

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?"

They knew it was the Lord. (John 21:12)

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b> in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Grace and forgiveness – A new start with Jesus
	Reading:	John 21:1-19
	Leaders:	Anna Counsell & Dan Washbrook
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Youth Deeper</b> in Church Rooms

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	(No Prayer Meeting due to Early May Bank Holiday)
	2.00pm VE Day Anniversary Street Party in Wellington Road (until 5pm)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
	11.00am Holy Communion at Pennant House
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

**Dear St Luke's family,**

This Sunday, we continue to focus on Easter and the impact of the resurrection, as we look at the transforming encounter of the disciples with the risen Jesus on the shore of Lake Galilee in John 21.

Last Sunday at our APCM, it was good to welcome new people onto our PCC and Churchwardens team. Our PCC now consists of (new members in **bold**): Steve Blight, **Richard Browning**, Stuart Cocksedge, Just Coldstream, **Alan Cotterell** (Churchwarden), Ben Counsell (Churchwarden), Lis Cullis, **Paul Gilbert**, Kate Giles, Martin Holst, Richard Hudson, Roger Jones, Margaret Lloyds, **Trevor Muddimer**, Julie Murphy, John Pattison, Anne Roberts, and Harriet Sturgess. (With Anna Counsell and Christine Gilbert in attendance.) And in addition to Alan and Ben, it is great to have **Elaine Browning** and **Charlotte Mutton** as our new Assistant Churchwardens. Please keep them all in your prayers.

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in all places affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and the Sudans.
- Pray for God's blessing on our PCC and Churchwardens, especially those newly elected following last week's APCM.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Anne (Marianne Mutlow's sister), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.

**This week we are praying for the Poole-Wau Partnership and the people of South Sudan**

The war in Sudan is affecting people in South Sudan. Just in Northern Bahr el Ghazal diocese, 20,000 refugees arrived. This is an area where there is very little food, they have to buy their water and they were affected by flooding in December. Today please pray for the garden party in Western Avenue. The teas, cakes and jams are all in aid of St John's College in Wau.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10.30am	<b>Pentecost Sunday Service</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 12 noon	<b>Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day</b> after the morning service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Churches Together Outreach BBQs</b> in Falkland Square, Poole
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Spree Youth Weekend</b> in Devon
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>St Luke's Summer BBQ</b> after the morning service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am	<b>Mission Partnerships Service</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Heroes Academy Holiday Club</b> for primary school age children

## NOTICES

### Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole Wau Partnership – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm – 5pm

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm – 5pm. Admission £7. We will be providing refreshments during the afternoon and Judy will be selling her preserves, all proceeds from refreshments and sales will go to the Poole Wau Partnership. Do come and join us and support the fundraising.

### Connect Group Bible Study Guides

Most groups now have copies of the Bible study guides on the book of Ruth, which is this term's theme. If you don't yet have your copy, or if you need more copies for your group, please contact Helen in the office.

### Saying goodbye to the Washbrooks

As announced recently in church, our Curate Dan Washbrook has been appointed Rector of St Andrew's Kinson. This is an exciting move for Dan, Becky, Alice and Percy, but we will be very sad to lose them! Their last Sunday with us at St Luke's will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May and we will have tea and cake after the service as we say farewell. Dan's licencing service at St Andrew's Kinson will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend, and please keep the Washbrooks in your prayers as they prepare to move.

### Find out more about the work of PACE in our local schools

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am, Dave Pegg from the PACE Christian schools work team will be our speaker. He will share a version of a lesson for secondary schools about the Bible, giving an insight into what PACE do in schools across BCP, as well as bringing us some Bible teaching. Do come along to hear more about the work of PACE.

### Families First (Mothers Union) – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10.10am for a 10.30am start

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Rooms at 10.10am for coffee and cake, before Geoff Sherwood gives a presentation about his and his son's epic cycle pilgrimage in aid of Christian Aid. If you have not seen his presentation before we would thoroughly recommend it and it is worth seeing for a second time! We would be pleased to see you.

### Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

**Thank you very much** to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. The total given so far is around £15,000 (one-off gifts). The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead. We encourage you to give by monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Contact PGS on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or visit **[www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)** and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. Speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge for more details.



### Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to get 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 8<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you!

### Churches Together – Outreach BBQs

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with these BBQs to be held in Falkland Square in Poole town centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The organisers would like to find more volunteers, especially singers and musicians. Please email [paulhockley76@gmail.com](mailto:paulhockley76@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you.

### Mission Partnerships Service – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Our annual Mission Partnerships Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Our guest speaker will be Mark Rathbone, who was part of the team from Poole who travelled to Wau, South Sudan recently. There will also be opportunities to hear brief updates from other mission partners, and to give financially to support their work.

### New Wine Festival

New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. If you would like to join them, or come for a day, please let them know. More info: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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