



Sunday 11th January 2026 - First Sunday of Epiphany

8:00 – Holy Communion – Chapel

10:30

Morning Worship

"Healing of the Beggar" - Drama

Acts 3 - 4:31

Leading: Pam Norman (Reader)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

5:30pm - Encounter

Studies in Acts

Acts 21/22; 2 Corinthians 11/12

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Pam Norman (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/>

January

Tuesday 13th

10:00 **Holy Communion - Church**
20:00 **Focus – please note - Zoom**

Wednesday 14th

20:00 **CAN Choir - Church**

Thursday 15th

14.00 **Funeral of Bill Payne (at St Luke's)**

Saturday 17th

18:00 – 20:00 **Drama Rehearsal - Church**

Spring Sermon Series

	10:30 - Dramas	17:30
11 th January	The Healing of the Beggar Acts 3 – Acts 4: 31	Acts 22: 1 - 29
18 th January	Ananias and Sapphira Acts 4: 32 – Acts 5: 16	Acts 22: 30 – Acts 23 end
25 th January	Paul's Conversion Acts 9: 1 - 22	Acts 24
1 st February	The Philippian Jailer Acts 16	Acts 25
8 th February	The Shipwreck Acts 27	Acts 26
15 th February	A Maltese Welcome Acts 27: 42 – 44; Acts 29: 1 - 16	Rome Acts 28: 17 - 31

Please pray for the message of the Word as our series in Acts barrels through to a dramatic climax.

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Bekki H who is celebrating her 30th on Monday and Jos L on Friday! Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Next Church Family Lunch is on Sunday 1st February 2026. Please keep it free and sign up. List is out next week.

Drama in Acts Series. Still needed for production: a small blow-up boat, oars, ropes, thin planks of wood of various lengths, small cardboard boxes (intact), a ship's wheel, and 2 actors for Feb 15th Final performance. Please see Pam or contact her - 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.

PCC Meeting – Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 8pm Agenda to follow shortly.

St Luke's Anniversary Appeal 2026.

We are still open for contributions and pledges. Please take one of the forms and either return it in the collection or give it to the treasurer. For our Anniversary Appeal, please send money to our church account "Parochial Church Council of St Lukes Watford", Sort code: 20-91-79, Acc. no: 70687472 with reference "20th AA" or in marked envelope with the offering.

Next magazine deadline for contributions is 2nd February. Contributions of Christmas highlights combined into *brief text and photos* are very welcome eg Carols around the Crib (14 Dec), Carols at the Essex Arms (18 Dec), Holiday Club Short Christmas Party (19 Dec), Nativity (21 Dec), Carols by Candlelight (21 Dec), Christingle (24 Dec)!

Confirmation with the Bishop of Hertford on 22nd March 2026. If you are interested in this please contact Michael Norman (Vicar) or Neil Brookes, our Youth Director.

Music at St Luke's this Sunday afternoon at 3pm – recital including works by William Alwyn, Lennox Berkeley and Vaughan Williams with Fumi Otsuki (violin) and Gisela Meyer (piano). The performance is free but donations are welcome. There will be some light refreshments.

Bill Payne's funeral is this Thursday 15th January 2026 at 2pm Bill was a regular member of our church before Covid and the family would like to invite anyone who knew Bill to come and celebrate his life at this service.

Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 as we start the new year, 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: Kyrgyzstan (47th area of religious persecution)

Partners in Mission: please know that your stamps help with vital work in rural South India caring for orphaned children. Please find out more and pray for Reaching the Unreached @ <https://reachingtheunreached.org/what-we-do/>

Our church family in need: Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthy 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: Pray for all those we know mourning loved ones at this time, especially the family and friends of William Straughan and Bill Payne.

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.