

## **SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024**

### **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old).**

**At this they were completely astonished. (Mark 5:41-42)**

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

10.30 am **Wholeness and Healing Service with Communion** with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom.

Theme: Encounters with Jesus in Mark’s Gospel: Jairus’ daughter and the sick woman

Readings: Acts 9:36-42 & Mark 5:21-43

Leader: Andrew Cullis                      Talk: Lis Cullis

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.30 am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                 |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am  | Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by coffee             |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 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 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 7.30 pm  | Youth Club at the Church Hall                                 |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.00 am  | Messy Church  |
|                           | 10.30 am | Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom |

### **Dear St Luke’s Family,**

I hope you are finding our sermons and Connect Group studies on Mark’s gospel helpful (if you aren’t in a Connect Group and would like to find out about joining one, please do let me know). More details about this Sunday’s Wholeness and Healing Service are overleaf. I am excited about the year ahead for us at St Luke’s, with lots coming up. Next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> February) we’ll be asking you to complete a short questionnaire, seeking your thoughts and feedback on our worship services. At the end of February Anna, Rachel and myself are off to the New Wine Leadership Conference, with the theme ‘Holy, Healthy & Humble’. In May we are planning a PCC away day when we will take time to pray, reflect, and discern how God is leading us forward. In the summer, we have plans to take some of our young people to Spree SW (a Christian youth weekend in Devon) and to take a group to New Wine at Shepton Mallet (more details to follow). However, there is a cost to sustaining and growing the mission and ministry of St Luke’s, and our financial situation is challenging, so on Sundays later in February we’ll be thinking about our stewardship of all that God has given us. This will culminate in gift days on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March, giving us an opportunity to respond to God’s generosity to us, to support and be part of God’s work at St Luke’s.

God bless, Stuart

### **PRAYERS**

Special Prayer for the Second Sunday Before Lent: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel, praying for strength and safety, for Kevin’s health, and for the restarting of their ministry in Jaffa and discerning God’s priorities there.
- Pray for Christians in the area affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake in Japan.
- Pray for Liz Cotterell whose mother has recently died, and Justin Coldstream whose father has recently died.
- Give thanks that Daniel has returned home to recuperate (Daniel is related to a good friend of the Hudson’s).
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Virginia, Margaret Holst, Andy Hogg and Claire Storey’s sister Gina.

## **This week we are praying for Poole-Wau, South Sudan**

Please pray for the people of South Sudan that they will forgive each other and put their trust in God. They have been at war for 35 years and are so tired. Pray for the leaders, that they will put the people of South Sudan before themselves and see that they are part of the solution. Pray that God will raise up men and women who are Peacemakers. At St. John's College, please pray for the completion of the extension building, the lack of water within the compound and the internet within the compound. Please pray for the staff and students that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and then go out from the College as the Peacemakers. Amen.

## **NOTICES**

### **Sunday 4th February - Wholeness and Healing Service**

During this morning's service, we shall invite the congregation to come forward (as usual) to take communion and then (if you wish) to go into the chancel area where a prayer team will be ready to pray with you.

There are many reasons to ask for prayer: for a general blessing; for spiritual strength; for physical or emotional strength: for the mending of relationships. It is an occasion for the whole church family, and it is especially good to pray for children as well as adults. May we all know the touch of Jesus!

### **Ash Wednesday**

There will be a service at 7.30 pm in Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday. All are welcome.

### **Flowers**

The Guides and Brownies have kindly donated the flowers at the alter today (February 4<sup>th</sup>) to celebrate World Thinking Day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Poole-Wau-Partnership Prayer Meeting**

You are invited to join us to pray for Wau and the region of Northern Bahr el Gazal. The next Zoom meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. If you cannot attend, please join us in spirit. To join the Zoom Meeting please use: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82280754451?pwd=YVdHZGtaZi8wZWQ4MXPQdDQ1eVZ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 822 8075 4451 Passcode: 076305

### **Message from Alistair Doxat Purser**

Faithworks has a new vacancy to fill: we need a new "Empowerment Worker" to help ex-rough sleepers successfully rebuild their lives in our soon-to-be 4 homes across BCP. Initially 16h/week and rising to 32h/week later this year. You can hear more about it from David Chidwick on <https://youtu.be/DC5AmTsFWoM> or read more on the Faithworks website: <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/> Closes 5th Feb.

### **Job Opportunities at Poole Foodbank**

Two important vacancies at Poole Foodbank are currently being advertised, which are both exciting and rewarding jobs. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 pm. The link for the vacancies can be found at <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/>

### **Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch**

On the third Wednesday of each month, we are holding an 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms, followed by a soup lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Thank you from OMF**

Chris and Kesia Pain thank St Luke's, for the very kind donation received for the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

### **Safeguarding training**

A Safeguarding training session will take place in the Church Rooms, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm – coffee from 9.30 am. Please contact Helen in the Church Office, if you would like to attend.

### **WhatsApp group for 'St Luke's Families'**

There is a WhatsApp group for families at St Luke's. Information about regular and one-off events are communicated on this platform. If you have a child aged between 0-18 and would like to be added to the WhatsApp, group please speak to Anna – her updated phone number is 07354 714294.

### **Vacancy - Church Office Administrator (part-time)**

St John's Church Wimborne are seeking an experienced administrator to work around 12-15 hours in the church office. The role would be ideal for someone with a heart for Christian ministry, a caring, kind and patient nature and whose experience includes working on a wide variety of tasks in a busy office. If this is of interest to you or someone you know, please contact Paula in the church office ([paula@stjhnswymborne.org.uk](mailto:paula@stjhnswymborne.org.uk)) in the first instance.

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### **Church Finances and Giving**

Thank you for your commitment to maintain and grow our church life. **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 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - 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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