



SUNDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2026

NINTH & TENTH SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY

Please note that this news sheet covers two weeks

'The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?' (Psalm 27:1)

Sunday 2nd August	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jonah – Goes on the run
	Readings:	Jonah 1:1-17 and Psalm 119:33-40
	Leader:	Justin Coldstream
	Preacher:	John Pattison

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 3 rd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am	Morning Worship in Church, followed by coffee (not Holy Communion this week)
Thursday 6 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		No St Luke's Toddlers due to school Summer Holiday
		No Youth Deeper due to school Summer Holiday
Friday 7 th		No Fab Friday due to school Summer Holiday
Saturday 8 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel

Sunday 9th August	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jonah – Prays inside the fish
	Readings:	Jonah 2:1-10 and Psalm 119:73-80
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	Preacher:	Andrew Cullis

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 10 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 13 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		No St Luke's Toddlers due to school Summer Holiday
		No Youth Deeper due to school Summer Holiday
Friday 14 th		No Fab Friday due to school Summer Holiday
Sunday 16 th		No Breakfast Church due to school Summer Holiday
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

In Sunday services during August, we'll be exploring the book of Jonah, which is also the theme of our 'Under the Sea' children's holiday club this year. The story of Jonah reminds us that God's mercy is far greater than we might imagine. Jonah tried to run from God's call, but God patiently pursued him and gave him another chance. When the people of Nineveh repented, God showed them compassion, revealing his desire to forgive rather than punish. Jonah's story encourages us to trust God's plans, respond faithfully to his calling, and to extend the same grace and mercy to others that God so generously offers to us.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Ninth Sunday after Trinity: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Tenth Sunday after Trinity: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all affected by the severe wildfires across Europe, for protection for the vulnerable and strength for the emergency services tackling the fires.
- Pray for our summer holiday club in August, that all the children who come may experience God's love for them as we explore our theme based on the book of Jonah, through songs, Bible talks, prayers, crafts and games.
- Pray for those working locally in health and government; grant strength and wisdom as they serve our community.
- Pray for our Prayer Ministry Team and empower them with God's Spirit, to intercede with love and faith.
- Pray for the Music and Worship Team at St Luke's, who share joyful music and skills to lift our hearts to God.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Tim Lynes and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to this prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it 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. Thank you.

Sunday 2nd August - we are praying for CPAS

For many years CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) has organised Venture and Falcon Camps and House-parties, for those aged 8 to 18. Some of these events have started already and continue till the end of August. Several thousand youngsters will be attending, so let's pray that they will enjoy a fun-filled holiday with further teaching to strengthen their young faith. The patronage of St Luke's (like many other Church of England churches) is held by CPAS, and currently they are seeking to fill over fifty parishes which are experiencing life without a vicar. We pray that more clergy will step forward to fill these posts.

Sunday 9th August - we are praying for Christian Aid

Lord, we pray for all people affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Comfort those who are ill, sustain those who grieve, watch over those who deliver care. We ask for safety for Christian Aid partners and medical staff as they treat those affected, and that breakthroughs will come swiftly as new vaccines and treatments are developed. In your name, Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 20 th August 2pm – 4pm	Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon in Church
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club for primary age children in Church
Wednesday 9 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Sunday 13 th September 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church

NOTICES

Cake sale – Thank You!

Families First MU would like to thank everyone for supporting our cake sale. We raised over £200 for the work of Mothers' Union and hope to hold another cake sale in the Autumn.

Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank You!

It was encouraging to hear about the work of Bible Society at our recent Mission Partnerships service. Thank you to all those who have already given gifts to support our various mission partners. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so soon. Leaflets are still available at the back of church with details of how you can give. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday or drop them into the church office (see below for office opening hours.)

Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon – Thursday 20th August 2pm

Following on from the cream tea we held in June, our next outreach event for older people is our Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon on Thursday 20th August, 2pm – 4pm, in Church. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon to chat over tea, coffee and cake, play board games, do jigsaw puzzles, and get involved in some craft activities. Feel free to invite friends along. If you need a lift to church, please do contact the church office or the Pastoral Team. We look forward to welcoming you!

'Under the Sea' Holiday Club – Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th August

We are excited to be welcoming over 100 children to our holiday club at the end of August. **Please pray for holiday club!** Nearer the time we will invite you to sign up for hourly prayer slots, in the same way we did for Spree a few weeks ago. Watch this space. **500ml plastic bottles needed!** If you have spare 500ml plastic drinks bottles, please bring them to church in time for holiday club. Thank you.

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

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:

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Office opening hours week commencing 3rd August: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm** and week commencing 10th August: **Mon 10am-12pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm**

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