



Sunday 13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday

10:30 Morning Worship

The Coming King of Zion

Zechariah 9:9-13; John 12:12-16

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

The parable of the Shrewd Manager

Luke 16: 1-13

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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 and from Good Friday to Wednesday 30th April

Monday 14th**19:30** Compline - chapel**Tuesday 15th**

10:00 Holy Communion - Church

19:30 Compline - chapel

20:00 Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday 16th

19:30 Compline - Chapel

Thursday 17th

19:30 Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion Church

Friday 18th

10:30 Walk of Witness – meeting at main playground in Cassiobury park before walking to church for 11am

11:00 Journey to the Cross – St Luke's followed by Hot Cross buns and refreshments

14:00 The Hour at the Cross - Church

19:30 Compline – Jesus in the Tomb - Chapel

Saturday 19th

20:30 Holy Saturday – 1st Easter – renewal of baptism vows – Church. This is to mark the beginning of Easter Celebrations giving all of us a chance to renew our faith. This is particularly this year as we respond to Joshua 3: 5 'Consecrate yourselves and tomorrow you will see the Lord is doing great things among you.' This verse was given to us by Revd Keith Powell in January.

Sunday 20th

08:00 Holy Communion - Chapel

10:30 Easter Sunday – All Age Family Communion

17:30 Encounter Service

Life Groups at St Luke's

Day	When	Where	Who	Notes
Monday (mostly fortnightly – see notes for dates)	19:30	Chapel	Edna W, Pam N	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

Celebrations: Happy birthday to Carys L on Monday; David W on Thursday and Jill R on Saturday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Sound of Musings – Saturday June 14th 3pm We are planning an evangelistic music event on Saturday June 14th at 3pm. Pam N is organising it with Bryony Wood. Pam would like some help with general publicity and promotion help for example contacts with local radio. If you have knowledge/expertise in this area - please see Pam.

Food Bank Shopping List

The following donations continue to be most welcome in the box in the gathering area: 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 and your generosity.

Watford Schools Trust Alison from WST is making up hanging baskets for £12 each to support the trust. Orders by Friday 18th April can be made by contacting her on 07732 021 488 or via email on info@watfordschoolstrust.org



APCM – 4th May The meeting will be followed by a Church Family Parish lunch in the hall that will also mark the **80th 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.

Today - Sunday April 13th, 3pm. Charis Sykesud – violin; Jack Redman – piano. Works by Fauré, Amy Beach and Debussy. This recital is free but donations are welcome.

Bryan Hogg's funeral - Wednesday 16 April

2.00pm Cremation at West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Watford WD25 0JS followed at **2:45pm** with a **Memorial Service** at St Luke's Church. There will be refreshments after the service and all are welcome at either or both services.

Palm Sunday

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.
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.

Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Appeal – Tearfund have asked us to donate money to support their effort to provide emergency relief in Myanmar at this terrible time. Please go to their website to donate - <https://www.tearfund.org/>

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

Mission Partners: Rafiki Thabo Mission, based in Oxfordshire and working in Kenya, Uganda and Lesotho with young people, including those with disabilities, to reach their full potential through seeking to initiate positive change in their communities and thus enabling access to education.

Those with on-going needs: Pat W, Janine (Gill E's 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: Magnus, John W's dad; Angela S's mother, Rosemary R; Valerie, David W's friend; 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 Hogg; friends and family of Beverley Clinch, Adrienne C's sister; friends and family of Ron Haynes; 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 **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.