



Sunday 15th March 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30am

Takeover Service - Mothering Sunday

'Like no M-other!'

Luke 2: 41 – 52

1 Samuel 1: 24 - 28

Leading and speaking: St Luke's Children and Youth

5:30pm

Encounter with Holy Communion

Jehovah Mekadschechem - The LORD who Sanctifies

Readings Exodus: 31:12 - 13; Leviticus 20 vs 8; Leviticus 21: 7 - 8;

Romans 12: 1 - 2 and Romans 12: 9 - 21

Leading and Speaking: Revd Michael Norman



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 17th

10:00

Holy Communion - Church

20:00

Focus - Zoom

Saturday 21st

10:00 – 11:30

Creative Space – Informal - Bring and Share (free event)

Sunday 22nd

Passion Sunday

10:30

Family Communion – Romans 8: 12 – 17 Led by the Spirit

17:30

Confirmation Service with Bishop of Hertford

Sundays Spring Sermon Series

	10:30am – Romans 8	5:30pm – Names of God
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 Sabaoth – 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 Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness
3 rd May	Family Communion Romans 8: 34 - 39	Jehovah Shama – The Lord is There

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Di Gibbs, Helen C and Tony S on Sunday 15th March.

Di G is looking for standard sized metal lidded jam jars. I wonder what for? Marmalade!
#PaddingtonAgain

Celebratory Lunch – Saturday 9th May If you are one of those offering to contribute food for the anniversary lunch, please come along to a meeting after the morning service on 22nd March.

What does St Luke's mean to you? We're interested in hearing what the current church means to you: a place of prayer, fellowship or something more? Whether you're young, old or in between, let us know what you get from St Luke's. In preparation for the 20th Anniversary Celebrations in May, we would like to hear your thoughts. A selection will be published in the May edition of the church magazine. Please email your reflections to Susan Miller (susan-miller@ntlworld.com) or the church office (office@stlukeswatford.org) by 31st March.

Confirmation classes will be on 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). After the service there will be finger food to celebrate the 12/13 candidates who are being baptised. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area.

St Luke's Anniversary Appeal 2026.

If you would like to make a donation for our Anniversary Appeal, please take one of the forms at the back of the church and either return it in the collection or give it to the treasurer. Alternatively, please send donation direct to our church account, "Parochial Church Council of St Lukes Watford", Sort code: 20-91-79, Acc. no: 70687472 with reference "20th AA" or place it in marked envelope with the offering.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for God's sovereign plan in the Middle East and the people suffering in Gaza, Iran, Southern Lebanon and those in the Gulf States; 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 **green**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Syria (6th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: New Hope. Please pray for the celebration service here at St Luke's on Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm. During the service they will be reflecting on the Lord's Prayer and giving thanks for 35 years of God's provision to and through New Hope. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. This service will be livestreamed.

Our church family in need: Michael N; Antoinette M; Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthy D; Barbara T; Veronica C; Alured D; Pat W.

Our wider family and friends in need: Jenny, Cynthy'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 Rawson; Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad) and Peter Ramsbottom. Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.