



Sunday 4th May 2025

10:30 – Morning Service/APCM

Changing of the Guard

Joshua 1: 1 – 19; Joshua 3: 1-5

Acts 3 11 – 20

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

When Jesus Comes into the Midst

John 20: 1-18

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Simon Trundle (Reader-in-training)



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 6th

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

Wednesday 4th

20:00 CAN Choir

Saturday 10th

08:30 Breakfast Club

Sunday 11th

08:00 Holy Communion - Chapel
10:30 Morning Worship with Veronica DD – missionary partner
in Taiwan
17:30 Encounter Service with Veronica DD

Youth Groups at St Luke's

Kids Club Junior School Age, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pm

Youth Groups: **K2** Tuesday 7.45-9.00pm and **Base Thursday** 6.15-7.30pm

New Sermon Series in Encounter services

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

The new Christian film *The King of Kings* PG is being retained for another week at Vue cinema, Watford Woodside Leisure Park, WD25 7JZ now showing daily until Thurs. 8th May. *Tickets are from just £8.99.*

For details, trailer and to book see: thekingofkingsfilm.com

A helpful review can be found here: [youtube.com/watch?v=Jkap02GpLPE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jkap02GpLPE)

Celebrations: Happy Birthday wishes to Mave C on the 7th; Polly O and Carole P on Saturday 10th. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Today we welcome our new Children and Family Ministry Team Leader
Bekki Hadley in the St Luke's Team and our church family.

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.

Music @ St Luke's

Today - Sunday May 4th, 3pm. Nina Cook – soprano. This recital is free but donations are welcome.

Sermon/Meeting Notes:

Collect for Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
Who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ, our 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.

World Watch List: Christians in **Myanmar** (*world's 13th highest area of religious persecution*)

Mission Partners: Clive and Angela Thomas. They divide their time between the UK and Nepal where they are based in Pokhara. They work alongside the International Nepal Fellowship (INF); a Christian health and development organisation serving the poor and marginalized. In the UK they are based at All Nations Christian College primarily in the area of online intercultural course development and facilitation. Please pray for their work.

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 **green**. Please do take one home to pray over.