



Sunday 22nd February 2026 – First Sunday of Lent

10:30am

Family Communion

Romans 8 – Introduction

Romans 8: 18 - 27

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

12:30am – Community Fun Day Planning Meeting, Lounge

5:30pm

Encounter

El Elohe – the Mighty God of Israel

Genesis 28: 10-15; Genesis 32: 22-30

Genesis 33: 18-20

Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)

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 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 24th

10:00

Holy Communion - Church

20:00

Focus – Zoom

Staff Team to New Wine Leaders' Conference

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th

Saturday 28th

08:30 – 10:30

Breakfast Club

19:30

Music of England – Concert Watford Symphony Orchestra

March

Sunday 1st

10:30

Morning Worship – Romans 8: vs 1 - 4

17:30

Encounter with Holy Communion - Names of God

Jehova Rapha (God who heals)

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Reef T on Thursday and Keshy on Friday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays coming up!

Bring and Share Church Family Meal – Sunday 8th March

Please put this date in the diary. Please see sheets in the gathering area for signing up.

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, our Children and Family Ministry Team Leader, is looking to rent a self-contained flat/apartment in walking distance from the church. If anyone knows of a suitable place or has useful contacts, please get in touch with Bekki or the office.

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).

Sundays – Spring Sermon Series

	10:30am – Romans 8	5:30pm – Names of God
1 st March	Morning Worship Romans 8: 1 - 4	Holy Communion Jehovah Rapha – God who Heals
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 First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 **orange**. Please do take one home to pray over.

Please pray for staff as they attend New Wine Leaders' Conference in Harrogate this week – Tuesday to Thursday: Jeremy, Simon, Bekki, Michael, Dave, Mave, Susan, Bill and Ricky.

World Watch List: Yemen (*3rd area of religious persecution*)

Partners in Mission: <https://watfordfoodbank.co.uk/> Watford Foodbank is a Christian charity which exists to show compassion to people in financial hardship in our local community by providing food, support and other assistance, in order to restore dignity and offer hope. Please pray for them.

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.

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.

Michael and Pam would like to thank everyone for their prayer; kind words and cards.