



Sunday 18th May 2025

10:30 – All Age Family Communion

Miraculous Catch of Fish

John 21: 1-14

Leading: Revd Michael Norman

Speaking: Neil Brookes (Youth Director)

17:30 Encounter

Overcoming Failure

John 21: 1 - 19

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.

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

Church Office closed Tuesdays

Tuesday 20th

10:00 Holy Communion - Church
19:00 Focus Prayer Meeting – Chapel
20:00 PCC - Lounge

Wednesday 21st

19:30 Deanery Synod Church
20:00 CAN Choir - Lounge

Sunday 25th

10:30 Family Communion
17:30 Encounter

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

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

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

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 19 June 2, 16, 30 July 14 <i>Fruit of the Holy Spirit</i>
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

Thank you for your help and donations. Christian Aid week ended on Saturday 17th May. If you still wish to donate, please deliver your gifts in the envelopes as soon as possible to the office or to Pam W

Thank you to everyone who blesses our church by serving, praying or financial giving. We know some of you give anonymously and we want to include you in our thanks. We have started sending out annual thank you emails to regular givers we know about have an email for on ChurchSuite. You may need this email for your tax return. If you don't receive something but need to, please speak to John Sills (john.sills5@gmail.com) who will provide a hard copy.

Celebrations: Congratulations to Wendy and John D celebrating their Diamond wedding anniversary on Thursday 22nd May. Happy Birthday to James and Pedro I on Friday 23rd. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Wendy and John invite you to join them in their celebrations with cake and prosecco to celebrate their wedding anniversary after the service today! They would like this celebration to also include all folk who are celebrating birthdays in May.

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

Serving Forms: We are hoping to add new volunteers from our new electoral roll with this exercise so please let us know where/how you would like to serve. So far we only have forms in from people already doing great service in the church! Pray about where you might like to come and join in the fun.

12th Watford Brownies Need Your Help

This summer after 40 years of service, Carole Phelan is stepping down as leader of the Brownies. Wow! We are looking for a leader who will be fully trained to complete the leader development programme and be part of the leadership team. The leader would not run the unit alone. All work will be shared amongst the two helpers and Carole. Anyone who is interested in this very rewarding and fun role and would like more information please message Carole on carolephelan@btconnect.com or contact the District Commissioner (Anne Johns) on watfordcandwdistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

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 Saturday 14th June at St Luke's at 3 pm. This is a gently evangelistic event for you to invite friends and family to attend. It is based on inspiration from the Sound of Music. It will bring smiles to your faces, include sing-along songs, and much more. With cream teas and crisp apple cake afterwards. It's a free event, but you need to reserve your place by getting a ticket, which will be available soon from the office or Pam Norman. Details to follow.

Giving Thanks: We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week. The next prayer list is **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.

Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
Have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
Grant that, as by your grace going before us
You put into our minds good desires,
So by your continual help
We may bring them to good effect;
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
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 **China** (*world's 15th highest area of religious persecution*)

Mission Partners: Watford Schools Worker Trust Please pray for this interdenominational Christian charity that works with over 50 schools in the Watford area. They work predominantly across primary school age-groups.

Please continue to pray for St Luke's work in local schools.

Please pray for Revd Dave Scourfield as he is inducted as Curate-in-charge at St Paul's, Langleybury this Tuesday evening

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 Geoffrey Miller (Carl M's dad); 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.