



Sunday 16th November 2025 – Second Sunday Before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

10:30am Church Family Holy Communion

'Corinth: Ministry, Mission and Mentors!'

Acts:18: 1-11

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Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

5:30pm Encounter

Prophetic Symbols – The Ox

Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Proverbs 14: 4; Isaiah 1: 3; Luke 14: 1 - 6

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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 18th

10:00 **Holy Communion**
20:00 **Focus - Zoom**

Friday 21st

10:00 – 11:00 **Hour of Prayer – Chapel**
18:30 **Mission Advisory Group - Vicarage**

Saturday 22nd

08:30 **Breakfast Club**
10:00 – 16:00 **Prophecy Workshop**

Sunday 23rd

10:30 **Morning Worship**
12:30 **Church Family Bring and Share Lunch**
17:30 **Encounter with Holy Communion– Symbols of the Prophetic – Wind; Dove etc**

This Safeguarding Sunday please pray for the work of Thirtyone eight, the Christian charity which helps us with DBS safeguarding checks and provides training and advice to churches. You can find out more information about them following this link - <https://thirtyoneeight.org/>

Christmas is coming...



St Lukes Watford *Christmas*

Child friendly

Carols & mince pies around the Crib

Sunday 14th December, 4.30pm

Holiday Club Short (ages 4 - 11)

Friday 19th December, 5 - 7pm

Nativity service

Sunday 21st December, 10.30am

Christingle, Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24th December, 4.30pm

Christmas Day, Family all age service

Thursday 25th December, 10.30am

Finishing with optional short Holy Communion

Christmas events

Carols at the Essex Arms

Thursday 18th December, 7 - 9pm

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm

Christmas Eve, Midnight communion

Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm

Christmas Day, Communion with Carols

Thursday 25th December, 9am

Advent Candles

We'll be lighting advent candles every Sunday morning service at 10.30am during December

FYI: most church services last around an hour

Langley Way, Watford WD17 3EG

www.stlukeswatford.org/christmas



Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Adrienne C on Sunday (today); Kevin S on Friday (in NZ); Richard W on Saturday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

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/>

Prayer Ministry Meeting – 24th November: 7:30 – 9pm Lounge

Prophecy Day Saturday 22nd November at St Luke's 10am - 4pm.

This day is led by Reverend Keith Powell. Please sign up on the list in the gathering area. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Bring and Share meal on Sunday 23rd November

Please sign up on sheet in gathering area.

Saturday 6th December 6:30pm - wine tasting at a Christmas Carvery in the Church Hall. Taste 12 wines with food for eating around Christmas. Please let Michael know if you would like to come (michael.stlukes@gmail.com).

Santa's Hampers 2025 – Friday 12th December from 4pm

If anyone would like to help unload, carry upstairs and organise all of the items we would be very grateful. If you could let Dorothy in the church office know and she can pass on your details to us. Each hamper costs £45 so please consider making a donation via the church office or in the gift aid envelopes marking donations 'Santa's Hampers'.

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

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 Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray for the world and the leaders of the world; for people suffering from 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: Egypt (*40th area of religious persecution*)

Partners in Mission: Watford Schools Trust: They thank you for the support you are giving to Watford Schools Trust through prayer. On Monday 24th November they begin one of the busiest periods for requests - Christmas. They are offering lessons to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6.

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

Our wider family and friends in need: Alison M, Bill M's sister; 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 **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.