



Sunday 1st March 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

10:30am

Morning Worship

Theme - No Condemnation

Reading - Romans 8:1-4

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Dave Clark (Reader)

5:30pm

Encounter with Holy Communion

Jehovah Rapha – God who heals

Exodus 15: 22 - 27

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar) 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. Office closed Wednesday.

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

March

Tuesday 2nd

10:00

Holy Communion - Church

Thursday

20:00

Standing Committee - Vicarage

Friday 6th

14:00 – 15:00

World Day of Prayer event – St Mary's Church

Saturday 7th

09:00 – 12:00

Half Day of Prayer

Sunday 8th

10:30

Morning Worship – Romans 8: vs 5 - 11

12:30

Bring and Share Meal

17:30

Encounter with Holy Communion - Names of God

Jehovah Jira – The Lord our Provider

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Sarah I on Monday and Sue R on Thursday.

Cleo and Melody would like to thank everyone for their generous donations at their Brownie's charity badge "Sweet Treat" sale. Between them, they raised an amazing £254.02 which will be divided equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and Mencap. Thank you for encouraging and supporting them.

Bring and Share Church Family Meal – Sunday 8th March

Please put this date in the diary. Please see sheets in the gathering area and sign up.

World Day of Prayer event, Friday 6th March 2pm – 3pm at St Mary's Church. This will be a service with a focus on Nigeria. Refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Bekki Hadley, is giving thanks to the Lord that she has found a studio flat in Nascot Wood. Please pray that all goes through smoothly.

Confirmation classes for our young people will be in the chapel on Sundays (1st, 8th and 15th March after Encounter at 7:30pm). This is ahead of the confirmation service with the Bishop of Hertford on 22nd March 2026. If adults are interested in this, please contact Michael Norman (Vicar).

Half Day of Prayer Saturday 7th March 9am-12 noon in the chapel. This is a call to all church members to come and pray. Come for as long as you can. Prayer is the key for Revival so come and join us.

Security Rota – Call for help For many good reasons the security rota has shrunk recently and we are looking for 4 more people to take on the responsibility to make sure that the church is locked up at the end of every day – sometimes as late as 10:30pm following a party or activity. Each person on the rota is responsible for a week from Sunday evening to the following Saturday evening. Keys are handed over to the next person on the Sunday.

Sundays – Spring Sermon Series

	10:30am – Romans 8	5:30pm – Names of God
8 th March 8am – Holy Communion in the chapel	Morning Worship Romans 8 5 - 11: The Spirit Gives Life.	Jehovah Jira – The Lord our Provider
15 th March Mothering Sunday	All Age Service with Sunday Parade	Holy Communion Jehovah Mekadschechem – The Lord who Sanctifies
22 nd March Passion Sunday	Family Communion Romans 8: 12 – 17: Led by the Spirit	Confirmation with the Bishop of Hertford
29 th March Palm Sunday	Morning Worship Romans 8: 17 – 21 Liberation of Creation	Jehovah Shalom - The Lord of Peace
5 th April Easter Sunday 8am Holy Communion in the chapel	Family Communion Easter Readings	Jehovah Sabboath – The Lord of Hosts
12 th April	Morning Worship Romans 8: 22 - 27	El Olan – The Everlasting God
19 th April	Family Communion Romans 8: 28 - 30	El Shaddai – God Almighty
26 th April	Morning Worship Romans 8: 31 - 34	Holy Communion Jehovah Tsedkinu – The Lord our Righteousness
3 rd May	Family Communion Romans 8: 34 - 39	Jehovah Shama – The Lord is There

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Sudan (4th area of religious persecution) Please also pray for the relief of famine that is happening in Sudan now which is being exacerbated by the civil war in that country.

Partners in Mission: Watford Schools Trust. In March, Tricia and Johanna, begin teaching the children in years 2 and 4 about the Easter story. Please pray that they will stay healthy and that God will protect them as they go into schools. Please pray that children will understand more about what Christians believe.

Our church family in need: Michael N; 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: Jenny, Cynthia's sister; 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 brother Stephen R; Janine (Gill E's sister) and others we know and love. David Waller is pleased to welcome a new great-niece, Rae, 2nd daughter to his niece Charlie.

Those in mourning: We pray for the friends and family of Eileen R; 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.