



Sunday 17th May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am – Holy Communion – Chapel

10:30am Morning Worship with APCM

Acts 1: 1 - 14

Leading: Dave Clarke (Reader)

Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

5:30pm

Encounter

Jehovah Raah: The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalms 23:1-6 and John 10:11-15

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)

Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)



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/>

Monday 18th	
18:30 – 19:45	Rock Solid – years 7, 8, 9
Tuesday 19th	
10:00	Holy Communion - Church
17:30 – 18:45	Kids' Club – years 3, 4, 5, 6
18:30 – 19:45	Base – years 9, 10, 11
20:00 – 21:15	K2 – years 11, 12, 13
Wednesday 20th	
09:15 – 11:35	Cassiobury Reception Class: Pentecost - in Church
Thursday 21st	
09:30 – 11:00	Toddlers – babies and carers. All welcome.
Saturday 23rd	
09:45 – 11:45	Creative Space
Sunday 24th	
10:30	Family Communion – talk from our missionary partners, the Gelsthorpes, from OMF, Japan
17:30	Encounter

Please note half term week from 25th May. No children or youth groups during the week.

Celebrations: Happy Anniversary to John and Wendy on Friday; Happy Birthday to James and Pedro I on Saturday. Please let us know of any birthday or anniversary celebrations that you would like to share with your church family.

THANK YOU! 20th Anniversary Celebrations. Wow, how God blessed us last weekend as we celebrated 20 years in this building! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard producing wonderful food and ensuring everyone who came through the doors felt welcomed and valued. A great example of what God can achieve through us when we use our gifts together for His glory.

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.

QUIZ for Anniversary Thanksgiving There are still some quizzes available from Pam N or in the foyer for the anniversary Thanksgiving fund. The theme is people and things/rooms found in church - closing date 30th June.

Mimi's Fundraising Quiz Night – Saturday 20th June, 6:30pm This is a family-friendly event, BYOB drinks and snacks; minimum donation is £5 per person. Email: mimitearle@gmail.com to book your table.

St Andrew's Bookshop invite you to join them on **12th–13th June** in Great Missenden, Bucks for a weekend of conversations, creativity, and ideas with bestselling authors including John Lennox, Patrick Regan, Al Gordon, Michelle Guinness, and Rachael Newham, alongside 20+ Christian speakers and writers across the weekend. Alongside the talks and Q&As, there will also be workshops for aspiring writers and artists. You need to book: individual session £5.00; day ticket, £20 and a weekend ticket is £35. [Home - St Andrews Literature Festival](#)

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 - for more details. Job commencing 1st July. Job description and application form are on the web site.

Collect for Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 **purple**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Mali (15th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Watford Foodbank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by [The Trussell Trust](#), working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Find out more: [About us - Watford Foodbank](#)

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; 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 Carol Wright; Jenny Hunt; Eileen Rawson; Graham Cooke (Jeremy's dad). Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.