



## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 2**

**10:30am Morning Worship**

**Paul raises Eutychus from the dead**

**Acts 20: 1- 12; Mark 13 vs 5-8 and vs 32 - 37**

**Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)**

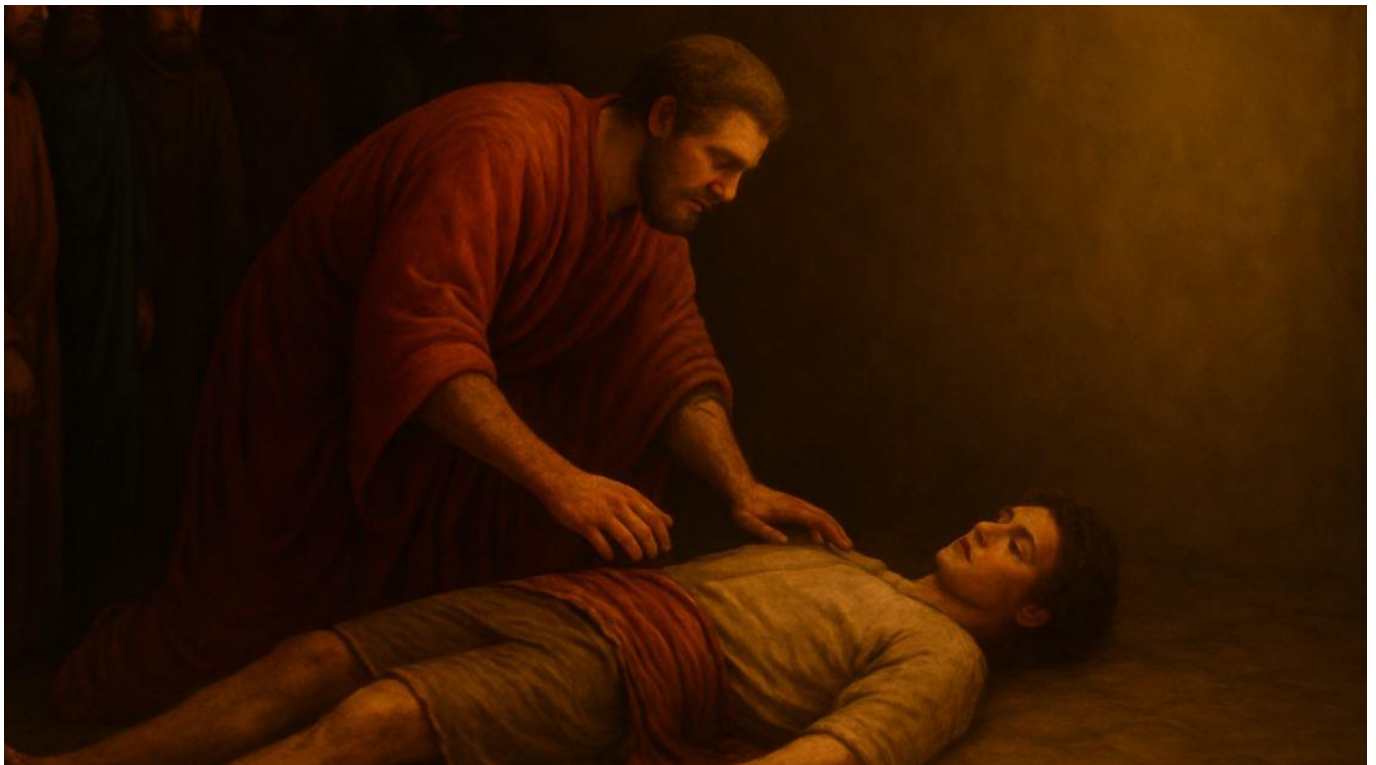
**Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)**

**5:30pm Encounter**

**Jesus – The Good Shepherd**

**Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**Speaking: Neil Brookes (Ordinand)**



**If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome.** Please email your details to [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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

### Monday 8th

10:00

Nascot Wood Nursery – Nativity - Church

### Tuesday 9th

10:00

Holy Communion

20:00

Focus - Chapel

### Wednesday 10th

09:30

Cassiobury Infants Reception – Nativity - Church

10:45

Cassiobury Infants Year 2 – Nativity - Church

### Thursday 11th

10:45

Cassiobury Infants Year 1 – Nativity - Church

### Friday 12th

10:00 – 11:00

Hour of Prayer – Chapel

16:00 – 19:00

Santa's Hampers – packing and wrapping - Upper Hall

### Sunday 14th

08:00

Holy Communion - Chapel

10:30

Children and Youth Takeover Service

16:30

Carols Round the Crib – Café in the Church

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](http://www.stlukeswatford.org/christmas)



**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Christine S, Dean T and Alastair P who celebrate a glorious variety of ages on Saturday 13th. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

**Thank you** to all who supported the **Tearfund Big Quiz Night** - St Luke's raised a grand total of £1173!

**Sofia Piccoli, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.** Sofia is a flautist with Watford Symphony Orchestra. Please come along to a free lunchtime flute recital that will last an hour.

Telemann, Fantasia no.1; Bozza; Telemann, Fantasia no.5; Vivaldi, Largo from Inverno arr. for solo flute; Telemann, Fantasia No. 3; Debussy, Syrinx  
Telemann, Fantasia no.4; CPE Bach, Adagio from Flute Sonata in A minor  
Telemann, Fantasia No.7

**Carols Round the Crib, 4:30pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - for all the family. We welcome church family and friends to a Café Church Style seating at the back of the church. There will be drinks and mince pies brought to tables for you to enjoy as you join in singing well-known carols to kick off our Christmas events.

**St Luke's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal** – see leaflet. We celebrate 20 years of the 'new' St Luke's in 2026. We are aiming to freshen up our facilities and the visible witness of the church building.

**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](mailto: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 Second Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
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: Cameroon** (*43rd area of religious persecution*)

**Partners in Mission:** Ruth Guinness serving in Blantyre, Malawi with 'Serving in Mission' (SIM). This week they give thanks for the way the Lord has drawn more people to serve in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia this year, and enabled progress in establishing work in more countries in these regions.  
<https://sim.co.uk/about/people/person/ruth-guinness/>

**Our church family in need:** Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthia 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** 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 **blue**. Please do take one home to pray over.