



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10:30**

**Morning Worship**

**"Ananias and Sapphira"- Drama**

**Acts 4: 32 – Acts 5: 16**

**Leading: Pam Norman (Reader)**

**Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**5:30pm – Encounter with Holy Communion**

**Studies in Acts**

**Acts 22:30 – Acts 23 - end**

**Leading and Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)**



**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

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## January

**Tuesday 20th**

**10:00** Holy Communion - Church

**20:00** Focus – Zoom

**Wednesday 21st**

**20:00** CAN Choir - Lounge

**Saturday 24th**

**09:30 – 12:00** Creative Space

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

**Sunday 25th**

**10:30** Family Communion with Drama

**17:30** Encounter – Acts 24

## Spring Sermon Series

	10:30 - Dramas	17:30
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Ananias and Sapphira Acts 4: 32 – Acts 5: 16	Acts 22: 30 – Acts 23 end
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Paul's Conversion Acts 9: 1 - 22	Acts 24
1 <sup>st</sup> February	The Philippian Jailer Acts 16	Acts 25
8 <sup>th</sup> February	The Shipwreck Acts 27	Acts 26
15 <sup>th</sup> 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:** Congratulations to Justine and Josh for the safe arrival of baby Harrison Anthony (Harry) born on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 18:33! Happy Birthday to Joan W today (Sunday); and Pam N, Reuben B and Russell H who all have birthdays on Tuesday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

**Tree Surgery:** A reminder that a team from Artemis Tree Services will be with us on Wednesday 21st January 2026, arriving within an hour either side of 8:30 am to carry out work. This will compromise parking on the tree side of the car park.

**Next Church Family Lunch is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pam.stlukes@gmail.com)

**PCC Meeting – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.** If you are interested in this please contact Michael Norman (Vicar) or Neil Brookes, our Youth Director.

## **Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

**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: Brunei** (*48th area of religious persecution*)

**Partners in Mission:** Please pray for Sally Miller and her work with Friends International as she moves to a new church plant in Tamworth, Staffordshire. Please pray for a smooth transition and that moving to a new flat goes well.

**Our church family in need:** Antoinette M; 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:** We pray for the friends and family of Peter Ramsbottom; William Straughan and Bill Payne. 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 yellow. Please do take one home to pray over.