



Sunday 20th July 2025 – Trinity 5

**10:30 Baptismal Service
Called, Changed and Commissioned
Acts 9:1-22**

Leading: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

**17:30 Encounter with Holy Communion
Final Advice**

1 Peter 5: 1 - 14

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Revd Michael Norman (Vicar)



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

Office closed on Tuesdays

Tuesday 22nd10:00 **Holy Communion** - Church19:00 **Focus** - Zoom**Saturday 26th**13:00 **Jeremy and Mary** - wedding**Sunday 27th**10:30 **Family Communion** Titus 1

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Mimi T for Sunday 20th; Pilgrim for Monday 21st and Alex S on the 24th. Congratulations to Janet and Tony A for their Golden wedding anniversary on the 22nd and the Gibbs for their 55th wedding anniversary on the 25th. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

A casual vacancy for a Lay member of the General Synod following a resignation. There now needs to be an election to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the current term (due to end during 2026 – most likely following the July sessions that year).

Information relating to this election, including the Informal Notice detailing those who are members of the electorate and those who may stand for election and the Formal Guidance can be found [here](#).

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/about-us/governance/synods-boards-and-committees/general-synod-election-to-fill-lay-casual-vacancy-2025/>

Hospitality Team We are still looking for church members willing and able to help serve drinks and food at one-off events like funerals and weddings. Please see Michael or contact the office if you are interested.

Part-time Assistant Administrator We continue to look for someone who is IT literate for a 6 hours in-person role with particular responsibility for publicity (eg. generating in-house posters and leaflets) and for maintaining vibrant social media platforms. The person would be in-office on Tuesdays and one other day and would also provide cover during holidays. Please contact Michael if you would like to register an interest in this post.

Drama Helpers: Thank you to the helpers and actors with the drama. We need more actors for the September 28th drama. Please see Pam N if you fancy a go. Children particularly welcome.

Holiday Club – we are still looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers to help with groups.

Holiday Club needs shoe boxes and toilet/paper towel rolls. Please pass on to Bekki H/Office for holiday club activities. Please pray for Bekki, her team and children attending 'Deep Sea Divers'.

Music at St Luke's The next recital will be on Sunday September 14th at 3pm with Amy Naddermier playing the flute and piccolo. Entry is free but donations are welcome. There will be refreshments served afterwards.

Some life groups are continuing throughout the summer. If you are new to church and would like to find out more please contact the office.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified;
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 conflicts in the Holy Land; Gaza; Iran; Ukraine; Sudan and Sub-Saharan Africa. At home please pray 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:

Please pray for Open Doors. It has been 70 years since Brother Andrew made his first mission trip behind the Iron Curtain on 15 July 1955, and Open Doors was born. Now, 70 years later, prayers and support for Open Doors mean Bibles, vital aid, long-term support and timely encouragement are reaching persecuted believers in more than 70 countries around the world. news@opendoorsuk.org

World Watch List: Mauritania (*world's 23rd highest area of religious persecution*)

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.

Our church family in need: Di and Jeff G; Cynthia D; 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, Pat W.

Our wider family and friends in need: Heather S; Angela S's mother, Rosemary R; John W, John M and Valerie, friends of David W; Penny A's niece, Jo; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's mother, Eileen R and brother Stephen R; Janine (Gill E's sister) and others we know and love.

Those in mourning. Friends and family of Chris Bruty; of Walter Paterson; of Geoffrey Miller (Carl M's dad) 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 **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.

Sermon Notes: