list: tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned fruit; tinned tomatoes; tinned vegetables; milk (long-life); fruit juice (long-life); cereals; rice pudding; custard; tea/coffee; mashed potatoes; pasta sauce; jam; biscuits/snack bar. Thank you for this Lent push. People have been very generous. Thank you!

**APCM – 4<sup>th</sup> May** The meeting will be followed by a Church Family Parish lunch in the hall that will also mark the **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War**. Thank you in advance for Geoff F and his team for their organisation of this event.

**Music at St Luke's.** Recitals are free. Donations are welcome.

**Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 3pm.** Charis Sykesud – violin; Jack Redman – piano. Works by Fauré, Amy Beach and Debussy

## The fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**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.

**World Watch List:** Christians in **Afghanistan** (*world's 10th highest area of religious persecution*)

**Mission Partners:** Ruth Guinness working with SIM (Service in Mission) in Malawi and internationally.

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

**Our church family in need:** Jenny R; 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 Bryan H; 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 **red**. Please do take one home to pray over.