



## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Trinity 12**

**10:30am Family Communion  
The Signs of the Kingdom  
Acts 9: 31 – 10: 7 (pages 1103/4)  
Mark 5: 35-43 (page 1008)  
Leading: Simon Trundle  
Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**5:30pm Encounter  
Gathering to Share  
1 Corinthians 14: 26 - 40 (pages 1155)  
Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)  
Speaking: Simon Trundle**



**If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome.** Please email your details to [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19467/>

**From Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September the office will be closed on Wednesdays.**

## September

### Tuesday 9th

10:00

**Holy Communion** - Church

20:00

**Focus** - Chapel

18:30 – 19:45

**Base (years 9 – 11)** – Upper Hall

20:00 – 21:15

**K2 (years 11 – 13)**– Main Hall

### Thursday 11th

9:30 – 11:00

**Toddlers**

### Saturday 13th

8:30 – 10:30

**Breakfast Club**

9:30 – 12:00

**Creative Space**

9:00 – 12:00

**Half Day of Prayer** - Chapel

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

10:30

**Family Communion: The Gentile Pentecost**

Acts 10 – 11:18

17:30

**Encounter – Meals as Enacted Grace** - Luke 5

#### Autumn Sermon Series

September	10:30am		Encounter: 5:30pm	
7	The Signs of the Kingdom	Acts 9: 32 – 10: 7	Gathering to Share	1 Corinthians 14
14	The Gentile Pentecost	Acts 10 – 11: 18	Introduction and Meal as Enacted Grace	Luke 5
21	The Church in Antioch	Acts 11: 19 - 30	Meals as Enacted Community	Luke 7
28	Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison	Acts 12: 1 - 19	Simon's Welcome and Celebration Service <b>6:30pm start</b>	
October				
5	First Missionary Journey (Part 1)	Acts 13/14	Meals as Enacted Hope	Luke 9
12	Harvest Celebration		Meals as Enacted Mission	Luke 14
19	The Council of Jerusalem	Acts 15	Meals as Enacted Salvation	Luke 22
26		Acts 16: 1 - 15	Meals as Enacted Promise	Luke 24

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Ophelia H on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Ricky and Ronny S on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

**Deadline – magazine!** Please note that the deadline in Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. All content looking great so far...

**Cake and Praise! Deanery Service 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 7:30pm** This year St Luke's is hosting the Deanery Service. All welcome. We will be setting up a hospitality team to serve cakes, teas and coffees at the end of this event. Other churches will be bringing cakes too!

**Alpha Introductory Supper, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm.** The ideal way of encouraging people to come to Alpha is through invitation. Please invite friends, family and work colleagues to come along with you to this supper. Please pray for one or two people and then ask them over the next few weeks. Remember it is our responsibility to both ask and pray; the person's response is their responsibility. Please pray for this event and the course. Please pick up Alpha A6 flyers to give to friends and neighbours. Leaflet drop will be next weekend.

**Ordinand news.** We are pleased to welcome Neil Alan Brookes, an ordinand from Ridley Hall, who will be on placement with us at St Luke's. Neil will be required to reflect on his experiences at St Luke's as part of his academic work. The work will be marked and seen only by examiners. All names and identifying details will be changed. If you have concerns about this or would rather that they didn't reflect on any encounter with you, please contact the student - nabrookes@yahoo.co.uk - and/or their supervisor – [michael.stlukes@gmail.com](mailto:michael.stlukes@gmail.com) (Note: this is official blurb).

**Job opportunities.** The Diocese is currently advertising a couple of new roles in their Property Team and have asked St Luke's to highlight these in our weekly sheet. They ask those in the parish to circulate details to anyone they think may be interested in applying. Advert with further details can be viewed below.

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

**ACTORS and PROPS needed.**

Actors, adults and children are needed to be involved in Sunday morning plays in Jan and Feb 2026. We need a large wooden bowl, a pair of angel wings and a halo before Sept 14th. If you can lend these or want to act, please contact [pam.stlukes@gmail.com](mailto:pam.stlukes@gmail.com) or tell Dorothy in the office.

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

All seats now booked. If you would like to be on a waiting list for the trip please let the office know. We will be leaving the church car park at 5:20pm so please note that earlier time.

**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.

## **Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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.  
Amen.

**Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world; for people suffering from the earthquakes in Afghanistan; 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: Barnabas Aid**

Barnabas Aid is an international aid agency that aims to support Christian communities, churches and individuals around the world who face persecution and discrimination because of their faith. @barnabasaid.org

**World Watch List: Nicaragua** (*world's 30th highest area of religious persecution*)

**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 and Carl M; Alured D; Pat W.

**Our wider family and friends in need:** Heather S; Angela S's mother, Rosemary R; 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 **John Crowder; John Warner; Marion Edwards** 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.