



Sunday 30th November 2025 – Advent 1

10:30am Family Communion

Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19

Luke 3: 2-3 & 15 - 16

Acts 19: 1 - 22

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

5:30pm Encounter

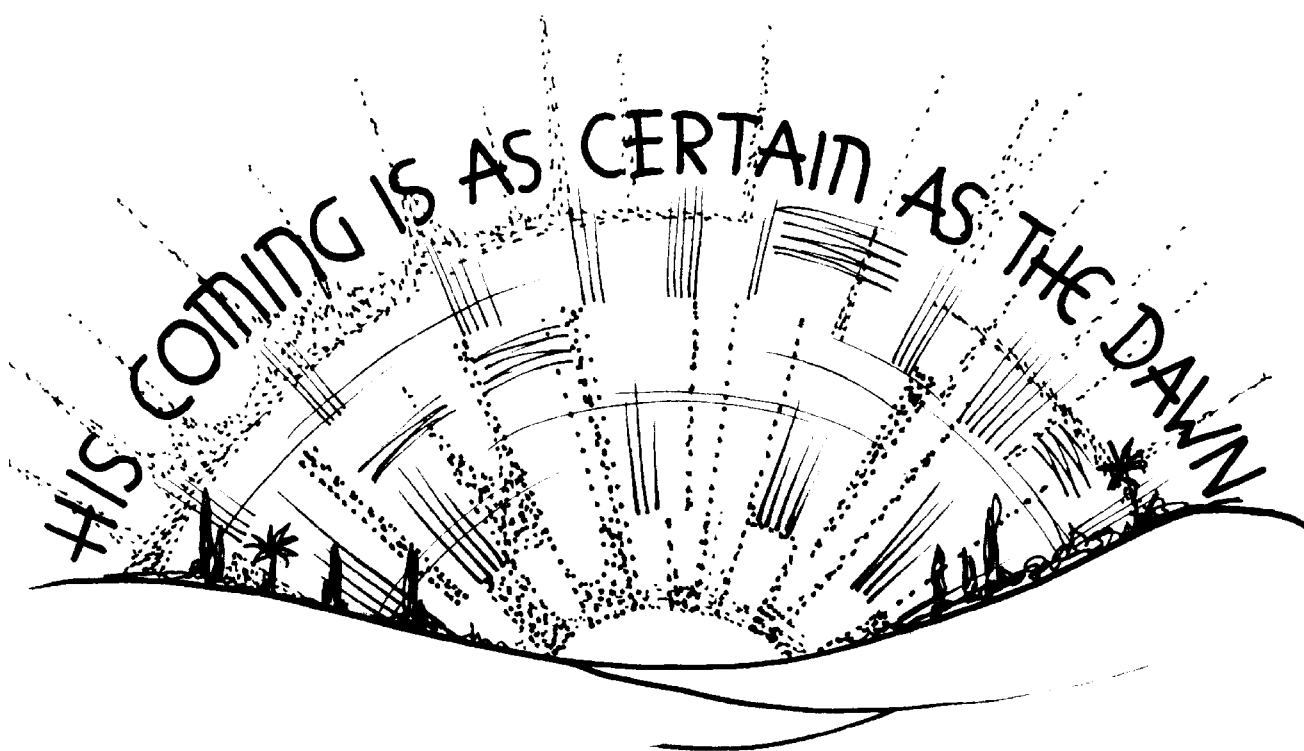
Prophetic Symbols – The Man

Genesis 1: 26-31; 1 Corinthians 15: 42 - 49;

Matthew 24: 24 - 31

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)



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

December

Tuesday 2nd

10:00

Holy Communion followed by...

12:00

Fellowship Lunch

20:00

Focus - Zoom

Friday 5th

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer – Chapel

16:00 – 19:00

Christmas Preparations in Church

Saturday 6th

08:30

Breakfast Club

00:00 – 12:00

Half Day of Prayer - Chapel

18:30

Wine Tasting at a Christmas Carvery - Hall

Sunday 7th

10:30

Advent 2

17:30

Morning Worship

Encounter with Holy Communion

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 Emily W on Tuesday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

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

If anyone would like to help unload, carry upstairs and organise all of the items we would be very grateful. We need help unloading at 10:00am and then help for packing at 6:30pm. 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'.

Actors urgently needed - casting is nearly complete for our Sunday morning performances of Acts in January and February 2026.

We still need:

Jan 11th - 3 actors; Feb 1st - 2 actors; Feb 15th 8 actors

Parts have from 2 to 10 lines each and no memorisation needed.

If you haven't already offered your acting skills and want to be part of these dramas, please contact Pam N at pam.stlukes@gmail.com You must be available for the rehearsals at 6 pm on the Saturday night before the Sunday play, and at 9 am on the day of the play. **Props and help** - if you would like to make props or help back stage, let us know.

New Wine Women's Day Saturday 7th February 2026 New Wine Women's Day Update. This will be held on 7/11/26 at Christ Church Barnet, EN5 4LA and tickets cost £25. We are asking people to make their own way there but lifts can be organised for those of you needing one. If you would like to come along, go to <https://new-wine.org/reset-book-tickets/>. More details to follow.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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. 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: Comoros (*42nd area of religious persecution*)

Partners in Mission: Please pray for guidance and wisdom and giving thanks for St Luke's Partners in Mission team as they seek to effectively support God's work in organisations locally and across the world.

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

Our wider family and friends in need: C. Gou, Stephanie's dad; Graham, Jeremy's dad; Alison M, Bill M's sister; Brenda and Peter T; 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: Angela F for her good friend, **Christopher**; 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 **green**. Please do take one home to pray over.