



Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

10:30am

Family Communion

Led by the Spirit

Exodus 19:3-6

Numbers 14: 1-4

Romans 8: 12 – 17

Leading: Revd Michael Norman

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

5:30pm

Confirmation with the Bishop of Hertford

Leading: Revd Michael Norman

Speaking: Bishop Jane

This service is followed by light refreshments.



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**Monday 23rd****10:45****Lanchester School - Church****Tuesday 24th****10:45****Nascot Wood Junior School – Yr 1 - Church****10:00****Holy Communion - Chapel****19:00****Focus - Chapel****20:00****PCC Meeting - Lounge****Wednesday 25th****09:15****Cassiobury Junior School – Year 3****19:30****New Hope Celebration Service - Church****Friday 27th****17:00 – 19:00****Holiday Club Short****Saturday 28th****08:30 – 10:00****Breakfast Club****20:00****Sunday 29th****10:30****Morning Worship – The Liberation of Creation****17:30****Jehovah Shalom – The LORD of Peace****Sundays Spring Sermon Series**

	10:30am – Romans 8	5:30pm – Names of God
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 Sabbaoth – 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

Celebrations: There are no St Luke's family birthdays or anniversaries this week. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays coming up.

Easter leaflet drop. Please take envelopes from the gathering area for distribution to the 1500 homes around the estate in time for Easter services. Thank you.

Community Fun Day Refreshments – Saturday May 9th 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@stlukeswatford.org) or the church office (office@stlukeswatford.org) by 31st March.

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.

Please pray for the new Bishop of St Albans: Dr Andrew Rumsey.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage 'HOPE' is at the heart of this year's 80th Anniversary Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral on the 6th April 2026, and we would love as many as possible to join this celebration. We will leave St Luke's at 9am, heading towards Leavesden, aiming to arrive in time to picnic outside the Abbey approx 1.30 and join the procession into the Abbey for the 3pm service, where I'm sure the roof will be raised when we sing, 'Shine Jesus Shine'. Dogs and children are welcome and there are opportunities to join us en route for a shorter walk. We promise no boggy fields this year. Please look out for the spreadsheet in the gathering area for the churches involved and timings for those of you who would like to join in the pilgrimage. Speak to Jill Rogers or Caroline Tearle for more information.

Starting
9.30am
St Luke's
carpark

hope

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE

Easter Monday Pilgrimage
Monday 6 April 2026
Procession 2:30pm
Service 3pm
St Albans Cathedral

emp.stalbansdiocese.org

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us pray for God's sovereign plan in the Middle East; at home, please pray for the church and let us thank God for his goodness. 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: Nigeria (7th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Rafiki Thabo Foundation. <https://rafiki-foundation.org.uk>

Please pray for this small UK registered charity, based in Oxfordshire but working in Kenya, Uganda and Lesotho. They have the vision that young people, including those living with disabilities, will be empowered through education to enable them to reach their full potential and initiate positive change in their communities.

Please pray for the three school visits this week and for those who have volunteered to share with the children the wonderful truth of the Easter story.

Please pray for all the baptismal and confirmation candidates, and those affirming their baptismal faith, this Sunday evening. We pray for Kate DB (baptism and confirmation); Sophie O; Mimi T and Ben G (confirmation) and Gill E (renewal of baptismal vows).

Our church family in need: Veronica C; Michael N; Antoinette M; Gill E; Di and Jeff G; Cynthia D; Barbara T; 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 Rawson; Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad) and Peter Ramsbottom. Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.