



Sunday 2nd November 2025 – Fourth Sunday Before Advent

10:30am Morning Service

'The Unknown God: Making a Connection'

Acts 17: 13 - 21; Acts 17: 22 - 34

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)

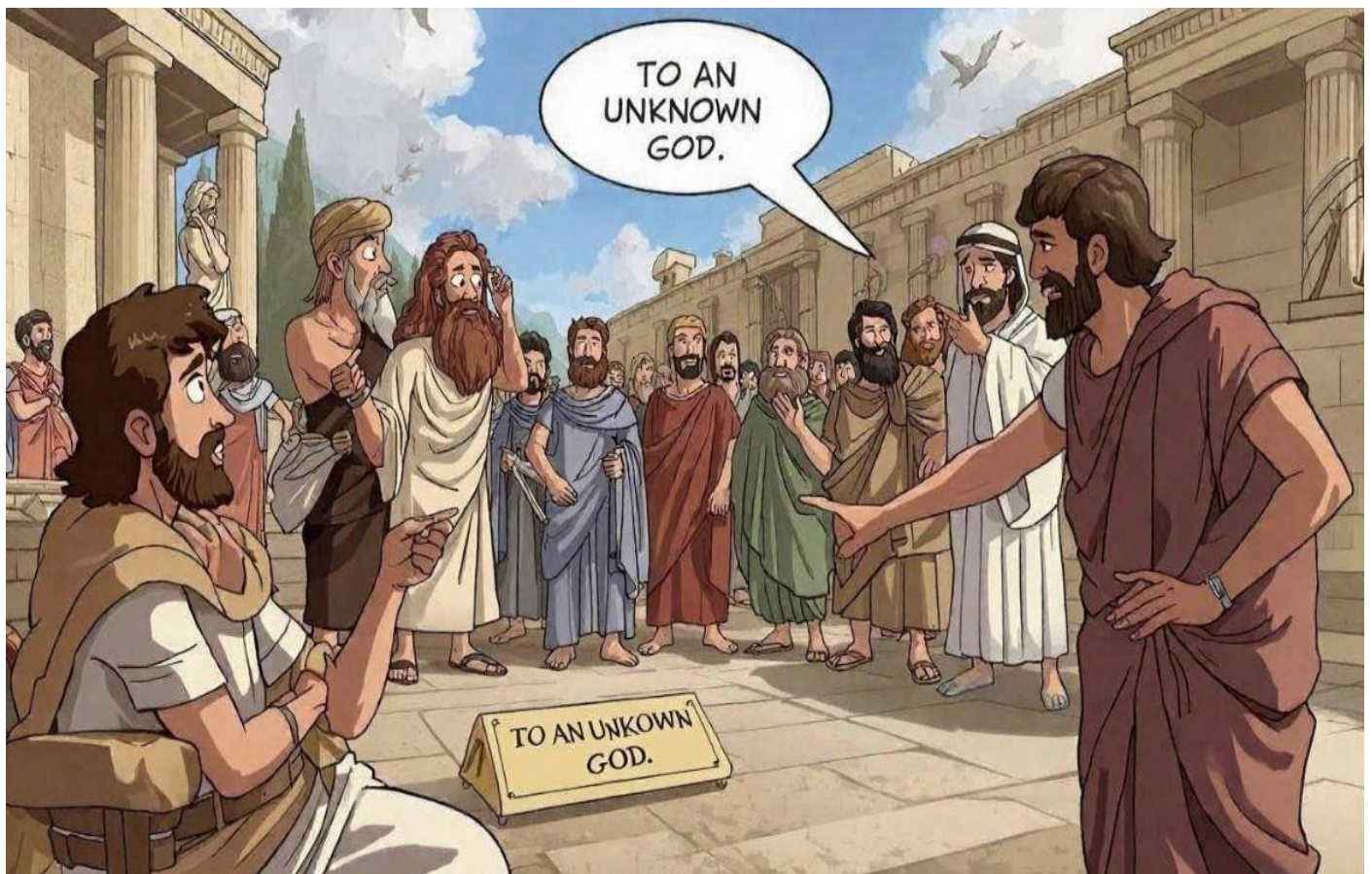
5:30pm Encounter with Holy Communion

Prophet Symbols – The Eagle

Ezekiel 7: 3 – 8; Isaiah 40: 27 -31; Revelation 12: 14

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: 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:** <https://www.stlukeswatford.org/>

