



Sunday 8th March 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

8am

Holy Communion – Chapel

10:30am

Morning Worship

The Spirit Gives Life

Reading - Romans 8:5-11

Leading and speaking: Revd Michael Norman

12:30pm – Bring and Share Lunch

5:30pm

Encounter

Jehovah Jireh – The LORD our Provider

Genesis 22: 1 – 19

Philippians 4: 14 - 19

Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)

Speaking: Revd Michael Norman

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4: 32



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 9th **Pat Hancox's 90th Birthday!**
10:00 **Holy Communion - Church**

Saturday 14th
08:30 – 10:00 **Breakfast Club**

Sunday 15th
10:30 **All Age Service with Sunday Parade**
17:30 **Encounter with Holy Communion - Names of God**
Jehovah Mekadschechem – The LORD who Sanctifies

Sundays Spring Sermon Series

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

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Pat H who is 90 years young on Monday; Jeremy C; Cathy B and Sue R on Thursday 12th and Jeff G on Saturday 14th.

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

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 held on 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).

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.

Music at St Lukes Sunday afternoon 8th March 3pm – see information below. Stay on after the Bring and Share lunch to enjoy this recital.



Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of 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 **yellow**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Eritrea (5th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Watford and Three Rivers Partnership (WTRP) are helping refugees and other migrants. You may have seen the news over recent months with the fear that's being engendered among our political representatives. Proposals you may have heard have included removing indefinite leave to remain or extending the qualifying period from 10 years to 20 and even making retroactive rules for folk who thought they were settled. As a charity, they help where they can. WTRP have helped 558 people over the past year with a range of issues including accommodation, food provision and financial management in addition to applications for leave to remain.

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 R; Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad) and Peter Ramsbottom. Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.