



Sunday 26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

If God is For Us

Romans 8: 31 - 34

Isaiah 50: 7 - 10

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Pam Norman (Reader)

5:30pm

Encounter with Baptisms and Holy Communion

Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteousness

Leading: Michael Norman/Vicki Davies (Vicar of Christ Church with St. Mark's)

Speaking: Neil Brookes-Youth Director and Ordinand

**IF GOD
IS FOR US
WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?**

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/>

Tuesday 28th

10:00

Holy Communion – Church

MAY

Saturday 2nd

09:00 – 12:00 Half Day of Prayer

Sunday 26th

10:30

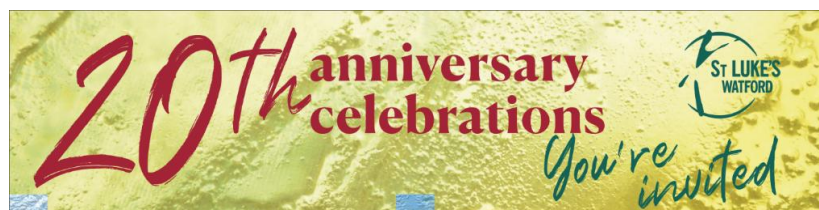
Family Communion Romans 8: 34 – 39

17.30

Encounter Jehovah Shamma The Lord is There

Celebrations: Happy Birthday to Helen B on Sunday and Ann T on Friday. Please let us know of any anniversaries and birthdays you would like to share with your church family in Christ.

Leaflets for the estate. Please take a pack for your street and post these updates for the church weekend. Thank you.



The anniversary weekend is fast approaching! There will be a special lunch on **Sunday 10th May** following the Thanksgiving service. We are expecting a high level of interest and will also be welcoming special guests, so places will be limited. If you would like to attend, please sign up by accepting your ChurchSuite invitation or by using the sign-up sheet/QR code. **Bookings close on 3rd May.**

Volunteers still needed Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the gathering area.

- **Friday 8th May** — Open Afternoon with cream tea, 1.30–5.30pm
- **Saturday 9th May** — Community Family Fun Day, 12 noon–5pm Food contributions and volunteers needed for refreshments, plus: Welcomers • Tour guides • General helpers

Electoral roll revision. There will be a minor revision of the electoral roll this year. If you signed up last year **you don't need to do anything**. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, please sign an electoral roll form between 5th April (Easter Sunday) and 26th April.

Congratulations: Douglas James Taylor was born to Emma and Jack at 4:19am on the 19th weighing 8lbs. A grandson for Angela and Mark S.

26th April – please note the good news that we will have **three full immersion baptisms** in the Encounter service; 2 people from Christ Church and Zachary O from St Luke's.

Prayer Walk Tuesday 12th May there will be an opportunity to Prayer Walk the Parish at 7pm from the Church front Entrance. 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 before the end of April. There will be elections for Deanery Synod and PCC members this year.

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>

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he 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 **yellow**. Please do take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: India (12th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Kisumu Children Trust. Please pray for their ministry in Kenya where they help to support orphans and widows in their time by providing practical help from meals to supporting children in education and giving them hope based on a Christian foundation.

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: Barbara's friend, Michelle; 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; John M 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: Please pray for all those we know mourning loved ones currently.