



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2024 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12)

Sunday 4th August	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: Gideon – Going in God’s Strength
		Reading: Judges 6:7-18 & 33-40
		Leader & Sermon: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 5 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Saturday 10 th	12.00pm	Wedding in Church – Hannah Ridge and Samuel Hall
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service with Baptisms in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke’s family,

Our group from St Luke’s had a great time at the **New Wine Summer Festival** at Shepton Mallet, with the children and young people enjoying the input in their groups, and the adults benefiting from excellent Bible teaching on Mark’s gospel and worshipping together with thousands of others. Next year’s New Wine festival is on 30th July – 4th August 2025. If you’d like to know more, or would be interested in going next year, please do speak to Stuart, Rachel, or Anna.

This Sunday, we continue to learn from the lives of characters in the Old Testament as we look at the calling of **Gideon**. Gideon was at first a reluctant leader and an unlikely hero, but God called him and empowered him, he responded, and God brought the victory.

Next Sunday, we’ll welcome the Chimbwanda family for the **baptism** of Tayana and Leon. Please do pray for them, and enjoy the summer weather!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Tenth Sunday after Trinity: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our Build It! Holiday Club, that all the children who take part would have lots of fun and discover lots about Jesus and how to follow Him.
- Pray for God’s healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Ben Cullis, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey’s sister Gina and Sidney Wells.

This week we are praying for CPAS

Give thanks to God for the work of CPAS, supporting the mission and ministry of hundreds of Anglican churches across the country, including St Luke's Parkstone. Pray for their work in training and developing church leaders, that this will be highly effective in serving leaders, churches, and facilitating growth. Pray for their role in the appointment of clergy to their patronage churches, for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray for their Ventures and Falcons holidays this year, that they will impact the lives of many young people with the good news of Jesus, in a fun and safe environment. In all these things, pray that Christ will be proclaimed: "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5).

NOTICES

Some important dates for your diary!

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August - Build It! Holiday Club

Saturday 21st September 5pm - Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen

Sunday 6th October 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service

Saturday 16th November 7pm - Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Prayer meetings during August

During this quieter summer period, we will pause our Thursday morning prayer meetings for the rest of August.

Prayers at 9.30am on Mondays and alternate Saturdays will continue as usual. Prayers at 9.15am on Thursdays will resume on 5th September.

Holiday Club Preparation

On Wednesday 7th August we will meet in the Church Rooms to do some painting and craft prep for holiday club.

Anyone who would like to help, please join us between 10:30am - 12pm. Let Anna know if you have any questions.

Church Mission Society

Copies of the latest prayer letter from the Cables in Israel, are available in church.

Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

Build it! Holiday Club

We are getting ready for our Build it! holiday club that is happening Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August 9.30am – 12.30am for Reception - Year 6. Join us for a week of building, creating and modelling as we share together how we can build our relationship with God and learn stories from the Bible. We will also be playing games, doing craft, eating lots of biscuits and singing songs. Please contact Anna if you wish to book your child/ren into this year's holiday club.

Lego Needed Please!

If you have any spare Lego or Duplo that you no longer need, and would be willing to donate it to St Luke's for use at holiday club, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed Please!

Our Holiday Clubs only happen because of our amazing volunteers, if you would like to help out this year with admin, craft prep, being a team leader, being a team helper, helping with refreshments, being in the drama, leading songs/actions, leading games/craft, or being in the background please sign up at the back of church or speak to Anna.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's **on Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. 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!

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or please send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 5th August – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

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