



**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**  
**EASTER DAY & SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**‘He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.’ (Matthew 28:6)**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b> in Church
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter All Age Communion</b> in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus is risen!
	Reading:	John 20:1-18
	Leaders:	Anna Counsell and Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Prayer and Worship Gathering</b> in Church
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus appears to his disciples
	Readings:	1 Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-23
	Leader:	Andrew Cullis
	Preacher:	Ruth Greig
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Spring Cantabile Concert</b> in Church

**SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	(No Prayer Meeting due to Easter Monday Bank Holiday)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	(No St Luke’s Toddlers this week due to school Easter holidays)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	(No Fab Friday this week due to school Easter holidays)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.30pm Spring Cantabile Concert in Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.10am Families First in Church Rooms – Being Creative with Scripture
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Holy Communion in Church, followed by light lunch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	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) (please note new day and time)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Fab Friday in Church (until 5.00pm)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom

**Dear St Luke’s family,**

Whether this is your first time celebrating Easter at St Luke’s, or you have been many times before, **welcome and Happy Easter to you!** (Please note that this is Easter news sheet covers two Sundays.) The events which unfolded on the very first Easter morning were the most amazing, unexpected surprise for the friends and disciples of Jesus, as their grief and sadness were transformed into joy and hope. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the events on which our faith stands and our hope is founded. Let’s allow ourselves to be amazed once again this Easter as we celebrate the miracle that Jesus rose again and is with us now.

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Easter Day: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace and de-escalation of the conflict in the Middle East, for protection and relief for all those affected.
  - Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
  - Pray for the St Luke's Worship Team as they lead us in sung worship, that we may worship God in spirit and truth.
  - Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Julie Murphy and Iain Wilson.
- To add a name to this 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 we are praying for Open Doors – praying for the suffering church in Iran**

Join Iranian Christians in praying and fasting for freedom, justice, courage, peace and salvation for their nation. Pray too for Iranian Christians imprisoned for their faith in the notorious Evin Jail, where conditions have deteriorated.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Annual Meeting (APCM)</b> in Church as part of morning service
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 6pm	<b>Prayer &amp; Worship Gathering</b> in Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm	<b>Watoto Concert</b> in Church (see below)

#### **NOTICES**

##### **St Luke's Beacon Project**

This Sunday we are also launching the fundraising for our Beacon Project, aiming to ensure that **St Luke's Church is a bright, warm, welcoming place where the love of God is made known, now and into the future.** We are seeking to renew our church heating, lighting, and sound and visual capabilities. See leaflets in church or website for details: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/888/St-Lukes-Beacon-Project>

##### **Revision of Electoral Roll**

This year's revision enables those who are not currently on our roll to join. The current list is on the noticeboard in the north aisle. Forms and the box for their return are at the back of church. All forms need to be received by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions, please ask Roger Jones or contact the office. Thank you.

##### **Upcoming PCC Vacancies**

Our Annual Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, and this year we will have 4 vacancies on the PCC and 3 vacancies for Deanery Synod reps. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to stand. Do speak to Stuart or the wardens if you'd like to discuss this further. Nomination forms available from the office. Thank you.

##### **Spring Cantabile Concert – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm**

The Spring Concert takes place at St Luke's. Tickets on the door: £12 (cash or card) or £6 concessions for students.

##### **Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm**

Our next Prayer meeting will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm at St James's Church, Poole BH15 1JN. Tea and coffee provided. Do join us from 12.15pm onwards.

##### **Open Garden at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 5pm**

The garden at 24A Western Avenue will be open on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm to 5pm, with refreshments during the afternoon and Judy selling her preserves. All proceeds from refreshments and sales go to the Poole-Wau Partnership. Admission charge payable. If you are able to help please speak to Richard or Judy Hudson or phone 01202 721919.

##### **Sudans Day 2026 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm**

Hear updates on current development, political and security initiatives in Sudan and South Sudan and the work of our medical, educational and deanery partnerships, at St Francis' Church, Salisbury SP1 3PN. Attendance is free but donations gratefully received on the day. Free tea and coffee available. Bring a packed lunch. Please email [sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglical.org](mailto:sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglical.org) if you plan to come.

##### **Watoto Children's Choir coming to St Luke's – host families wanted please!**

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A great opportunity to invite friends to. **If you would be able to help by providing accommodation for choir members** for two nights (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June) please let the church office know. Thank you!

##### **Watoto Children's Choir – click on the link below to book your tickets for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June!**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator)

##### **New Wine Festival 2026**

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Follow this link for more info or to buy tickets: [www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now](http://www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now)

##### **Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone**

To set up regular giving, please go [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026: **Wed & Fri 9.30am-3pm**

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am-3pm**

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