



Sunday 12th April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter

10:30am Morning Worship

Groaning of the Spirit

Exodus 2: 23 – 25

Romans 8: 22 - 27

Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

5:30pm

Encounter

El Olan - the Everlasting God

Genesis 21: 22 - 34

Isaiah 40: 28 - 31

Leading: Dave Clarke

Speaking: Dave Clarke



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/>

Tuesday 14th

10:00 Service of the Word - Church

19:45 - 22:00 Anniversary Meeting (Vestry)

Saturday 18th

08:30 Creative Space (Hall)

09:00 Half Day of Prayer

Sunday 19th

10:30 Family Communion Romans 8: 28 - 30

17.30 Encounter: El Shaddai God Almighty

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Carys L on Tuesday and David W on Friday.

Di Gibbs says thank you for all the jam jars and says that she has some Jostaberry bushes for sale at £1 per cutting. Please see Di if you would like one. Jostaberries are a hybrid mix of gooseberries and raspberries. No prickles.

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.

Monday 20th April is the delivery date for articles for the next church magazine. Please send your contributions to the church office (office@stlukeswatford.org). This issue will be published just ahead of the 20th Anniversary Week-end. It's not too late for articles on **'What St Luke's means to me'** - we'd love to hear from you. If we don't have space for all the contributions in the next magazine they will be included in successive issues.

Anniversary Weekend:

Volunteers needed to help with the church open afternoon and cream team on Friday 8th May between 1.30 and 5.30 pm. Sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

There is also sign-up sheets for food requests and volunteers and sheets in the gathering area for the International Lunch on Saturday 9th May

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

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.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (including the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for Election of Churchwardens) will be held on Sunday 17th May during the Morning Service (Treasurer's report and Vicar's address) followed by the meetings afterwards at 11:45am. The annual report will be out before the end of April. There will be elections for Deanery Synod and PCC members this year.

Spring Sermon Series cont.

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

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Let us pray for God's sovereign plan in the Middle East; a speedy ending and a way through this difficult time; let us continue to pray for the Ukraine; let us pray for the threat to world energy supplies. 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 **orange**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Iran (10th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Please pray for Ruth Guinness [Malawi - SIM International](#). Ruth is based in Blantyre working with SIM (Serving in Mission).

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.