



Sunday 25th May 2025 (Rogation Sunday)

10:30 Family Communion
'If you love me obey my teaching.'
John 14: 23 - 30
Leading: Pam Norman
Speaking: Revd Michael Norman

17:30 Encounter
Made For A Mission
Matthew 10: 1 – 10; 28: 16-20
Leading: Neil Brookes (Director of Youth)
Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Sunday 1st June 2025 (Sunday after Ascension)

10:30 Morning Worship
Introduction to Acts (new series)
Final Preparations 1
Acts 1: 1 - 7
Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)
Speaking: Revd Michael Norman

17:30 Encounter
Final Preparations 2
Acts 1: 1 – 14; Luke 24: 45 - 53
Leading: Revd Michael Norman
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 Monday 26th May to 30th May

Tuesday 27th

10:00 Holy Communion
 15:30 David Payne Funeral (church)
 19:00 Rogation Prayer Walk Round Parish - church

Wednesday 28th

20:00 CAN Choir - Lounge

Thursday 29th

19:30 Ascension Day Service with St Peter's and St Mary's –in Church

Friday 30th

14:30 Friday Club

Sunday 1st June

10:30 Morning Worship – Acts 1 (New Series)
 17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

Tuesday 3rd

10:00 Service of the Word
 20:00 Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom

Saturday 7th

08:30 Breakfast Club

Youth Groups at St Luke's during term time

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

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	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

Magazine deadline looming 2nd June – great copy is coming in but reminder to those still working on their contributions that you have just over a week to finish. Photographs to illustrate work is always illuminating. Do we have any **graphic artists** who might want to hand over some comic ideas/**St Luke's cartoon strip**?

Celebrations: Happy Birthday Mo F on Sunday 25th; Jennifer M on Monday 26th, Mary B on Sunday 1st June, Geoff F on Tuesday 3rd. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Welcome Letter: If you have committed to our church family by joining the electoral roll, we invite you to fill in the back of the welcome letter. Many are already contributing to our family life, and that is good to know, but there may be other areas where you would like to join in – as you are able. Thank you.

Walk Round the Parish – 27th May 7pm All welcome – set off from church.

Ascension Day Service with Holy Communion - 29th May 7.30pm We will be joined by St Peter's, Bushey Mill 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 gently evangelistic event 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. Bring your friends and book your tickets via online invitation or through office.

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. All work is shared amongst the two helpers and Carole. For more information please message Carole on carolephelan@btconnect.com or contact the District Commissioner (Anne Johns) watfordcandwdistrict@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

ACTORS needed. Children and adults for Sunday morning dramas on **July 13th, Sept 14th and Sept 28th**. Rehearsals will be the evening before. Speaking and non-speaking parts available. Dramas will be based on Acts 8, 10 and 12. Please see Pam N if you want to be involved or email pam.stlukes@gmail.com

Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Collect for Ascension Day 29th May

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we may in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

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.

Partners in Mission: Alternatives – Pregnancy Crisis and Support Centre, Watford and Hemel Hempstead Please pray for their work in life-changing emotional and practical support for anyone facing pregnancy-related challenges.

World Watch List: Christians in **Maldives** (*world's 16th highest area of religious persecution*)

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

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

Our church family in need: Cynthia D; Walter P; Janet A; Jenny R; Barbara T, Dave W; Maeve K; Steve B; Valerie T, Helen J, Veronica C, Mark H, Antoinette M, Carl 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 and all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.

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

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.