



Sunday 20th September 2026 – 16th Sunday after Trinity

**10:30am Family Communion
The Call to Discipleship
Mark 8.27-38, page 1012 in Church Bibles**

**Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)
Speaking: Simon Trundle (Reader)**

**5:30pm Encounter Service
Know The Gospel, Part 1
Romans 1:1-6 and 14-17, page 1128 in Church Bibles
and 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, page 1155 in Church Bibles**

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



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 22nd	
10:00	Holy Communion, followed by community coffee
19:00	Focus in the Chapel
20.00	PCC in the Church Lounge
Wednesday 23rd	CanCC
19:30	Taste and Sing session in the Church Lounge
Sunday 27th	
10:30	Morning Worship
17:30	Encounter Service with Holy Communion

Celebrations: 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 on Sunday evening (20th September) with Know the Gospel (Part 1). It will continue until 6th December. September and early October topics are as follows:

- September 27th Know the Gospel (Part 2)
- October 4th Testimony – Your Story
- October 11th 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.

The **Harvest Festival** will take place on Sunday 4th October.

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.

Church Family Harvest Lunch: 12.45 pm on Sunday 4th October (after the Harvest Service). Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering area for those who would like to attend or who are able to help with food or preparation.

Cassiobury and nearby Community Choir (CanCC) has a Taste and Sing session in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd 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 26th September. Breakfast Club is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

The **Knitting Group** meets on Monday 21st September 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.

Myrtle's Art Sale: there will be a sale of artworks by the late Myrtle Paterson in the gathering area after the service. All proceeds will be divided between New Hope and the INF Nepal Disaster Fund. Please give generously!

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.

Well done to Felipe who swam the channel on Monday 14th September in a time of 11 hours and 20 minutes, and has raised nearly £6k for YoungMinds.

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 Rosemarie Moore via the 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.

Mrs Susan Harveson sadly died recently. She used to attend the Tuesday morning Holy Communion. Her funeral service will be held at West Herts Crematorium on Monday 28th September at 1.30pm. We pray for her son and daughter and others who mourn her loss.

Collect for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray during National Inclusion Week that our communities, workplaces and churches may be places where everyone is welcomed and valued. As we approach the International Day of Peace, we pray for all affected by war, violence and displacement. Please pray for international conflicts in the Middle East (especially Saudi Arabia and Yemen), in Ukraine and for global issues such as climate change.

In our diocese: we give thanks and pray for our new Bishop of St Albans, Rt. Revd. Andrew Rumsey, following his installation last Saturday.

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

World Watch List: Nicaragua (32nd area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: Let us pray for Sally Miller as she settles into her new ministry in Birmingham. Give thanks for the relationships she is building with chaplains, Christian workers and students, and pray that God would open doors for her to share His love with international students and encourage those exploring faith

Our church family in need:

Our wider family and friends in need:

Those in mourning: Please pray for all we know mourning the loss of loved ones currently.