



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'
(John 8:12)

Sunday 2nd November	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Growing our welcome – Reflecting God's heart
	Reading:	Luke 15:11-32
	Leaders:	Stuart Cocksedge & Anna Counsell
Preacher:	Anna Counsell	
	3.00pm	Memorial Service & Tea in Church

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3 rd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	12.15pm	Poole Wau Prayer Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 6 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 7 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday Kids Club in Church (until 4.45pm) (for Reception to Year 6)
Saturday 8 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	4.00pm	Marriage Blessing in Church (Ian & Carole)

Dear St Luke's family,

This Sunday we are thinking about the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32) which reminds us of the Father's boundless love and joy in welcoming home his children: 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him' (Luke 15:20).

At the time of Halloween it's important to celebrate God's light. As we read in the story of the Prodigal Son, no matter where we've been or how dark the path has seemed, God's light is never far from us. As Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12). May this light guide and comfort us all this week as we come together in faith and fellowship.

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Prayer for All Saints Sunday: God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; 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 the family and friends of Pat Newth, who died recently.
- Pray for the St Luke's Staff Team who lead the mission and ministry of church and serve day by day.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for the Evangelical Alliance

Almighty God, thank you for the work of the Evangelical Alliance since 1846. We ask You to uphold them in their work of encouraging and enabling churches to declare the message of the Bible both within their congregations and in the secular world. Strengthen them to shine brightly in the darkness, to declare Your words of truth, salvation and love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12 th November 9.30am	St Luke's hosting Gather BCP Mini Summit (until 12.30pm)
Sunday 16 th November 10.30am	Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 23 rd November 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church (until 8pm)
Saturday 6 th December 3.30pm	Families First Christmas Party at Church Hall (until 6pm)
Sunday 7 th December 10.30am	All Age Christingle Service in Church
Saturday 13 th December 2pm	A Taste of Christmas in Church (until 5pm)
Sunday 14 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert in Church
Friday 19 th December 5pm (TBC)	Carol Singing at Penn Hill (timings TBC)
Sunday 21 st December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 3pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 25 th December 10am	Christmas Day All Age Communion in Church (please note new time)

NOTICES

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

If you would like to receive weekly prayer points and updates from Anna about our kids, youth and families work at St Luke's, please email kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk. We want to keep you informed so that you can be praying regularly for our kids, youth and families groups and activities. Thank you!

Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank you for your gifts given back in July

We have passed on your gifts (including gift aid) to our mission partners as follows: Poole Wau Partnership £1,955, OMF £956, Open Doors £652, CMS £776, Christian Aid £291, Bible Society £280, CPAS £217, Tearfund £200. The total amount raised was £5,327. (This is in addition to the PCC's mission giving to our mission partners of £12,000 this year.)

Poole-Wau Prayer Meeting – Monday 3rd November, 12.30pm

Join us at St Luke's Parkstone from 12.15pm for tea and coffee, for a 12.30pm start. It would be great to see you.

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 3rd November, 7.40pm

All welcome to next meeting of the WTA at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. Starting at 7.40pm with optional dinner before at 6.30pm. Tim Cosby will speak on "MAF: The Story of the World's Largest Humanitarian Air Operator".

Ian and Carole's Marriage Blessing – Sunday 9th November, 4pm

In addition to family members, Ian and Carole would like to invite the church family to this service of prayer and dedication following their civil ceremony. Tea and cakes will be served for all at the end of the service.

Gather BCP Mini Summit at St Luke's – Wednesday 12th November

We are excited to be hosting this event here at St Luke's on Wednesday 12th November, 9.30am – 12.30pm, organised by Faithworks in partnership with Moorlands College and the Gather Movement. Church leaders from across BCP will be gathering to be inspired about how the church can play a more strategic role in transforming communities and seeing God's kingdom grow. For more details: <https://faith-works.org.uk/church-partnerships-gather-bcp-mini-summit>

Funeral of Pat Newth – Monday 17th November, 2.30pm

The funeral service for Pat Newth will take place at St Luke's at 2.30pm on Monday 17th November (following the burial at Harbour View earlier that day). All are welcome to the service and refreshments afterwards.

Volunteer gardeners at the Greenhouse Christian Centre

The Greenhouse Christian Centre (not far from St Luke's) is looking for volunteer gardeners. You don't need to be there every day, maybe once or twice per week, or even per month. For more info, please chat to Mark Burgess.

Gifts and support for those in need this Christmas

This year, we will be supporting the following good causes, through a mixture of gifts and financial donations:

- SMILE Christmas Toy Appeal: We are partnering with SMILE, a local community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to local families, and as a church we'd like to provide some gifts. On Sunday 7th December please bring a new toy or monetary gift to church. Thank you.

- Tearfund: We will be supporting our mission partner Tearfund this Christmas as they share God's love in practical ways around the world where the need is greatest. More details to follow.

- Poole Foodbank: During December we will once again be inviting you to donate non-perishable foods items to help local people in need. More details to follow.

- Winter Clothing Project: Liz Howes is once again running the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone, with Parkstone United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be much appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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 payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours week commencing 3rd November 2025: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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