



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-19)

Sunday 5th May	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom Theme: Resurrection: A Mission with Promise (The Great Commission) Reading: Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-9 Leader: Stuart Cocksedge Sermon: Andrew Cullis
	1.00pm	Children and Families Picnic in Poole Park (until 3.00pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 6 th	No Prayer Meeting today due to Early May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8 th	9.30am Midweek Worship on Zoom
Thursday 9 th	No parent and toddler group due to roofing work taking place in church
	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30pm Ascension Day Prayer and Reflection (until 8.30pm)
Friday 10 th	3.30pm Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm Youth Club in Hall (until 9.00pm) – Year 7 and up
Saturday 11 th	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 12 th	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

I hope you have had a good week. This Sunday, as we continue with the theme of the impact of Jesus' resurrection, we are focusing on the **Great Commission** which the risen Jesus gave to his disciples, and which he continues to give to us. Then on Thursday 9th May, **Ascension Day**, we'll gather at 7.30pm for prayer and reflection in church. This marks the beginning **Thy Kingdom Come**, the annual call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. There will be some prayer stations in church to help us pray. Do come and join us. You will also find more information and resources on the Thy Kingdom Come website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

It is a great privilege that we can come to our heavenly Father in prayer. Let's be committed to praying for God's kingdom to come - at St Luke's, across our area, and around the world.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our mission partners including Ken and Jen Cable currently back in the UK, and the Pains in Japan.
- Pray for all those in our church family or known to us who are unwell, including Virginia, George Palmer, Margaret Holst, Claire Storey's sister Gina, Geraldine Rodrigues and Ben Cullis.

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

Give thanks that the building work at St. Luke's College is nearing completion, with the building now becoming useful lecture rooms. The people of Wau are among the poorest in the world. It has been unseasonably hot, which has made a problem for the crops and also there is a lack of water. Nine million people are now facing a lack of food. There has been an abundance of political & social division, corruption & warfare. Christian Leaders including Archbishop Moses meet with the political leaders encouraging them to bring peace to their country. Would you like to help? Please take part in the annual Holes Bay Walk, the 7 mile or 3 mile walk on Saturday 13th July.

NOTICES

Children and families picnic in Poole Park

Come along to Poole Park after church on Sunday 5th May and bring a picnic! We'll meet at 1pm by the children's play area near the Poole town centre end of the park. Contact Anna for more details.

Cycle Ride "In the footsteps of St Paul"

On May 6th, Geoff and William Sherwood will be starting a two-month, 3600 mile cycle ride from Paphos (Cyprus) to the UK. Across Cyprus, Turkey and Greece they will be following "in the footsteps of St Paul", thereafter following the 'Via Egnatia' and 'Via Francigena' pilgrimage routes via Rome back to Canterbury. They will be using their trip to raise money for Christian Aid's continuing work helping economic and emotional recovery of the millions impacted by the devastating 2023 Turkey/Syria earthquakes. You can find out more, and follow Geoff & Will's progress, via their 'JustGiving' web page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/g-sherwood-earthquake>

Open Day

Care Home Bourne View, Langside Avenue, Poole will be holding an Open Day and 5th Birthday Event on Tuesday 7th May from 11.30am - 4.30pm. Entertainment and refreshments all day with a raffle to be drawn at 4.00pm.

Thy Kingdom Come – praying from Ascension to Pentecost

Join us for a time of prayer and reflection on Thursday 9th May (Ascension Day) at 7.30pm in Church. We'll have Thy Kingdom Come prayer stations in church and resources available to take home to help you pray. On Pentecost Sunday, in addition to Messy Church and our usual 10.30am service, we will also have a special Pentecost prayer gathering for our young people at 5pm run by Anna, followed by a time of prayer and worship for everyone at 6pm.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Open Garden at Western Avenue on Sunday 28th April. We were blessed with a sunny afternoon and raised over £720 for the Poole Wau Partnership. Thank you! The next Open Garden will be on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd June and help would be greatly appreciated. Judy and Richard Hudson

New contactless giving machine!

Look out for our smart new contactless giving machine, which will soon be set up in church, enabling people to donate towards the work of St Luke's Church at any time when the church is open, by making a contactless card payment.

Confirmations

We hope to have a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's later this year, in the Autumn term. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart. In readiness for this, Anna will be organising some Youth Alpha sessions for our young people, as preparation for confirmation, but also great for any young people wanting to grow in their faith.

History of St Luke's Church and Parish

Find out about why St Luke's Church is what it is and where it is. If you would like to learn about the history of our church and parish, see pictures of the original tin church and the previous vicars, join Families First in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 14th May at 10.10am where Richard Roberts will be giving an illustrated talk about St Luke's history.

Table Top Sale

To be held on Saturday 18th May at St George's Church, Darby's Lane, Oakdale, from 10.00am to 12 noon – free entry. Clothing, books, bric-a-brac, refreshments and lots of other tables to explore. Contact: 01202 660612. All welcome!

Do you have a tent we could borrow?

We are taking a group of young people to Spree South West, a Christian youth camp in Devon on 21st - 23rd June. We need some more tents for our group, so if you have a tent we could borrow, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. 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 6th May – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

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