

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2025**
**SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Service with Baptisms</b> in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Choosing to follow Jesus
	Reading:	Luke 5:1-11
	Leaders:	Stuart Cocksedge & Dan Washbrook
	Talk:	Anna Counsell
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Safeguarding Reflective Space</b> in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Joseph Production</b> in Church Hall

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> The Prayer Course
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> Growing on the Frontline
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> The Belonging Course
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> Parenting For Faith Course on Zoom
	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in Church Hall
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	7.30pm	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in Church Hall
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	3.30pm	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

**Dear St Luke's family,**

We are so excited to be sharing in the sacrament of Baptism with members of our church family this weekend. We can't wait to celebrate with them, and for those who have been baptized, we can remember that Baptism isn't just a one-time event, it's a picture of how we're called to live every day. We let go of the old ways, the habits and fears that pull us down, and step into the new life Jesus gives us, full of grace and purpose. Today, walk in that freedom, knowing you're not who you used to be—you're alive in Him!

God bless, Dan

**PRAYERS**

Prayer for the Sunday Before Lent: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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 who have died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

## This week we are praying for PACE

Please pray for the PACE team as they go into our local schools and academies taking assemblies, lunch clubs, Value of Life lessons, Big Questions clubs, and Youth Alpha meetings. Pray the children are receptive to these opportunities to learn more about Jesus and His love and give thanks for the financial donations that help support this vital work.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat</b> in the Church Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>St Luke's Gift Day</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 3.30pm	<b>Welcome Tea</b> at the Vicarage
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Youth sponsored walk to raise money for SPREE</b> (see below)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 10.30am	<b>Mothering Sunday All Age Service</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	<b>Holy Week Reflections</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Holy Communion</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	<b>Messy Easter</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm	<b>Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Easter Day All Age Communion Service</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Annual Meeting (APCM)</b> during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch

### NOTICES

#### ChurchSuite at St Luke's Parkstone

A big thank you to everyone who has already started using MyChurchSuite to do things like updating your details and providing your unavailability for the rotas. MyChurchSuite also shows you when you are due to serve on our rotas over the coming months. If you would like some help getting started with MyChurchSuite, we are holding a drop-in session in the church office on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Pop in and we will do our best to help you!

#### Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - Last Chance to buy tickets in advance!

Performances are on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Hall. Tickets still available for all performances. Judy Hudson will be selling tickets after the 10.30am service this Sunday, or contact her during the week on 01202 721919. Any surplus tickets will be sold on the door but we cannot guarantee availability. Come and support this St Luke's and local community production! (If you would like to donate a prize for the tombola please speak to Claire Storey.)

#### Preparation of new Electoral Roll

This year we are required to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll. **Every person** who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is on the present Roll or not, is required to apply for enrolment. Forms are available at the back of the Church, or from the Church Office. Completed forms must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

#### Welcome Tea – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

If you are new to St Luke's, or haven't been to a welcome tea before, we would love to invite you to tea and cake at the Vicarage on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.30pm – 5pm. Please speak to Stuart or Rachel – we would love to welcome you!

#### From the family of Marian Laird

"We would like to thank all the friends who attended Marian's funeral on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. We truly appreciate your love and support for Mum over the years. Thank you very much, Edwina Macalister (one of Marian's daughters)."

#### Poole Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Join others to pray for Wau on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.15pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Herbert Avenue. All welcome.

#### SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year a group of our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon, so Anna will be taking a group again this year on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June. In advance of this, the young people are doing a sponsored walk to raise money towards their trip to SPREE, aiming to walk 10km from Branksome Chine to Boscombe and back again, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to sponsor them, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

#### New Wine Festival

The New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August this year. Stuart, Rachel and family will be going again. If you would like to join them, or to come for a day, please do speak to them. For more info visit: [www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-festival/](http://www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-festival/)

#### 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>

#### Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

**Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Lukes Church 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.**

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