



Sunday 5th October 2025 – Trinity 16

**10:30am Morning Worship
'Paul's First Missionary Journey'
Acts 13: 1 - 6; 13: 49 to 52
Acts 14: 1 - 7; 14: 19 to 28
Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)
Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)**

**5:30pm Encounter with Family Communion
'Meals as Enacted Hope'
Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 9:10-20**



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 Wednesday

Monday 6th18:30 – 19:45 **Rock Solid** – Youth Lounge**Tuesday 7th**10:00 **Holy Communion**17:20 **Coach departs from car park: Lion, Witch and Wardrobe**20:00 **Focus - Zoom****Wednesday 8th**09:00 – 12:00 **Year 1 Cassiobury Infants visiting St Luke's****Thursday 9th**9:30 – 11:00 **Toddlers****Friday 10th**10:00 – 11:00 **Hour of Prayer** – Chapel**Saturday 11th**08:30 **Breakfast Club****Sunday 12th**08:00 **Holy Communion - Chapel**10:30 **Harvest All Age Parade Service**17:30 **Encounter - Meals as Enacted Mission: Luke 14**

Autumn Sermon Series

| | 10:30 | | 17:30 | |
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| Oct | | | | |
| 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 |
| Nov | | | | |
| 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 | |
| Dec | | | | |
| 7 | | | Symbols of the Prophetic: The Shepherd | |

Thank you for all the work posting leaflets. If you still have one please return zipped folders– we are missing 8.

Celebrations: Congratulations to Marion and Roger H who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 4th October. Hurrah! Happy Birthday to Bill M on Wednesday and Arun D on Saturday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Coming up fast! The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,

Tuesday 7th October

Reminder that we will be leaving the church car park in the coach at 5:20pm.

Katie O is running the Yorkshire marathon to raise money for her neighbour, Rony, who is suffering life-changing injuries following a terrible accident. Please pray for him and his family. [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/run4rony](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/run4rony)

Harvest All Age Parade Service 10:30am 12th October Please see the list of suitable items in gathering area and foyer. Financial donations are for Tearfund. Food - in date and unopened - will be passed on to the Foodbank and New Hope. Items most needed at the moment: Cereals, Milk (long life), Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Rice Pudding, Custard, Jam, Tea/Coffee. Mashed Potato, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Biscuit/Snack Bars

Harvest Meal – Bring and Share - 12th October

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Put your name on it!

Christmas Pudding Night – 14th November Save the date! More information to follow from the Pudding A Team.

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.

Save the date! 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. More information to follow.

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

Music at St Luke's – 12th October – 3pm

Nina Cook – soprano; Jeremy Cooke — piano.

A short recital to include well-loved favourites from the classics and shows.

The recital is free but donations are welcome. Refreshments provided afterwards.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 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: www.toilettwinning.org 2.4 billion people do not have a loo. This means that every minute a child under the age of 5 dies because of dirty water and poor sanitation. Women and girls particularly suffer from no toilet facilities. £60 means that you can twin your toilet with a single household latrine in an impoverished community.

World Watch List: Tunisia (*world's 34th highest area of religious persecution*)

Our church family in need: Gill E; 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; 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 **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 **yellow**. Please do take one home to pray over.