

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2024

LENT 3

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel

10.30 am **Morning Worship and Gift Day** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom.

Theme: Stewardship: Our Response

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 & Matthew 6:19-21

Leader: Justin Coldstream

Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 4 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 6 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	8.00 pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage
Friday 8 th	7.30 pm	Youth Club in the Church Hall
Sunday 10 th	10.00 am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

This week Anna, Rachel and myself have been with around 2,000 others at the New Wine Leadership Conference in Harrogate. It was a long way to travel, but so worth it! It was **encouraging** to worship together with clergy and church leaders from all over the country and beyond, to hear of **God at work** in many different places, and to be **inspired** by great teaching from the Bible. We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks. Turn over for more details about the **New Wine** summer festival in July.

This Saturday and Sunday we are having our **gift days**, which are an opportunity for us all to **give thanks** to God for his faithfulness and goodness, and to **contribute** to and **invest** in the life of St Luke's. Join us on Saturday morning (any time from 9.30am onwards) and of course on Sunday at 10.30am.

In Harrogate, we were reminded of our identity as "**God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved**" (Colossians 3:12). So, in all we are doing, and as we prayerfully consider how we might give this weekend, may we "do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for King Charles III for healing and strength as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Andy Hogg, Gillian, Brian and the wider family, as Andy moves to be cared for at Forest Holme Hospice.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst, Virginia and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

This week we are praying for OMF

Lord, we give You thanks for all missionary work wherever it occurs, as especially for the Pains as they work for You in Japan. Thank you for sustaining them through barren times and for giving them opportunities to share the gospel with friends and neighbours. We ask that you would go before them as they make plans to visit the United Kingdom in the summer. May they always know you as their True Vine, their Refuge, and their Everlasting Arms, always bearing them up. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

NOTICES

Poole Wau Monthly Prayer Meeting

Do please join us for prayer on Monday 4th March from 12.30 pm to about 1.20 pm at St. John's Church, 384 Ashley Road, Upper Parkstone, Poole BH14 0AA (opposite Waitrose). Tea and coffee provided. We shall remember our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and especially in the area centred on Wau. (If you park in the church car park, please make sure you sign in) The meeting will be led by Janet Davies, a member of the church in Hamworthy.

Mothering Sunday – 10th March

This year why not support the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal' by giving your mother a gift that supports other mothers. These gifts can also be dedicated in memory of a loved one. The gifts start from just £11 and details are on the Families First noticeboard or speak to Anne Roberts.

Spring Concert – 12th March

Poole Light Orchestra will be holding a Spring Concert at St Clement's Church, Parkstone, Poole BH15 3PH on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 pm. Entry free. Refreshments available. Opportunity for donations. All welcome!

Electoral Roll

If you are not on our St Luke's Electoral Roll and wish to be, please pick up a form from the back of church. The final date for forms is 1st April 2024. Speak to Roger Jones, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions.

Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

A soup lunch will be served, after the 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 20th March.

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

PACE Quiz

Pace are holding a quiz evening on Saturday 16th March 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm at St Paul's Church, Throop BH8 0NY. Come as a team of six or make up a team on the night. £5 per person (pay on the door). Drinks and nibbles provided. To book a place email office@pacetrust.org.uk or call 07375 672 098.

Renew, Reuse, Recycle

An Eco Fair will take place at St George's Church, Darby's Lane, Poole BH15 3EU on Saturday 16th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Guest stalls include: A Rocha UK, FairTrade, Lush, Poole Men's Sheds and many more. Also: seed, plant and tool swap table, Our PlanetZero Van – with nuts, seeds, pulses and cereals (bring your own tubs) and buy a home-made shopping bag. Refreshments available. Contact 01202 660612 for more information. All welcome!

An Evening of Worship!

On Saturday 16th March from 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm there will be an evening event taking place at the Lansdowne Church, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth BH1 1SB. Enjoy your favourite songs and hear stories from Philippa and Lou about their dedication to seeing children released from poverty in Jesus' name. All welcome – please copy and paste the link below to your usual browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-worship-with-philippa-hanna-and-lou-fellingham-tickets-778181571027?aff=oddtcreator>

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. 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!

Our bank details are: 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 Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 4th Mar - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Wed 10.30 am – 4.30 pm and Fri 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

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