



Sunday 19th April 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

10:30am Family Communion

Justified and Glorified

Romans 8: 28-30

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

5:30pm

Encounter

Genesis 17: 1- 7; Psalm 91: 1- 4; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

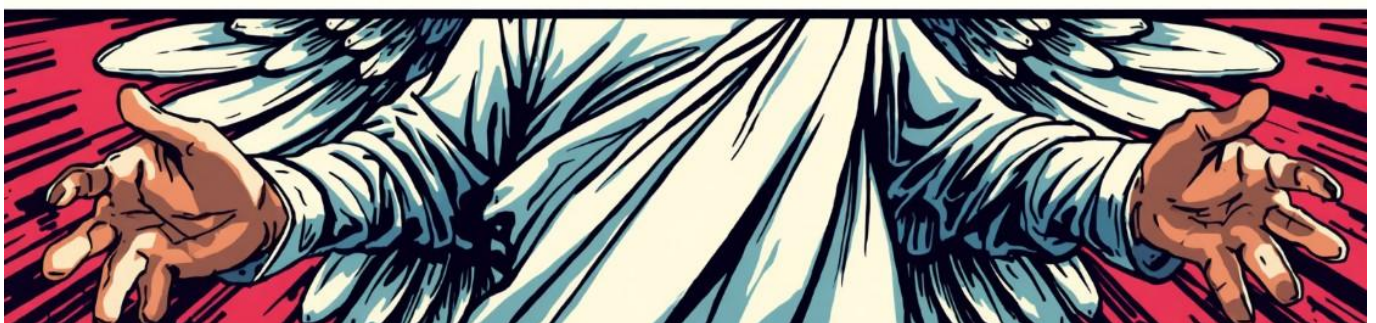
El Shaddai – God Almighty

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 21st

10:00

Holy Communion – Church

Saturday 25th

08:30

Breakfast Club

Sunday 26th

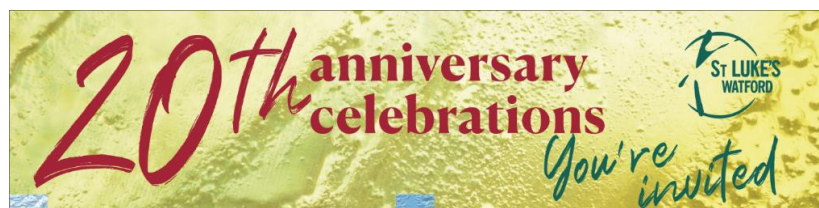
10:30

Morning Worship Romans 8: 31 – 34

17.30

**Encounter with Holy Communion and Baptisms:
Jehovah Tsidkenu God Almighty**

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Jill R on Sunday and Pat W next Saturday. Happy Anniversaries to Graham and Rosie J on Monday; Antoinette and Carl M on Tuesday; Alison and John B on Thursday and Jill and Paul R on Saturday.



The anniversary weekend is fast approaching! There will be a special lunch on **Sunday 10th May** following the Thanksgiving service. We are expecting a high level of interest and will also be welcoming special guests, so places will be limited. If you would like to attend, please sign up by accepting your ChurchSuite invitation or by using the sign-up sheet/QR code. **Bookings close on 3rd May.**

Volunteers still needed Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the gathering area.

- **Friday 8th May** — Open Afternoon with cream tea, 1.30–5.30pm
- **Saturday 9th May** — Community Family Fun Day, 12 noon–5pm Food contributions and volunteers needed for refreshments, plus: Welcomers • Tour guides • General helpers

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 closing 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.

26th April – please note the good news that we will have **three full immersion baptisms** in the Encounter service; 2 people from Christ Church and Zachary O from St Luke's. Thank you to the hard-working folk who will be filling the baptistry immediately before the morning service on Sunday – and also draining it after the service in the evening. We are putting a team together for this.

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

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 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.

Assistant Youth Director We are advertising for an Assistant Youth Director. Neil, our long-serving and highly valued Youth Director, is currently also undertaking training for ordained ministry as an Ordinand. This part-time post will work alongside him in supporting the spiritual development of young people aged 11–18 and in encouraging their families as they parent for faith through life's challenges. An application form, and additional information about St Luke's are available from the Church Office or on the website <https://stlukeswatford.org>

Spring Sermon Series cont.

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| 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 |

Di Gibbs says jostaberry bushes are still available for £1 per cutting. Jostaberries are a hybrid mix of gooseberries and blackcurrants. No prickles.

Decoration and refurbishment of the church. The church is looking wonderful. Thank you to all the people who have worked so hard to make such a difference.

Collect for Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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; 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 **peach**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Afghanistan (11th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Watford Town Chaplaincy. Please pray for their ministry in our town.

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: Barbara's friend, Michelle, who has lost her father, Ray this week; 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.