



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew 7:24)

Sunday 1st September 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
10.30am **Holiday Club All Age Celebration Service** in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Build your house on the rock
Reading: Matthew 7:24-29
Leaders: Anna Counsell & Dan Washbrook
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
Thursday 5 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

It has been a busy and exciting week at St Luke's as we have welcomed up to 50 children to our **Build It!** holiday club for four mornings of Lego-themed fun, games and learning about building our lives on the firm foundation of Jesus' teaching. Together, we have looked at how Jesus is trustworthy, loving, our Saviour, and our friend. **Thank you** to everyone in our brilliant holiday club team who have worked so hard to ensure the children have a fun, safe and memorable time at holiday club. This Sunday, we continue this theme with a special holiday club **celebration service** at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome!

As we move into September, it's the start of a new school term, and we'll be beginning a new series of sermons and Connect Group studies on Paul's letter to the **Philippians**. Copies of the new Connect Group notes will be available in church this Sunday.

Finally, please do check out the list of **dates for your diaries** over the page, where we have gathered together key event and services coming up over the next few months.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in the Sudans and in Ukraine.
- Pray for the husband, family and friends of Eve Greenwood, who recently passed away.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for OMF

Father, we thank you for the recent visit of the Pains to England, and that we were able to see them at St Luke's. We unite with them in perseverance that many people would open their hearts to you in Japan, and pray for strength and renewed vision for all who are working for OMF there. Especially, we remember Edwin who is deputising for Chris and the team around him, and we ask that, when the Pains return to Japan, they may feel a new sense of joy, and see real progress in their work. *"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Thessalonians 1:3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th September 7.30pm – **Prayer ministry Team Meeting and Training**
Sunday 15th September 12.30pm – **Families BBQ at the Church Hall**
Saturday 21st September 5pm – **Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen**
Monday 30th September 2pm – **Connect Group Leaders Meeting**
Sunday 6th October 10.30am – **Harvest Festival Service**
Thursday 31st October – **The Light Trail**
Sunday 3rd November 3pm – **St Luke's Annual Memorial Service**
Saturday 16th November 7pm – **Tearfund Big Quiz Night**

NOTICES

Prayer meetings

Following a Summer break during August, prayer meetings at 9.15am on Thursdays will resume on 5th September.

Connect Group study notes

Copies of our new Connect Group study notes on Paul's letter to the Philippians will be available in church this Sunday. Thank you to Andrew Cullis for producing these detailed notes to help us as we study Philippians together this term.

Church working party – Saturday 14th September

We'll be doing some cleaning and maintenance, mainly indoors at St Luke's, on Saturday 14th September, 10am - 1pm. Please do come and help for as little or as long as you can, thank you. Refreshments provided!

SWGPs Mens' Convention 2024

Living courageously is one of the great challenges we face as Christians in this age. Too often we crumble and shrink back rather than stand tall. Courage doesn't come from great self-belief, or deep internal confidence. It comes as we know that our God raises the dead. The South West Gospel Partnership Men's Convention will be talking about how we can be men of resurrection courage, as we look closely at the lives of three Old Testament men who showed great courage because they believed in a great event: the resurrection. Please see swgp.org.uk/men for further information, and chat to Dan Washbrook if you might be interested in joining us. Deadline for sign up is 15th September.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's **on Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services are now being held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

Found Property

We have a number of umbrellas and other items that have been left in church recently - if you have lost anything, please would you check at the back of church and claim your item if it is there. Thanks very much, Richard Hudson.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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Week commencing 2nd September – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 10.30am – 4.30pm

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