



**Sunday 10th May 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**10:30am All Age Thanksgiving Service**  
**Isaiah 56: 1 – 8; Matthew 21: 12 - 17**  
**Leading: Bill Miller and Michael Norman**  
**Speaking: Rev John Kiddle (former Vicar of St Luke's)**

**5:30pm**  
**Encounter with Holy Communion**  
**Jehovah Nisi: The Lord is our Banner**  
**Exodus 17: 1 to 16**  
**Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)**  
**Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)**



**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/>

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| <b>Monday 11th</b>            |   |
| <b>18:30 – 19:45</b>          | Rock Solid – years 7, 8, 9                      |
| <b>Tuesday 12th</b>           |   |
| <b>10:00</b>                  | Holy Communion - Church                         |
| <b>17:30 – 18:45</b>          | Kids' Club – years 3, 4, 5, 6                   |
| <b>18:30 – 19:45</b>          | Base – years 9, 10, 11                          |
| <b>20:00 – 21:15</b>          | K2 – years 11, 12, 13                           |
| <b>19:00</b>                  | Prayer Walk – leaving from church               |
| <b>Thursday 14th</b>          |   |
| <b>09:30 – 11:00</b>          | Toddlers – babies and carers. All welcome.      |
| <b>Saturday 16th</b>          |   |
| <b>09.00- noon</b>            | Half Day of Prayer                              |
| <b>09:45 – 11:45</b>          | Creative Space                                  |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> |   |
| <b>08:00</b>                  | Holy Communion                                  |
| <b>10:30</b>                  | Morning Worship with APCM                       |
| <b>17:30</b>                  | Encounter Jehovah Raah: The Lord is my Shepherd |

**Celebrations:** Happy Birthday to Ken S whose 96<sup>th</sup> birthday was on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>; Alan E who is 95 on Monday; Lorraine R on Thursday; Dora P and Wera I on Friday.

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.** Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this weekend's events and Thanksgiving service. A great example of what God can achieve through us when we use our gifts together for His glory. Now is the time to celebrate and enjoy!

**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.** 1 Corinthians 12:12.

**10th to 16th May is Christian Aid week.** This weekend will be a busy one with the church's Anniversary celebrations going on at the same time. There will be Christian Aid envelopes in the backs of the church chairs and in the welcoming areas. Kindly give donations to the office or to Pamela W. Volunteers are needed to help with delivery and/or collection of envelopes on the estate. Please see Pamela W for further information.

**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.

**Half Day of Prayer** is next on the 16<sup>th</sup> May in the chapel - 9am – 12pm. Please come and join us. If you can stay all the time, great, if for only half an hour, great too. Prayer is key to revival. The next prayer dates are: June 13<sup>th</sup>; July 4<sup>th</sup>; July 5<sup>th</sup> and then July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (including the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for Election of Churchwardens)** will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May during the Morning Service followed by tea and coffee with the meeting afterwards at 11:45am. The annual report will be out at the weekend. There will be elections for Deanery Synod and PCC members this year. The agenda, minutes of the last APCM and lists to sign up for elections to Deanery Synod and PCC positions for young people and adults are available for signing up in the gathering area.

**Ascension Day Service, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm** will be at St Peter's, Bushey Mill Lane. Come along and celebrate this special day with the congregations of St Peter's and St Mary's.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon – 9pm UNITED: 9 Hour Prayer & Worship Event** Christians across Watford at Beechen Grove Baptist Church.

**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. The Assistant Youth Director will work alongside Neil 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>

**Church Administrator** We are looking for an administrator 25 – 30 hours a week but hours are negotiable with a potential job share. Please email the office – or talk to Michael - if you are interested in more details. Job commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Music Recital 3pm, 10<sup>th</sup> May** Adrienne Cooke Viola, Jeremy Cooke, Piano. The recital will include works by Hindemith and Rebecca Clarke. Entry is free, donations welcome, followed by light refreshments.

## **Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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 **blue**. Please do take one home to pray over.

**World Watch List:** Myanmar (14th area of religious persecution).

**Partners in Mission: Rennie Peace Hospice** is familiar to most Watford residents, and many of us them have reason to be grateful for the end-of-life care provided by the Hospice. It stands on the edge of the parish and the church family has been a long-term supporter of the hospice. <https://renniedgrovepeace.org>

**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; Geoff and Pam, Michael 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 Jenny Hunt; Eileen Rawson; Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad). Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.