

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Sunday 2nd February	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Using the gifts God gives us
	Readings:	John 6:7-11, Acts 16:13-15, Exodus 31:1-5 & Mark 5:24b-29
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge & Dan Washbrook
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at The Vicarage

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 rd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 4 th	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing On The Frontline
Thursday 6 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church Rooms (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Belonging Course in Church Rooms
Friday 7 th	8.00pm	Spring Courses: Parenting For Faith Course on Zoom
	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 8 th	2.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Virginia Stacey
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall
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Dear St Luke's family,

Last Sunday Dan spoke powerfully about Jesus's invitation to come, spend time in his presence and find rest for our souls. We also looked at how this and our other upcoming sermon themes are found in the account of Jesus and the disciples working together to feed the 5,000. These themes are depicted visually on the right, showing how they all part of our life together as a church. This Sunday in our all age service we're thinking again about the body of Christ and the gifts God gives us, inspired by some interesting characters in the Bible.

God bless, Stuart



PRAYERS

Prayer for 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.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marian Laird, Virginia Stacey and Barbara Suffling and who have died recently.

- Pray for safety, protection and a fruitful trip for the team from Poole going to Wau, South Sudan, this Sunday.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

This week we are praying for OMF

Father, we thank you for those who give up so much in order to go and serve you overseas. We pray that you would honour this sacrifice, and especially pray that the Pains may be able to communicate the wonderful truths of the gospel clearly to the Japanese people. Please bring success to all of the evangelistic initiatives that are taking place throughout the country, and soften the hearts of the Japanese so that they may respond. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Sunday 2 nd March 4.00pm	Safeguarding Reflective Space in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day
Sunday 30 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service

NOTICES

Baptisms – Sunday 2nd March

We are excited to say that, as part of our service on Sunday 2nd March, we will have a baptistery set up in church as we can administer baptisms by immersion. If you have not been baptised and would be interested in being baptised or renewing your baptismal vows, please speak to Stuart or Dan. We would love to talk this through with you.

St Luke's Men's Walk

The next walk is Thursday 6th February for about 4 miles finishing at the Meyrick Park café, Bournemouth. Some of us will be travelling on the 20 bus arriving in Bournemouth at 10.27am (10.02am from Ashley Cross). Weather permitting! If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, speak to Richard Browning or Steve Blight.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Virginia Stacey

This will take place at St Luke's on Saturday 8th February at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments in church. All welcome. If you are able to help with refreshments after the service, please sign the clipboard at the back of Church on Sunday.

Funeral service for Marian Laird

Marian's funeral will take place on Friday 21st February at 1pm at St Luke's Parkstone. All are welcome.

Funeral service for Barbara Suffling

Barbara's funeral will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 10.30am in the Long Barrow Ceremony Hall at Harbour View, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. (The service will also be available to view online.)

Your Church Library

DONATIONS: Thank you to all who have so kindly donated books of great quality for the church library.

SPRING COURSES: On the top shelf there are some books which may support what you're learning on the courses.

AMNESTY! If you're still loving your borrowed book, please continue. If it's sitting on a shelf, lonely, forgotten and unread, it would be great if you could please return it.

Safeguarding Reflective Space – Sunday 2nd March

As mentioned on Safeguarding Sunday, we are offering a time for anyone who would like to reflect on or talk about recent safeguarding issues in the wider Church of England, on Sunday 2nd March, 4pm-5pm in the Church Rooms.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates 7th – 9th March 2025

Judy Hudson is selling tickets for the production of Joseph after the 10.30am service on Sundays at the back of the church. Please see Judy to purchase your tickets. For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Bournemouth William Temple Association

The next meeting is on Monday 3rd February at 7.40pm at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Michael Jones, Retired Theatre Producer. His talk is entitled "Worship as Theatre".

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC Account No: 00008836 Sort Code: 40-52-40

Or please send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 3rd February 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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