



Sunday 3rd May 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30am Family Communion
Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love
Romans 8: 34-39
Leading: Pam and Michael Norman
Speaking: Michael Norman (Vicar)

5:30pm
Encounter
Jehovah Shammah – The LORD is there
Ezekiel 40: 1 – 4; 48: 30 – 35
Revelation 21: 1 - 5
Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)
Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader in Worship)

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Paul writing in Romans 8: 38 - 39

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 4th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th	
10:00	Holy Communion - Church
Thursday 7th	
07:00 – 22:00	Polling Day at St Luke's - Hall
Friday 8th	
14:00 – 17:00	Church Open Afternoon and Cream tea
Saturday 9th	
12:00 – 17:00	Community and Family Fun Day
Sunday 10th	
10:30	Thanksgiving Service and Meal

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Mave C on Thursday; Orla and Jake H on Friday; Polly O and Carole P on Sunday.



The anniversary celebrations are next weekend! The special lunch on **Sunday 10th May** following the Thanksgiving service is now **full**, but a waiting list has been set up so please let the office know if you wish to come and we will let you know if a space becomes available.

Volunteers still needed on Saturday 9th May manning the welcome desk. Please pray this week, come and bring your friends, and help make this a memorable weekend.

Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly agreed to bring food for the International Lunch this Saturday—we really appreciate your support! Please remember to pick up a food label sheet before you leave today, and kindly bring your dish along by 12 noon on Saturday.

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 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; PCC positions for Young People and Adults are open for sign up in the gathering area.

Half Day of Prayer is next on the 16th 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 13th; July 4th; July 5th and then July 25th (an early one for August).

Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May 7:30pm will be at St Peter's, Bushey Mill Lane. Come along and celebrate this special day with St Peter's and St Mary's.

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>

Antoinette and Carl are looking for a cleaner and would appreciate any recommendations in their search. Please contact the office if you can help.

Music Recital 3pm, 10th May Please stay after the Thanksgiving Meal for a recital from Adrienne and Jeremy in the church.

Notes:

Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ
to be the way, the truth, and the life,
that we may steadfastly follow his steps
in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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 **green**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Saudi Arabia (13th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Nireekshana ACET. Please pray for their core medical and care services for people with HIV, leprosy and related complications. We also thank God for their community-based training programmes focused on preventing neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and their work to empower women through skill development and livelihood opportunities.

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.