



SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. (Psalm 42:1)

Sunday 1st March	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Lent series - With Jesus in the wilderness
	Readings:	Psalm 42 and Luke 4:1-13
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
3.30pm	Welcome Tea at The Vicarage	

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 5.00pm)
Saturday 7 th	10.00am	Spring Working Party in Church
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 & Worship Gathering in Church

Dear St Luke's family,

How are you and I growing in the likeness of Jesus? This can be a challenging question. If we're to grow to be more like Jesus, we need to spend time with him, in the Bible and in prayer. This season of Lent is an important opportunity to prioritise time with Jesus, so beginning this Sunday, our sermon themes focus on being with Jesus:

With Jesus in the wilderness	Luke 4:1-13	Sunday 1 st March
With Jesus in the quiet place	Mark 1:35-39	Sunday 8 th March
With Jesus in the home	Luke 10:38-42	Sunday 15 th March (Mothering Sunday)
With Jesus on the mountain top	Luke 9:28-36	Sunday 22 nd March
With Jesus in the crowd	Luke 19:28-40	Sunday 29 th March (Palm Sunday)

The psalmist says, 'My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?' (Psalm 42:2). May this Lent be a season in which you meet with God in a deeper, more intimate way, so that you may grow in the likeness of Jesus and shine brightly for him in the world.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Second Sunday of Lent: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
- Pray for the St Luke's Refreshments Team who offer hospitality to all who come to our services and events.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Tina Bacon, Jane Diggie, Margaret Holst, Louise, Matthew, Julie Murphy, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian and Jake Wilson.

Please note: following feedback, we are trialing a new system for our prayer list. If you would like us to pray for someone (yourself or someone else) please let the office know and we will add their name to the list for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off.

This week we are praying for CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

- Pray for wisdom as they discern which leadership areas to prioritise, particularly within their online training
- Pray for preparations by the overall leaders of Ventures and Falcons holidays (over 50 holidays for young people)
- Pray for their aim this year to invest in ministry for children facing challenging circumstances
- Pray for their plans to develop new initiatives for churches serving in deprived communities

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 7 th March 10am (until 1pm)	Spring Working Party in Church (cleaning and gardening)
Sunday 8 th March 6pm	Prayer & Worship 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
Thursday 2 nd April 6.30pm (Maundy Th.)	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church
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
Sunday 5 th April 6pm (Easter Day)	Prayer & Worship Gathering (Easter Prayer & Worship)
Sunday 12 th April 6.30pm	Spring Cantabile Concert in Church
Sunday 26 th April 10.30am	Annual Meeting (APCM) in Church as part of morning service
Wednesday 3 rd June 7pm	Watoto Concert in Church (see below)

NOTICES

Welcome Tea – Sunday 1st March 3.30pm

If you are new to St Luke's, would love to invite you to join us for tea, coffee and cake at the vicarage on Sunday 1st March at 3.30pm, with time to chat, ask questions, and get to know you more. We look forward to seeing you!

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!

Storage space needed

If you have some storage space at home, such as a garage or spare room, which you might be able to make available to help a member of our church family, please let Stuart know. Thank you in advance.

Poole-Wau Prayer Meeting – Monday 2nd March

The next meeting will be held at St Clement's Church, 55 Kinson Avenue, Poole BH15 3PH. All welcome from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own sandwiches if you wish to. Follow the BBC link to read about South Sudan and the present political situation: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c7933p4xe7po>

Sunday Evening Prayer & Worship Gathering – Sunday 8th March 6pm – 7.30pm

Our next monthly Prayer & Worship Gathering is on Sunday 8th March at 6pm, please do join us!

PACE Quiz Night – Saturday 14th March 7pm – 8.30pm

At St Paul's Church, Throop. Entry £5 per person. Why not invite friends along for a fun filled evening, which at the same time will help to raise funds to continue the important work of PACE.

Watoto Children's Choir – book your tickets for Wednesday 3rd June!

Please follow this link to book your tickets for the Watoto concert: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator>

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 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 March 2026: Mon 10.00am-12.00pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm

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