



Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

10:30am

Nativity Service

‘The Animals attending the Nativity’

Leading: Bekki Hadley (Children and Families Worker)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

6:30pm

Carols By Candlelight followed by coffee and mince pies



Christmas Eve

4:30pm Christingle

11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion with Carols

10:30am All Age Service – with optional Holy Communion

December

Tuesday 23rd

10:00 **Holy Communion**

20:00 **Focus - Zoom**

Wednesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

16:30 **Christingle**

23:30 **Midnight Holy Communion**

Thursday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

09:00 **Communion with carols**

10:30 **Family All Age Service (optional short Holy Communion)**

Sunday 28th 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:30 **Family Communion with carols**

Tuesday 30th

10:00 **Service of the Word**

20:00 **Focus - Zoom**

January

Sunday 4th

10:30 **Morning Worship**

5:30 **Encounter**

Celebrations: Congratulations to Richard and Marina W on their 24th wedding anniversary on the 22nd December; Neil and Kate B on the 27th for their 11th wedding anniversary. Happy Birthday to Pam R on Christmas Day; Paul R and Lynley M on the 28th; India T on the 29th; Melody H and Caroline T on the 30th; Kevin B on New Year's Eve; Mark S and Kate D-B on the 3rd January. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Please pray for our 9 Lessons and Carols by Candlelight service at 6:30pm tonight as we welcome many people from our community. Please can Prayer Ministry team be ready, in pairs, to pray with people at the end of the service.

Help is needed for Christingle on Christmas Eve. Production line will start at 2:30pm for a 4:30pm start to the service. Young and older are welcome to join in the fun!

Thank you very much to all who have sent us cards and presents. We wish all a very Happy Christmas and that you'll receive God's love, guidance and blessing in 2026. Love and prayers, Michael and Pam, Dave, Simon, Neil, Bekki, Jeremy, Neil, Susan, Terry and Dorothy

Dramas starting Jan 11th 2026

Props needed for the Jan/Feb Plays

A small blow-up boat and oars, ropes, round helmets, breastplates, thick foam, thin planks of wood - various lengths, a ship's wheel, large grey/dark blanket.

3 actors are needed for Feb 15th Final performance.

See Pam or email pam.stlukes@gmail.com

New Wine Women's Day Saturday 7th February 2026 New Wine Women's Day Update. This event will be held 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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. 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: *Turkiye (45th area of religious persecution)*

Partners in Mission: The Watford Schools Trust: Please pray for their staff and their families, for their health, energy, and that they may continue to be encouraged in their work. Pray for their ongoing search for a new Chair of Trustees and for wisdom for the existing board as they manage this transition. Pray that more churches and individuals will learn about the Trust and feel moved to support us financially, prayerfully and through volunteering, helping us to establish strong connections with local church leaders and congregations. Above all, please pray for the thousands of children they speak to, that they might discover the hope and love found in Jesus.

Please pray for St Luke's Anniversary Appeal 2026 Donations can be made in the offertory basket or online. Details in the leaflet at the back of church.

Our church family in need: Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthia D; Barbara T; 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: Please pray for 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.

Happy Christmas!

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/>
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