



SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'Taste and see that the Lord is good.' (Psalm 34:8)

Sunday 1st February	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Taste and see that the Lord is good
	Readings:	John 2 1-11 & Acts 3: 1-10
	Leaders:	Anna Counsell & Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 nd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 5 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pennant House
Friday 6 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm)
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Prayer Gathering in Church (until 7.30pm)

Dear St Luke's family,

We had such an encouraging time last weekend with our guest speakers John and Anne Coles from New Wine. Thank you to everyone who joined in with the prayer ministry training and PCC session last Saturday. It was a great joy to see God's Spirit at work amongst us, and to experience at first hand the work of healing and reconciliation that only He can do. In Scripture, we read these words of Jesus: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink' (John 7:37). This is an invitation to know more of God's presence and power in our lives. This Sunday, we'll continue to pursue this theme at our 10.30am all age service when we'll focus on the invitation to 'Taste and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8).

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: God of heaven, you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for all those affected by flooding and severe weather locally and around the country this week.
- Pray for the St Luke's Church Hall Team as they care for and ensure the smooth running of our church hall.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Louise, Cecile & Tim Lynes and wider family (following the death of Cecile's mother), Matthew, Julie Murphy, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for CMS (Church Mission Society)

We give thanks with Ben and Katy Ray, our CMS mission partners, that the new cafe and craft shop opened its doors to the public in October and is a great success! This venture is part of building a community for people with disabilities to belong, explore faith and receive training so they can earn a living. The cafe and craft shop are run by a team of deaf waiters and staff, who are earning a living while reducing stigma around disabilities. We pray for staff to continue to grow in their skills and to feel loved by the community, and for those who visit the cafe and shop to also feel welcome and valued. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 th February 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Gathering in Church
Wednesday 18 th February 11.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Church Rooms
Sunday 1 st March 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage
Sunday 8 th March 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Gathering in Church
Sunday 15 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service in Church
Wednesday 25 th March 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall
Friday 3 rd April 10am (Good Friday)	Messy Easter in Church
Friday 3 rd April 2pm (Good Friday)	Last Hour at the Cross Reflective Service in Church
Sunday 5 th April 9am (Easter Day)	Easter Holy Communion in Church
Sunday 5 th April 10.30am (Easter Day)	Easter All Age Communion in Church

NOTICES

New Wine Evening Celebration – Sunday 1st February 6pm

This Sunday there is an evening celebration service at Blandford Forum Parish Church organised by our local New Wine network. The speaker will be Tim Grew from Trinity Cheltenham. All are welcome. Speak to Stuart if you'd like to know more, or share transport to get there.

Watoto Children's Choir coming to St Luke's – host families wanted please!

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3rd June. Some of you may remember them coming here in the past, and it will be great to have them again. They will present a joyful evening of music, worship, dance, testimonies and a gospel talk. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends along, and we'll be doing lots to publicise the event in the coming months. **If you would be able to help by providing accommodation for choir members** for two nights (3rd & 4th June) please let the church office know. Thank you!

Kids & Youth Registration at Sunday Services

We are now registering children and young people for their groups at the back of church as they arrive on Sunday mornings. If you have a child or young person, when you arrive please head to the **'kids and youth registration point'** at the back of church, let the team know your child or young person's name and they will explain the rest! Thank you.

Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 2nd February 12.15pm

The next prayer meeting is on Monday 2nd February at 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start, at St Michael's Church, Blandford Road, Hamworthy BH15 4HR. All are welcome.

Men's Walking Group Winter Walk – Thursday 5th February

Our next walk is on Thursday 5th February, meeting at Poole bus station for the no. 8 bus at 10.12am to Hamworthy. Walk to Broadstone via Upton Country Park. No. 4 bus back to Poole after refreshments. This route should take about 1.5 hours and be flood-free! We hope you can join us. Please join our WhatsApp group or contact Steve Blight.

Sunday Evening Prayer Gatherings – next one Sunday 8th February 6pm – 7.30pm

We have now held several Sunday evening times of worship and prayer since last summer. These are important times for the St Luke's family to come together to pray for our church and community. We feel it is right for these to now become a regular monthly event, usually on the second Sunday of the month. The next couple of dates are above.

Dementia Awareness Talk – Tuesday 17th February 2pm

Sue Warr, the Prama Life Manager, will give a talk on understanding and supporting people living with Dementia on Tuesday 17th February at 2pm in the Church Rooms. The talk will finish at 3.30pm with time to ask questions over tea and biscuits. This is open to anyone to attend. We are a Dementia Friendly church so please do support this event.

Welcome Tea – Sunday 1st March 3.30pm – 5pm

If you are new to St Luke's, we would love to invite you to join us for tea, coffee and cake at the vicarage at our next welcome tea, on Sunday 1st March at 3.30pm. There will be time to chat, answer your questions, and get to know you more. Please email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk to let us know you're coming. We look forward to seeing you!

Good News – Church heating replacement and reducing our carbon footprint

The PCC have agreed to progress the replacement of the church heating system alongside upgrading the church lighting. We'll be applying for funds from grant-making trusts, and you can also contribute by donating using the bank details below (using payment ref 'Heating') or using the card machine in church. Thank you! More details to follow.

New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28th July until Sunday 2nd August. Follow this link for more info or to buy your tickets: www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details **CAF Bank Limited** Name **St Lukes Church** Account No **00008836** Sort Code **40-52-40**

Office opening hours week commencing 2nd February 2026: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm**

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