



Sunday 27th September 2026 – 17th Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Morning Worship

The Transfiguration on the Mountain

Mark 9:2-13, pages 1012-1013 in Church Bibles

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)

5:30pm Encounter Service with Holy Communion

Knowing the Gospel, part 2 – We Speak of What We Know

John 3:1-21, pages 1065-1066, and Romans 10:12-15, page 137 in Church Bibles

Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)

Speaking: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)



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If you are new to St Luke's Church (online too!) – welcome.

Weekly updates by email – please contact office@stlukeswatford.org if you would like to receive them.

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September	
Tuesday 29th	
10:00	Holy Communion, followed by community coffee
19:00	Focus (Zoom)
Wednesday 30th	
19:30	CanCC
October	
Sunday 4th	
10:30	Harvest – All Age Worship
12.45	Church Family Lunch
17:30	Encounter Service with Holy Communion and Anointing

Celebrations: Birthday wishes to Penny A and Tass D today, for Shell H tomorrow, Helen D on Tuesday and Alison B and Wendy S on Thursday. Please tell the Church Office about any birthday or anniversary celebrations you would like shared with the church family.

Next Sunday Evening (4th October) at 5.30pm will be **Communion with Anointing for Healing**. Please come and receive prayer for yourself or as proxy for others. Could the **prayer Ministry team** meet at 5pm for prayer.

Evening Sermon: Autumn Series will be on Sharing our Faith and will continue on Sunday evening (4th October) with Testimony – Your Story. It will continue until 6th December. The topic on October 11th will be Creating Interest – Stirring the Seeker.

The next **Half-Day of Prayer** will be held on Saturday 3rd October. The November Half-Day of Prayer will be on Saturday 31st October due to the Healing the Family Tree Conference the following week.

Join us for our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 4th October. We'll be collecting donations for New Hope and Watford Foodbank; lists of requested items are available. Please sign up to the Church Family Harvest Lunch on the sheets in the gathering area.

Healing the Family Tree Conference: Saturday 7th November, 10am to 1pm (coffee available from 9.30am) with the Diocesan Healing and Deliverance Officer Revd. Andrew Goodman and team. It will include teaching on Healing of the Family Tree, worship, testimony and a Healing of the Family Tree Communion Service with Ministry. Further Ministry is likely to be available at 1pm. Book the morning, it should be a very good session. A sign-up list will be available later.

Cassiobury and nearby Community Choir (CanCC) will be meeting in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th September. If you'd like to have a go at singing in a choir, please come along, you'll be very welcome.

The next recital will be on **Sunday 11th October** at 3pm, the soloist will be our very own **Winnie Wu** on the piano.

The next **Breakfast Club** is on **Saturday 10th October**. Breakfast Club is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

Creative Space meets again on Saturday 17th October for a relaxed session, with the option to make fabric coil bowls. Everyone is welcome! To book, please WhatsApp Pam on 07975 748243 or email pam.stlukes@gmail.com.

The **Knitting Group** meets on Monday 19th October in the Church Lounge. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to attend or just turn up.

Holiday Club 'Short' Light Party is taking place on Friday 30th October, 5pm to 7pm. Please use the QR code on the right to book or let the Church Office know if you would like to attend.



Car for sale: Mark and Sarah Gelsthorpe need to sell their car before they return to Japan, a Volkswagen Golf SE TSI 125, 59k miles. Anyone interested, please contact the Church Office.

Save the dates!

- **Saturday 31st October** for a film show, start time 6pm. More details to follow.
- **Saturday 14th November**, the Tear Fund Big Quiz starting at 7pm.

Accommodation sought: a Christian student studying at the University of Hertfordshire is looking for a room to rent for around £300pcm from mid-October. If anyone is able to help him, please contact the Church Office.

Volunteers: we need extra people for the Security Rota, preferably men, to lock up the church. If there were around 12 volunteers, it would mean only being on the rota 4 times a year. Please contact the Church Office if you can help.

Gardening: also, are there any volunteers who love gardening and would be able to help trim the bushes around the front of the church? Please speak to a churchwarden.

Mrs Susan Harverson's funeral service will be held at West Herts Crematorium tomorrow, Monday 28th September at 1.30pm. We pray for her son and daughter and others who mourn her loss.

Collect for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 that our churches and communities will be places where everyone belongs and each person's gifts are valued. We give thanks for God's world and pray for clean water, wise stewardship and those affected by climate change. Ahead of Harvest, we pray for an end to food waste and hunger, and for the work of New Hope and Watford Foodbank. We also pray for peace and reconciliation wherever there is conflict.

General Synod: pray for the general Synod elections as votes are cast for clergy and laity to be elected to the new Synod.

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: Bangladesh (33rd area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Please pray for Ruth Guinness and the team as they build connections, that their conversations will open new opportunities for ministry, and that Ruth's frozen shoulder will respond well to treatment.

Our church family in need: Emma H; Paul C; Geoff F; 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: Garry and Jeanette Guinness; 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; Andrew C's brother Tony; Pam N's brother Stephen R; Janine (Gill E's sister); Alan (Tricia's husband); Chris (Gill S's husband) and others we know and love.

Those in mourning: We pray for the friends and family of Revd Ana (Anastasia) Lawrence and Susan Harverson. Please pray for all we know mourning the loss of loved ones currently.