Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10:30am All Age Remembrance Service
Instead of You
Leviticus 16: 1-10 and 20-22, page 118 in Church Bibles
Romans 5:6-8 and 2 Corinthians 5:21, pages 1132 and 1161 respectively in Church Bibles
Leading: Michael Norman (Vicar)
Speaking: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)

5:30pm Encounter Service
Prayer: the engine of evangelism?
Colossians 4:2-6, page 1184 in Church Bibles
Leading: Neil Brookes (Youth Director and Ordinand)
Speaking: Simon Trundle (Reader)



The fresh flowers for Remembrance Day are displayed in loving memory of Olu Fasanya, marking what would have been his 65th birthday. They are sponsored by his daughter, Anu. Olu is fondly remembered and missed as a husband, father, brother and friend.

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.
St Luke's Church Office ☎ 01923 246161 **Church Website:** https://www.stlukeswatford.org

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 10th	
10am	Holy Communion, followed by community coffee
Sunday 15th	
10.30am	Holy Communion – Safeguarding Sunday
3pm	Annual Service for the Bereaved
5.30pm	Encounter
DECEMBER	
Saturday 5th	
9am	Half-day of prayer

Celebrations: Birthday wishes to Janet A 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 (8th November) with "Prayer and Listening to God". It will continue until 6th December. **Prayer team** to meet in the Vestry for prayer at **5pm**.

Watford's renowned Interfaith Pilgrimage takes place on **Sunday 15th November**, beginning with refreshments at 12 noon at Watford and District Synagogue on Nascot Road. The route continues to Watford Library for a presentation by the Brahma Kumaris, then to Watford Central Mosque, the Al-Zahra Centre and St Mary's Parish Church, where refreshments will conclude the walk. The pilgrimage ends around 5–5.30pm. Leaflets with route maps are available at chuch.

All are very welcome to attend, of all faiths and none, and all ages and abilities. You can join the pilgrimage at any point, drive or ride between places of worship, as wished. We just ask for modest dress and remind everyone that shoes will need to be removed at the mosques, and women's heads should be covered there also.

ACTORS NEEDED for our New Year Sunday morning dramas which are performed during the 10.30am service. We will be performing Parables on Jan 10th, Jan 17th, Jan 24th, Jan 31st and Feb 7th. Please see Pam N if you would like to be involved in acting, scenery, props, or assisting. Rehearsals for each play happen on the Saturday night before the Sunday at 6pm. Pam's email is Pam.stlukes@gmail.com

New Wine Woman's Day – 6th February 2027: tickets are now on sale for the New Wine Women's day and cost £25. Women from St Lukes will be going to the event being held in Ealing. If you would like to join us please visit https://nwln.churchsuite.com/events/pdira6vy to buy your ticket or speak to Helen J Booth if you need help with this. Buy your ticket ASAP as it will sell out!

The next issue of our church magazine, **St Luke's News**, will be out for Advent Sunday (29th November). Contributions welcome! Please send them to the church office by **Monday 16th November**.

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 collctiv (do not give a tip - we sort that) or cash to Kate DB. https://pay.collctiv.com/christmas-puds-2025-75128
Deadline for signing up and paying is **today, Sunday 8th November**.

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.

The next **Breakfast Club** is on **Saturday 14th November**. Breakfast Club is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

Two upcoming concerts:
Sunday 8 November 2026 at 3pm: Nina Cook (soprano) will be singing.
Saturday 14 November 2026 at 2pm: Enjoy an afternoon of music with our very own **Winnie Wu** and **Garfield Jackson**. Their programme features Bach, Schubert and Bloch. Entry is free, but donations would be appreciated.

Christmas wine tasting event on **Saturday 28 November**, 6.30pm to 8.30pm tasting mainly wines under £10 from supermarkets for the Christmas season. Food will be provided. Please sign up on ChurchSuite using the QR code or ask Michael for a ticket.

Pam Willis has sent off a 2kg parcel to Parkinson's UK today and would like to thank all those who donated their used and unused stamps. Christmas is coming so don't forget to donate all those pretty commemorative stamps, especially the international ones. The stamp box is kept in the welcoming area.

Josh Booth, Helen and Adrian's eldest son, is running the London Marathon in April 2027 on behalf of the **Scripture Union**. His JustGiving page, Josh Booth - Scripture Union, gives more information about why he's doing this and the work of the Scripture Union, and where you can donate if you would like to.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of Heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for wisdom, integrity and compassion in political leaders; for peace wherever there is conflict, especially Sudan, Gaza and Ukraine, and for all working towards reconciliation; for protection and strength for aid workers and for help to reach those most in need; and for hope for everyone facing change and uncertainty.

We **give thanks** for the many answers to prayer this week. The next prayer list is **orange**. Please take one home to pray over.

World Watch List: Mozambique (39th area of religious persecution).

Partners in Mission: we pray for the work of the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership as it supports refugees and asylum seekers with friendship, practical help, advice, and opportunities to settle and flourish in our community. Pray for volunteers, partner organisations, and all those seeking safety, stability, and hope for the future.

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.