The office is closed on Wednesdays

Tuesday 4th

10:00

Holy Communion

20:00

Focus - Zoom**Friday 31st**

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer – Chapel**November****Saturday 8th**

8:30

Breakfast Club**Sunday 9th**

08:00

Holy Communion

10:30

All Age Remembrance Service with Parade

15:00

Annual Service for the Bereaved

17:30

Encounter with HC – Symbols of the Prophetic – The Lion

November			
2	Athens	Acts 17	Symbols of the Prophetic: The Eagle
9	Corinth	Acts 18	Symbols of the Prophetic: The Lion
16	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19	Symbols of the Prophetic: The Ox
23	Encouragement and the Prophetic	Acts 20: 1-12; Acts 21: 10-14	Symbols of the Prophetic: Wind; Dove etc
30			Symbols of the Prophetic: The Man
December			
7			Symbols of the Prophetic: The Shepherd
	Christmas Service programme to follow shortly		

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to John D and Bethan L today (Sunday); Ira G on Friday and congratulations to Philip and Esther M for their 49th wedding anniversary (big one next year). Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

A Big Thank You from Bekki to all the volunteers who have helped deliver a wonderful Holiday Club Short – Light Party on Friday.

Yorkshire Marathon update from Katie O: *'I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and our church for all the prayers and generous support. All in all, an amazing £4,759 has been raised and I know that this money and show of support will mean so much to Rony and Anna.'*

Sunday 9th November at 3pm – Annual Service for the Bereaved – Church on Remembrance Sunday. There will be a list of loved ones to be remembered at the back of church.

Christmas Pudding Night – Friday 14th November Christmas pudding evening on Friday 14th November. There will be 3 sessions between 5 and 8.30. Puddings will be £10 each with profit going to Watford Foodbank. If you would like to come please book in using the QR code before Friday 7th. Any questions please email stlukespuds@gmail.com



Tearfund Big Quiz Saturday 15th November – join us with hundreds of other churches over the country for a night of fun that will raise thousands to help end extreme poverty. Teams of up to 8, bring friends and your own drinks, meal provided. Sign up using Churchsuite QR code:



Care For the Family, 18th November, High Wycombe with Rob Parsons as guest speaker. You can book a place on this link:
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/>

Prophecy Day led by Reverend Keith Powell Saturday 22nd November at St Luke's 10am - 4pm. There will be a **Bring and Share** meal on Sunday 23rd. See insert for more information.

New Wine Women's Day Saturday 7th February 2026. For more details, please speak to Helen J Booth.

The diocese are advertising for a Vocations Administrator and this a key role in the discernment and promotion of vocations within the diocese. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 3 November 2025.

Further details on our website on the link below:

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/vocations-administrator/>

Saturday Afternoon Recital, November 8th 2pm Garfield Jackson *Viola*, Winnie Wu *Piano*. The recital includes works by Bach, Brahms and Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet) Entry is free but donations (for Peace Hospice and church funds) are welcome. The 50-minute recital will be followed by light refreshments.

Sunday Afternoon Recital November 23rd, 3pm. Free, donations are welcome. Sophie Harrison - flute, Jeremy Cooke — piano. A short recital to include works by Prokofiev and Mel Bonis.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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.
Amen

Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world.; for people suffering from the storm Melissa; for the people displaced and suffering from the recent horrors in Darfur; earthquakes in Afghanistan; for the ceasefire in 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.

World Watch List: Kazakhstan (38th area of religious persecution)

Partners in Mission: Their volunteer Chaplains serve the community of Watford day and night – offering comfort, support and a listening ear. Chaplains volunteer in retail, business, GPs' surgeries, and as Street Angels. Find out more - <https://www.watfordtcc.org/what-is-chaplaincy>

Our church family in need: Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthy D; Janet A; Barbara T; Helen J; Veronica C; Alured D; Pat W.

Our wider family and friends in need: Brenda and Peter T; Narwi and Sabrina; Jean, Pam R's mum; Heather S; 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 **Maeve Knight; Jean Taylor**, Carolyn's mother 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.