



Sunday 28th June 2026 –4th Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Family Communion

Tilling the Heart

Mark 4: 1 - 25

Leading: Simon Trundle (Reader)

Speaking: Reverend Robert Fletcher

5:30pm

Encounter

Ephesians 6: 10 – 18

Leading: Bill Miller (Lay Leader of Worship)

Speaking: Neil Brookes



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/>

June	
Tuesday 30th	
10:00	Holy Communion - Church
17:30- 18:45	Kid's Club – years 3,4,5,6
20:00 – 21:00	Focus Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
July	
Thursday 2nd	
09:30 – 11:00	Toddlers – babies and carers. All welcome
Saturday 4th	
08:30	Breakfast Club
Sunday 5th	
10:30	Potent Gospel Mark 4 26- 34
17:30	Encounter Ephesians 6: Helmet of Salvation

Celebrations: Congratulation to Jenny and Tony R on their 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday (1st) and Barbara T on Friday (3rd).

The Bishop of St Albans is opening the Abbey garden to the public on 28th June; 4th July; 12th July and 19th July between 2pm and 4pm at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD. Entrance is £5 with dogs permitted on leads.

Fund-raising Tanzania A huge thank you to everyone at St Luke's for supporting my quiz night in support of my World Challenge Expedition to Tanzania. We had a great night and raised an amazing £700!! Thank you to everyone that came and to those who donated. Mimi Tearle

Church Quiz: closes 30th June – see Pam N.

Children's Camp mission In July, Emily Waddington is volunteering at a Christian children's camp in Hungary. This is an exciting way for her to explore international mission, and she thanks God for the opportunity. She will be working with children to encourage their faith journeys and share her love of Jesus. She would be grateful for any donations that go towards funding accommodation and transport for this mission trip.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/emily-waddington-hungary?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

Church meal 19th July – put this in your diaries. Sign up sheets to follow.

The schedule for the next Church magazine:

- delivery of contributions Mon 13 July.
- available weekend of Friday 24-Sun 26 July

Reflections on the Church Anniversary Weekend are welcome. Would anyone like to share an answer to prayer?

Thanksgiving Service o celebrate the life of Elizabeth Simmons will be on Friday 10th July at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the church hall. If you plan to attend, please the church office know by 1st July.

Kingdom Builder's Holiday Club is now full but you are welcome to go on the waiting list for 4 – 7 August 2026. Please contact Bekki for more information – or to volunteer.

Collect for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and 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; let us continue to pray for the Ukraine. Let us pray for the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Please pray for the work of agencies trying to bring compassion and relief and that a vaccine can soon be found. At home, please pray our political uncertainties, and 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: Algeria (20th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Please pray for Andrea and Clive, based in Pokhara, and their work with International Nepal Fellowship (INF). Here in the UK pray for their continuing work with All Nations Christian College in the area of online intercultural course development and facilitation.

Please pray for **Jenny Stromberg**. She is being ordained today (28th) at Wells Cathedral.

Our church family in need:

Our wider family and friends in need:

Those in mourning: We pray for the friends and family of all we know mourning loved ones currently.