



Sunday 9th November 2025 – Third Sunday Before Advent

08:00 Holy Communion - Chapel

10:30am All Age Remembrance with Parade

1 Kings: 19:9b - 18

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Neil Brookes (Ordinand)

15:00 Annual Service for the Bereaved

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

5:30pm Encounter

Prophetic Symbols – The Lion

Amos 1: 1-2 & Amos 3: 1-8; 1 Peter 5: 8-9; Rev 5: 1-5

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)



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 11th

10:00

Holy Communion followed by:

11:00

Act of Remembrance

20:00

Focus - Chapel**Friday 14th**

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer – Chapel

From 17:00

Christmas Pudding Night - Hall**Saturday 15th**

09:30 – 12:30

**Creative Space: Christmas Star Table Centrepiece and
Cork Tree Decorations (£8 + donation for breakfast) - Full**

19:00

Tearfund Big Quiz**Sunday 16th**

10:30

Family Communion

17:30

Encounter– Symbols of the Prophetic – The Ox

Celebrations: Congratulations to Angela and Mark S with the safe arrival of their grandson Jacob John Steed born to Becky and Alex at 1.15am on 16th October weighing 8lbs. Hurrah! Happy Birthday to Dorothy E on Thursday; Janet A on Friday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

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'.

Christmas Pudding Night – Friday 14th November Christmas pudding evening on Friday 14th November. There will be 3 sessions between 5 and 8.30. 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/touevents/>

YMCA Watford are looking for a Chaplain - closing date of 14th November 2025.

Please go to their website for more details for this important ministry.

<https://oneymca.current->

[vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/3993832?cid=3287&t=Chaplain](https://oneymca.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/3993832?cid=3287&t=Chaplain)

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.

Please sign up on sheet in gathering area.

Save the date: Saturday 6th December - wine tasting at a Christmas Carvery

in the Church Hall. Taste twelve wines with food for eating at special Christmas meals. Maximum number will be 40. Donations on the night with any profit going to the Peace Hospice. Speak to Michael or email him: michael.stlukes@gmail.com

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 Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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: **Tajikistan** (39th area of religious persecution)

Partners in Mission: Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy. 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: Alison, 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 **orange**. Please do take one home to pray over.