



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Sunday 3rd August	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Psalms - A psalm of wisdom
	Reading:	Psalm 1
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 4 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 7 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel (No St Luke's Toddlers due to school summer holiday)
Friday 8 th		(No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to school summer holiday)
Saturday 9 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 10 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

A couple of weeks ago in Kids and Youth Church, we explored what it means to be rooted in Christ, focusing on Jesus' words: *"I am the true vine"* (John 15:1). We reflected on how important it is to stay connected to our source—Jesus—if we are to grow and bear fruit.

Psalm 1 paints a picture of two paths: one that leads to life and flourishing, and another that withers away. *"Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord"* (Psalm 1:2). As we gather today, we are reminded that true blessing doesn't come from following the crowd, but from being rooted in God's Word. Like a tree planted by streams of water, those who meditate on His truth grow strong, steady, and fruitful—no matter the season.

May we each seek to stay rooted in Christ, our true vine, and walk the path that leads to life.

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Prayer for Seventh Sunday After Trinity: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard-seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's Welcome Team, who welcome and care for all who come to St Luke's.
- 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, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for PACE

Please pray for **PACE** as they aim to help all in schools, plus Pastoral Care workers, to explore the Christian faith through lessons, assemblies and lunchtime Clubs. A quiet time at present with School Holidays, but please continue as the Team take new bookings, plan and prepare for the new school year.

Give thanks that the new 'Game Changers', 'Drug Awareness', 'Creation and Stewardship' lessons have gone so well, including the 'Moving Up' sessions - with excellent engagement and questions being asked.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th August
Friday 5th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday 14th September

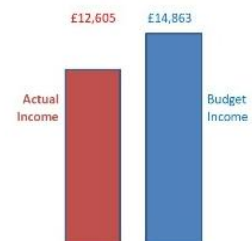
Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office
Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Update on Church Finances

We are grateful for all your generosity following our gift day in March, but our income remains well below budget, and we risk eating into our reserves considerably this year. We are considering options to reduce costs. Apart from parish share, our largest cost is staff salaries, and we may need to make savings in this area if nothing changes. To avoid this, our income from regular giving needs to increase. **Our deficit is such that we need an average of around £30 extra per church member per month.** Please could you consider setting up a monthly gift using the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order, if you haven't yet done so? Thank you, Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer.

June 2025
Church Regular Income versus Budget



Number 20 Bus Route Consultation

A consultation on the future of the number 20 bus (and others) is taking place. Please follow this link if you wish to complete the online survey or download a paper version: <https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/bus-subsidies-2025>

Heroes Academy Holiday Club – 26th-29th August

We're really excited for this year's holiday club for primary school aged children. Places for holiday club are now full, so please be praying for the children who are booked in to come along. Thank you, Anna.

Pattern of Saturday prayer meetings

Please note that from August onwards, our fortnightly Saturday morning prayer meetings at 9.30am will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. We hope this will make it easier to keep track of when they are happening. This means the next one is on Saturday 9th August at 9.30am.

Helping you with MyChurchSuite! – Friday 5th September

Many of you are now using the MyChurchSuite app to keep your details up to date, check when you are serving on rotas, and so on, which is great. But we are aware that not everyone finds technology easy, so we are offering some more drop-in sessions in the church office to help you get to grips with MyChurchSuite. We can help with: how to get the app set up on your phone or computer, how to update your personal details, how to provide your unavailability, and more. Please do drop-in to the church office on **Friday 5th September** any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Monthly 9am Holy Communion Service – Starting in September

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we will trial holding a simple service of Holy Communion at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. This will be a quiet service with hymns on the piano, lasting just under an hour. All are welcome.

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

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 4th August 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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