



SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (Lamentations 3:22-23)**

Sunday 4th October	9.00am	Harvest Holy Communion in Church
	Theme:	Living generously - with our time
	Readings:	1 John 3:16-18 and Luke 10:25-37
	Leader & Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Living generously - with our time
	Reading:	Luke 10:25-37
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at Vicarage

Please note: If you wish to avoid appearing on Zoom during our services, please do not sit in the front three rows.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 5 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	2.00pm	Seniors Harvest Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 8 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm)
Friday 9 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
Saturday 10 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Prayer and Worship Gathering in Church

Dear St Luke's family,

Harvest is a time to **give thanks to God** for his great love, faithfulness and generosity. And this Sunday is the first of three weeks in which we will consider how we can **live generously in response to God's generosity to us**: with our time, our talents, and our treasures. In Jesus's well-known parable, the Good Samaritan was willing to use his time and resources to help a stranger in need. How might we be generous with our time and resources in the service of others?

Please do bring your **Harvest gifts** to be donated to **Poole Foodbank** at both services this Sunday. And if you are new to St Luke's, we would love you to join us at the **Welcome Tea** on Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm at the Vicarage.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer 18th Sunday after Trinity: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those living with the ongoing effects of war and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- Pray for God's blessing on all who work locally in the leisure sector, serving visitors, tourists and local people.
- Pray for the St Luke's Welcome Team as they work together to welcome all who come to our services.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to the prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

This week are praying for CMS (Church Mission Society)

Give thanks to God and pray for the newly planted church in Turalei, northern South Sudan, where on Sunday mornings the congregation is made up of both Dinka and Nuer believers. They come from opposite sides of an ongoing violent conflict but share the same service. Afterwards, children play together outside while the adults sit in the shade, eating together and talking. A few years ago, people on both sides of the dispute would have called this impossible. So, how did it happen? Their explanation is clear: "God has done this."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Harvest Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Sunday 11 th October 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Tuesday 13 th October 10.10am	Families First (Mothers' Union) in Church Rooms
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse
Saturday 31 st October 4pm	Light Up The Night (alternative to Halloween event for families) in Church
Sunday 1 st November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Thursday 5 th November	St Luke's Church in use as a polling station all day
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 15 th November	Safeguarding Sunday

NOTICES

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harry and Alexis on the safe arrival of their baby girl Charlotte. Do keep them in your prayers.

Malcolm Hill's Testimony

Last Sunday, Malcolm spoke movingly about God's kindness and faithfulness as he lives with a terminal illness. A recording of Malcolm's testimony can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0rc-i8eD8A>

Beacon Project Update

Following a meeting with our architect and consulting engineers this week, we now have a clearer timeline for how we believe the Beacon Project will progress over the coming months:

- End of October: Mabey Francis (consulting engineers) feasibility study and plans completed
- November: Faculty submission to Diocese of Salisbury
- May 2027: We hope to commence heating, rewiring and lighting works (subject to approvals and funding)

Welcome Tea – Sunday 4th October 3.30pm

If you are new to St Luke's or haven't been to one of our welcome teas before, we would love to invite you to join us at the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) for tea, coffee and cakes from 3.30pm until 5pm on Sunday 4th October. There will be time to get to know one another, ask questions and find out about getting more involved in church life at St Luke's. Please let Stuart or Rachel know if you will be coming. Email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk or phone 01202 790987.

Seniors Harvest Hymns & Games Afternoon – Monday 5th October 2pm – 4.30pm

Join us at St Luke's for a Harvest-themed afternoon of crafts, games and fellowship. We'll be singing some well known Harvest hymns and enjoying tea and cake together. Please do invite friends to come with you. Flyers available at the back of church. If you would like a lift please contact the office on 01202 717268. We look forward to welcoming you.

Poole-Wau Prayer Meeting – Monday 5th October 12.30pm

At St Clement's Church, St Clement's Road, Poole BH15 3PD. Please do join us and bring a packed lunch if you wish to.

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 5th October 7.30pm

The next meeting will be held at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chief Executive of Faithworks Wessex and his talk is entitled: "Bringing practical help, relational support and spiritual hope to people in hard times". All welcome!

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Last Wishes Forms

The Pastoral Team would like to remind you about the opportunity to complete a Last Wishes form to record your funeral preferences for readings, hymns, music, etc. This is something we may prefer not to think about, and is easily put off for another day. However, it is important to consider, discuss with loved ones, and if you would like to, record on a Last Wishes form to be kept securely in the church office. Forms are available from the church office, or please speak to Julie Murphy or Carole Blight for more details.

Dick Whittington Panto Rehearsals

St Luke's ACTS are planning to perform the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Church Hall on **5th – 7th March 2027**. If you are interested in taking part either on stage or backstage, please sign up using the sheet at the back of church and come along to a read through on **Sunday 4th October from 6pm** at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road. Please note that **the read through is for adults only**. Any children wanting to take part should sign up with parents' permission. **Children's rehearsals will start in January**. Adult rehearsals will be weekly on Sunday evenings with a break for Christmas. Please see Claire Storey for more information.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details **CAF Bank Limited** Name **St Lukes Church** Account No **00008836** Sort Code **40-52-40**

Office opening hours week commencing 5th October: **Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm**

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