



Sunday 4th October 2026 – 18th Sunday after Trinity

10:30am All Age Worship

Harvest Thanksgiving

Philippians 4:4-9, page 1181 in Church Bibles

Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)

Speaking: Bekki Hadley (Children and Families Worker)

5:30pm Encounter Service with Anointing

Testimony – Your Story

John 4:4-26 and John 4:27-42, pages 1066-1068 in Church Bibles

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking (by video): Michael Norman (Vicar)



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 6th	
10am	Holy Communion, followed by community coffee
8pm	Focus on Zoom
Wednesday 7th	
9am – 12noon	Harvest Workshop with Year 1, Cassiobury Infants
7.30pm	CanCC
Sunday 11th	
8am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Morning Worship
5.30pm	Encounter Service

Celebrations: Happy anniversary wishes to Marion and Roger H for today and birthday wishes to Bill M for Tuesday. Please tell the Church Office about any birthday or anniversary celebrations you would like shared with the church family.

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

The **Baby Bereavement Service** will take place at 6.30pm on **Wednesday 14th October**, run by the Bereavement midwives at Watford General Hospital, followed by coffee. If anyone is available to help with refreshments after the service, please let the Church Office know.

Cassiobury and nearby Community Choir (CanCC) will be meeting in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 7th 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 10th October**. Breakfast Club is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

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

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.



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.

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.

Notes:

Collect for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting 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 that, as we thank God for harvest, we remember all those who do not have enough to eat; for everyone affected by war, poverty and climate change; and for those working for peace and justice.

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

World Watch List: Bhutan (34th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Please pray for Bishop Alfred Olwa, Bishop of Lango Diocese in northern Uganda, and his vision to train 200 evangelists to take the gospel northwards from Uganda up the Nile valley. Pray for fundraising for the mission training and sending school to enable this vision to become a reality.

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; 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 Susan Harverson. Please pray for all we know mourning the loss of loved ones currently.