



Sunday 18th October 2026 – 20th Sunday after Trinity

**10:30am Family Communion
The Upside Down Kingdom
Mark 9:33-50, pages 1013-1014 in Church Bibles**

**Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)
Speaking: Dave Clarke (Reader)**

**5:30pm Encounter Service
Difficult Questions, Part 1
Acts 12:1-11, page 1106 in Church Bibles
2 Corinthians 1:3-11, page 1158 in Church Bibles**

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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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Tuesday 20th	
10am	Holy Communion, followed by community coffee
7.30pm for 8pm start	Deanery Synod in Church
8pm	Focus on Zoom
Wednesday 21st	
7.30pm	CanCC
Sunday 25th	
10.30am	Morning Worship with Baptism
5.30pm	Encounter Service, with Holy Communion

Celebrations: Birthday wishes to Antoinette M for Friday; and Angela S for Saturday. Please tell the Church Office about any birthday or anniversary celebrations you would like shared with the church family.

Evening Sermon: Autumn Series continues this evening (18th October) with Difficult Questions, Part 1. It will continue until 6th December. **Prayer team** to meet in the Vestry for prayer at **5pm**.

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

Healing the Family Tree Conference: Saturday 7th November, 10am to 1pm, with the Diocesan Healing and Deliverance Officer Revd. Andrew Goodman and team. A **sign-up sheet** is available at the back of the church. Programme outline below:

9:30 Registration and Coffee

Welcome, arrival, and distribution of individual family tree mapping sheets.

10:00 Worship and Teaching: 'Healing the Family Tree'.

11:30 Break and Family Tree Preparation

Refreshment break and dedicated time for attendees to quietly draft and prep their personal family trees in anticipation of the midday liturgy.

12:00 Holy Communion and Altar Table Offering

Service of Holy Communion. During the offertory, attendees are given the opportunity to bring their completed family tree papers forward to the altar to be folded and placed **in a basket**. **Laying on of Hands with Anointing** offered to each person at point of reception of holy communion.

12:45 Ministry Time: Wall Prayer in the Key of Forgiveness

Brief Individual ministry for healing focussing on Forgiveness

13:00 Finish and Lunch

Closing blessing and dismissal, followed by fellowship and packed lunches.

Christmas Pudding Making Event - Friday 13th November.

Join us for our annual Christmas Pudding making event. £10 per pudding with all profit going to the Foodbank. Sign up using the QR code. Choose a slot (5-6, 6.15-7.15, 7.30-8.30) and bring a big bowl and wooden spoon. We provide the ingredients, recipe and tea and coffee.

Please pay in advance either on collectiv (do not give a tip - we sort that) or cash to Kate DB.

<https://pay.collectiv.com/christmas-puds-2025-75128>

Deadline for signing up and paying is Sunday 8th November.



Cassiobury and nearby Community Choir (CanCC) will be meeting in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 21st October**. If you'd like to have a go at singing in a choir, please come along, you'll be very welcome.

The next **Breakfast Club** is on **Saturday 24th October**. Breakfast Club is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

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 left to book or let the Church Office know if you would like to attend.

The **Tearfund Big Quiz** will take place on Saturday 14th November, starting at 7pm to raise funds for this important cause. Food will be available. Come as a team of 8, or on your own. Sign up using the QR code to the right.



Bekki is hosting a family-friendly film show on **Saturday 31st October**, start time 6pm. Come and enjoy popcorn and a film with us! The QR code to the left can be used to sign up.

Which film would you like to see – The Greatest Showman, Annie or one of the Paddington films? Please let us know by using the QR code to the right,



Harvest Thanksgiving: Watford Foodbank sent the congregation their heartfelt thanks for the harvest donations, an incredible 82.2kg!

Volunteers: extra people are still needed 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.

Collect for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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 world leaders to seek peaceful solutions to conflicts, especially in Ukraine, Yemen and Gaza; for the wise stewardship of God's creation; for families facing financial hardship or loneliness and for Christians to be bold in sharing their faith with love and compassion.

General Synod: pray for the results of the general Synod elections and that those elected are inspired to work with compassion and wisdom.

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: Ethiopia (36th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: we pray for Watford Foodbank and New Hope Trust that they have received generous donations from Harvest Thanksgiving services for those in need of their services.

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: Brenda and Peter T; Jean, Pam R's mum; Heather S; 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 Susan Harverson. Please pray for all we know mourning the loss of loved ones currently.