



**Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday**

**10:30am**

**Morning Worship**

**Theme - The Liberation of Creation**

**1st Reading - Romans 8:17-21**

**2nd Reading - Revelation 21:1-5**

**Leading: Revd Michael Norman**

**Speaking: Dave Clarke**

**5:30pm**

**Encounter with Holy Communion & Anointing for Healing**

**Jehovah Shalom – the Lord of Peace**

**Judges 6: 6 – 27a**

**Leading: Dave Clarke**

**Speaking: Revd Michael Norman**



If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome. Please email your details to [office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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/>

# HOLY WEEK

## March

Monday 30th

19:30 Compline – Chapel

Tuesday 31st

10:00 Holy Communion - Church

19:30 Compline - Chapel

## April

Wednesday 1st

19:30 Compline - Chapel

Thursday 2nd

19:30 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion – Church

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

09:45 Parish Walk of Witness – starting at Cassiobury Park Lower Playground

10:30 The Journey with Jesus – Family Service

11:15 Holiday Craft Club – crafts for young people including hot cross buns for adults and children

14:00 Hour at the Cross

19:30 Compline - Chapel

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

20:00 Easter Eve  
Service of the Light with baptism and renewal of baptismal vows

(note: half day of prayer has been moved to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April)

Sunday 5th

08:00 Holy Communion

10:30 Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt for children and young people as part of the service

17.30 Encounter: Jehovah Sabaoth The Lord of Hosts

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to John B on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Fiona L on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Happy Anniversary to Geoff and Pam F on the 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Eve- Service of the light service -Saturday 4th April at 8pm.** This is an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows and start the glorious Easter Feast. This year, we will be opening the baptistry and there will be a renewal of vows for Katie O. **If anyone can help us on Good Friday evening at 8 pm after Compline to prepare the baptistry that would be great. After the service at 9pm on Saturday evening we also need people to help drain and dry the baptistry, replace the covers and then on Sunday morning to put chairs back.**

**Easter leaflet drop.** Thank you to those who have taken envelopes. There are a few remaining to be distributed.

**Electoral roll revision.** There will be a minor revision of the electoral roll this year. If you signed up last year **you don't need to do anything**. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, please sign an electoral roll form between 5th April (Easter Sunday) and 26th April.

**Half Day of Prayer-** the next Saturday prayer Morning will be on **Saturday 18th April:** 9am to 12 noon. This will cover the rest of April and the Anniversary Celebrations in May. The May half day will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Prayer Walk Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** there will be an opportunity to Prayer Walk the Parish at 7pm from the Church. Please join us.

**What does St Luke's mean to you?** Thank you for those who have already sent in some great pieces on the life of St Luke's. We're interested in hearing from more of you about what the current church means to you: a place of prayer, fellowship or something more? A selection will be published in the May edition of the church magazine. Please email your reflections to Susan Miller ([susan@stlukeswatford.org](mailto:susan@stlukeswatford.org)) or the church office ([office@stlukeswatford.org](mailto: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 a marked envelope with the offering.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage** 'HOPE' is at the heart of this year's 80th Anniversary Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026. We would love as many as possible to join this celebration and walk with us from St Luke's. Dogs and children are welcome and there are opportunities to join us en route for a shorter walk. Speak to Jill Rogers or Caroline Tearle for more information.



Starting  
9.30am  
St Luke's  
carpark

**EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE**

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

[emp.stalbansdiocese.org](http://emp.stalbansdiocese.org)

## **Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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 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 **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.

**World Watch List:** Pakistan (8th area of religious persecution).

**Partners in Mission: Kisumu Children's Home.** [www.kisumuchildren.org.uk](http://www.kisumuchildren.org.uk)

Please pray for this charity that provides extremely disadvantaged children in the Kisumu region of Kenya with hope for the future within a Christian foundation.

**Our Parish** – please pray for many people to respond to the Easter leaflet and to join us at Easter and discover the Good News of Easter.

**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). Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.