



Sunday 8th June 2025 (Pentecost Sunday)

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Family Communion
Pentecost – God's Restoration Project
Acts 2:1-24, 33, 36-41 (p 1093/4)
Leading: Revd Michael Norman
Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

17:30 Encounter
Living Hope for Exiles and Sojourners
1 Peter 1: 1 - 12 (p 1217)
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 on Tuesdays

Monday 9th

12:00 Funeral of Jean Bedford - Church

Tuesday 10th

10:00 Holy Communion

20:00 Focus - Chapel

Saturday 14th

09:00 – 12:00 Half Day of Prayer - Chapel

15:00 Sound of Musings

Sunday 15th

10:30 Morning Worship – Sound of Musings

17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion

20:00 Focus Prayer Meeting – Zoom

Sermon Series – Summer Term

	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Encounter</u>
June 8 th	Acts 2	1 Peter 1: 1 -12
June 15 th	Sound of Musings – All Age	1 Peter 1: 13 - 25
June 22 nd	Acts 3/4 Focus on Acts 4: 23-31	1 Peter 2: 1 - 12
June 29 th	Acts 5	1 Peter 2: 13 – 3: 8
July 6 th	Acts 6/7	1 Peter 3: 8 - 22
July 13 th	Acts 8: 26:40 A Meeting on the Desert Road - Drama	1 Peter 4
July 20 th	Acts 9	1 Peter 5

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 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

Youth Groups at St Luke's during term time**Kids Club** Junior School Age, Tuesday 5.30-6.45pmYouth Groups: **K2 Café (during exam season)** Friday 4 – 6pm and **Base**

Thursday 6.15-7.30pm

Celebrations: Happy Birthday Stanley P on Thursday 12th and Ann Mc (a big birthday!) also on the 12th. We also congratulate Tass and Alured on their Silver Wedding anniversary on the 3rd June. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

National Volunteer Week. We would like to say a big thank you to all who serve in the church fellowship in some way. Thank you to those who responded to our welcome letter - over 85 of you serve in various ways, often involved in several teams. You are a blessing to us all.

Sound of Musings – Saturday June 14th 3pm Saturday 14th June at St Luke's at 3pm. 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. Dramas will be based on Acts 8, 10 and 12. Talk with Pam or email: pam.stlukes@gmail.com

Holiday Club Meeting 8th June (today) and 6th July – after morning church. If you are already a volunteer or would like to help out, please grab a coffee after the service and come along to the Youth Lounge for short update about Holiday Club plans. 54 children have already signed up. Please see posters around the building to sign up children. Invites have been issued to all who attended last year. Bekki H.

Church Family Lunch – 6th July Please put this date in your diary. Details tbc.

Music Recital – 8th June – today – 3pm: St Luke's Church Watford. Ella Harrison, Cello, Jeremy Cooke, piano. Programme will include works by Fauré, Arensky and J S Bach. Entry free. Donations welcome.

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
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.

Partners in Mission: Kisumu Children—Please pray for their work which seeks to provide extremely disadvantaged children in the Kisumu region of Kenya with hope for the future within a Christian foundation. www.kisumuchildren.org.uk

World Watch List: Christians in **Iraq** (*world's 17th highest area of religious persecution*)

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

Please pray for Jeremy and Mary and for Matthew and Wei Fong as they prepare for their married lives together and for their marriages coming up in July and August.

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; 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.

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