



Sunday 4th January 2026 - Second Sunday of Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:30

Morning Worship

"Paul's Ephesian Farewell".

Acts 20:13-38

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)

17:30pm

'To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain.'

Acts 21

Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)

Speaking: Simon Trundle (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/>

The office is closed on Wednesdays and 24th December until 5th January 2026

January

Monday 5th **Funeral of William Straugham – 12 noon at North Watford Cemetery chapel**

Tuesday 6th

10:00 **Epiphany - Holy Communion**

20:00 **Focus - Zoom**

Wednesday 7th

20:00 **CAN Community Choir**

Saturday 10th

08:30 – 10:00 **Breakfast Club**

09:00 – 12:00 **Half Day of Prayer**

Sunday 11th

08:00 **Holy Communion**

10:30 **All Age Worship – The Healing of the Beggar (Drama)**

17:30 **Encounter - Acts 22**

Thursday 15th

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

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	Paul in Malta 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 comes to a dramatic climax.

Celebrations: Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

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.

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

St Luke's Anniversary Appeal 2026 – see sheet for details of how to give or speak to Martin or contact him via email - treasurer@stlukeswatford.org

Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
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: Colombia (*46th area of religious persecution*)

Partners in Mission: Please pray for all of our Mission Partners as they go into this new year. Please pray that all will be blessed, and that God's Kingdom will be extended through their service in 2026. Please thank God for the privilege of supporting them all.

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 Straugham and Bill Payne.

Giving Thanks: We give thanks for the many answers to prayer this week. The next prayer list is **orange**. Please do take one home to pray over.