



Sunday 20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday

08:00 – Holy Communion – Chapel

10:30 – All Age Family Communion

Why do we look for the living among the dead?

Luke 24:1 - 12

Leading: Neil Brooke (Director of Youth)

Speaking: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

17:30 Encounter

Mary – the first to see the risen Christ

John 20: 1-18

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)

Sunday 27th April 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 Family Communion

All Change?

John 20 v1-2; 11-18

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Wendy Somerville (Reader)

17:30 Encounter

An Eye-Opening Journey

Luke 24:13-35

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

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.

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Church Office closed Tuesdays

Tuesday 22nd

10:00 Holy Communion - Church
20:00 Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday 23rd

20:00 CAN Choir

Saturday 26th

08:30 Breakfast Club

Sunday 27th

08:00 Holy Communion - Chapel
10:30 Family Communion;
Wendy and Kevin farewell
17:30 Encounter Service

Tuesday 29th

10:00 Holy Communion - Church
Kids and Youth Group Summer Term start

Wednesday 30th

20:00 CAN Choir

Sunday 4th May

10:30 Annual Parish Church Meeting (ACPM) followed by
80th anniversary VE day celebration meal
17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

New Sermon Series in Encounter services

We commence a six-week series based on '40 Days With Jesus' by Dave Smith:

20th April A Life-Transforming Encounter John 20: 1-18

27th April An Eye-Opening Journey Luke 24:13-35

4th May When Jesus Comes in the Midst John 20: 19-31

18th May Overcoming Failure John 21: 1-22

25th May Made for a Mission Matthew 28: 16-20

1st June Final Preparations Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 45-53

We are about to leave to move back to New Zealand after 45 years in the UK and nearly ten worshipping at St Luke's. We are sad to be leaving our church family and spheres of service here, but sense God has good purposes for us there now.

You'll remain in our thoughts and prayers as you too move forward in a changing scene; we pray in step with God who is always present and faithful, and doing new things in and through us.

Wendy and Kevin Somerville

Celebrations: Belated congratulations for their silver wedding anniversary on the 8th April to Yvonne and Alan W. Congratulations to Graham and Rosie J for their wedding anniversary today (20th) and Alison and John B on St George's Day (23rd); Paul and Jill R on the 25th; Happy Birthday wishes to Pat W on the 25th; Helen B on the 26th and Ann T on the 1st May. Congratulations to the Rogers for the birth of their grand-daughter Amanay born on the 11th to Guy and Alba. 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.

Toddlers starts up again on the 24th April.

Kids and Youth Group start up again on the 29th April

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. Please use the sheet to sign up for the meal in the gathering area.

The **agenda** for the APCM can be read in the gathering area. There are a few hard copies available.

Please note that the office is now closed until Wednesday 30th April because it is on holiday!

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him;
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with you in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
You have given your only Son to die for our sins
And to rise again for our justification:
Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
That we may always serve you
In pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: OMF (Overseas Mission Fellowship) Japan

Many churches in Japan have fewer than 30 members and an increasing number of churches have no pastor. Mark and Sarah Gelsthorpe have been mission partners with St Luke's since 2018. They lead a team which runs a church in Hanamaki, about 500 kilometres north of Tokyo. The church runs services and fellowship groups and shares the gospel at different activities such as English classes, kid's outreach and music events.

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

Our church family in need: Esther M; 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; John M and Valerie, both friends of David W; 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 Magnus Williamson; of Bryan Hogg; of Beverley Clinch, Adrienne C's sister; 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 **yellow**. Please do take one home to pray over.