



**Sunday 1st February 2026 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10:30am**

**Morning Worship**

**Acts 16: The Philippian Jailer - Drama**

**Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)**

**Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)**

**Bring and Share Family Lunch**

**5:30pm**

**Encounter**

**Studies in Acts**

**Acts 25**

**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](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. Office closed Wednesday.

**St Luke's Church Office** ☎ 01923 246161 **Church Website:** <https://www.stlukeswatford.org/>

## February

**Tuesday 3rd**

**10:00**

**Holy Communion - Church**

**Friday 6th**

**14:00**

**World Day of Prayer – Bible Study, St Mary’s Church**

**Saturday 7th**

**09:30 - 16:00**

**New Wine - Reset Women’s Day - Barnet**

**18:00 - 20:00**

**Drama Rehearsal - Church**

**Sunday 8th**

**08:00**

**10:30**

**All Age Worship – Acts 27 The Shipwreck**

**17:30**

**Encounter– Acts 26**

## Spring Sermon Series

	10:30 - Dramas	17:30
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** in our series in Acts.

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Esther M on Thursday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays coming up!

**Life Groups.** Please look at board in gathering area for contact information about a life group. Join one this year if you are not already in one. Why not give it a go?

## Around the World in 70 Days

Phil Matthews will be giving a slide show from his sabbatical travels in the lounge between the morning service and the church lunch. Do join if you’d like to see a brief, photographic tour of the world!

## World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2pm Bible Study

**Matthew 11: vs. 28 -30** St Mary’s Church, led by Amanda Allchorn. All welcome.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> finale. Contact [pam.stlukes@gmail.com](mailto:pam.stlukes@gmail.com)

### **St Luke's Anniversary Appeal 2026.**

If you would like to make a donation, 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 this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Contributions of Christmas highlights combined into *brief text and photos* are welcome.

**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.

**Music at St Luke's** – free with refreshments; donations welcome. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm with Winnie Wu – piano; Garfield Jackson – viola

**Please do take a seat on one of these chairs.** We are going to buy a new set of chairs for the gathering area and would love your opinion on which one you find most comfortable.



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

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 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. 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.

**World Watch List:** Jordan (*50th area of religious persecution*)

**Partners in Mission:** Please pray for the outreach workers at New Hope who work alongside homeless people finding themselves on the streets in Watford. *"We ..(offer)... support, hot drinks, food and toiletries. We have supported people with a cheery greeting, smile and the offer of an Outreach Bag. We form relationships with them, allowing us to support them further with the ultimate goal of getting them 'off the streets'. We work with internal and external partners to facilitate smooth transitions for people and, most importantly, we never give up."*— Steve, Outreach Plus manager. Find out more about what they do - <https://www.newhope.org.uk/>

**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:** Martin G, David W's friend Mary's brother; C. Gou, Stephanie'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 Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad); Peter Ramsbottom; William Straughan and Bill Payne. Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones at this time.