



Sunday 11th May 2025

8:00am Holy Communion Chapel

10:30 – Morning Worship

How well do you know the VIP?

Matthew 21: 1-11

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Veronica and Julie (missionaries from Taiwan)

17:30 Encounter

Going into the Unknown to Bring to Birth God's Plan

Joshua 3: 1-6; 11-17

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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

Tuesday 13th

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

Wednesday 14th

20:00 CAN Choir

Sunday 18th

10:30 All Age Worship
17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

Youth Groups at St Luke's

Kids Club Junior School Age, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pm

Youth Groups: **K2 Café (during exam season)** Friday 4 – 6pm and **Base**
Thursday 6.15-7.30pm

New Sermon Series in Encounter services

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: 45-5

Christian Aid Week

Volunteers are needed to help deliver and collect or just deliver envelopes for Christian Aid week beginning this Sunday 11th May. There are Christian Aid envelopes placed in the back of the church chairs this Sunday which can be filled and put in the collection. Please gift aid, if you can, by filling out the form on the back of the envelope and writing clearly. Please speak to **Pamela W** you can help or for further details.

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	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

Dates for Diary

Celebrations: Happy Birthday 94th birthday wishes to Alan E on the 11th; Lorraine R on Tuesday the 13th; Dora P and Wera I on Thursday the 15th. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

A very big thank you to all those involved in putting together the wonderful and delicious family meal celebrating VE day and the end of our APCM business meeting last Sunday. Tremendous team work.

Wendy and John are celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary on the 22nd May and they are going to bring cake and Prosecco to celebrate their wedding anniversary on the **18th May** after the service and they also would like it to be for all folk who are celebrating birthdays in May.

Farewell to the Bishop of St Albans at the Abbey on 18th May 3pm

PCC Meeting – 20th May at 8pm in the Church Lounge so Focus will be earlier at 7pm in the chapel.

Deanery Synod at St Luke's – 21st May in the church at 7:30pm.

Walk Round the Parish – 27th May 7pm All welcome.

Ascension Day Service with Holy Communion - 29th May 7.30pm We will be joined by St Peter's, Bushey Lane and St Mary's. The guest preacher will be Colin Heath, Reader at St. Peter's.

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. Does anyone have contacts with local radio? If you have knowledge/expertise in this area - please see Pam.

Music @ St Luke's

Today - Sunday May 11th, 3pm. Nina Cook – soprano, Jeremy Cooke - piano. This will be a short recital to include well-loved favourites in memory of VE day followed by light refreshments.

This recital is free. Donations are welcome.

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.

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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.

World Watch List: Christians in **Mali** (*world's 14th highest area of religious persecution*)

Please pray for our ministry in local schools: Cassiobury Infants and Juniors; Nascot Wood Infants and Merchant Taylors. They are coming to us or we are going to them around Pentecost and Michael is doing the end of year assembly at both infant schools in July. Pray for Michael and Bekki as they build on these contacts at the schools.

Mission Partners: Bishop Alfred Olwa, Bishop of Lango Diocese based in Lira in Northern Uganda Please pray for him in his ongoing work. Details of his ministry are on the PIM board in the church corridor. Twenty years ago, he had his placement here at St Luke's when he was studying at London Bible College (now LST).

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

Our church family in need: Walter P; Janet A; 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: Heather S; 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 Jean Bedford; of David Payne; 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.

Tuesday 27th May 3:30pm: Funeral of David Payne

Monday 9th June 12 noon: Funeral of Jean Bedford at St Luke's, followed by burial in North Watford.