



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

## SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'** (John 15:5)

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Harvest Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Growing in fruitfulness
	Reading:	John 15:1-8
	Leaders & Talk: Anna Counsell & Stuart Cocksedge	

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
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
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) (until 5pm)

#### Dear St Luke's family,

Harvest is a time to **give thanks to God** for the fruits of the earth, and to **bring our harvest gifts** for those in need. In John 15, Jesus says, **'I am the vine; you are the branches,'** emphasising that, just as branches must be connected to the vine to bear fruit, so we must remain connected to Jesus to live fruitful lives. This image links closely with the themes of harvest – just as farmers rely on the health of the vine to produce a good harvest, so Christians need a close and healthy relationship with Jesus if we are to grow spiritually and bear good fruit. So, as well as celebrating the physical harvest, may we also grow in the spiritual fruit that comes from abiding in Christ.

God bless, Stuart

#### Harvest gifts: We are once again collecting non-perishable food items for Poole Foodbank. They currently need:

Longlife milk, breakfast cereals, tea bags, instant coffee, rice, tinned ham/corned beef/minced beef, jams and spreads, ketchup, mayo and brown sauce, tinned rice pudding, tinned peas and carrots, crisps and biscuits, fruit squash  
Download the **Bank the Food** app to keep updated on Poole Foodbank's latest needs: [www.bankthefood.com](http://www.bankthefood.com)

#### PRAYERS

Prayer for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of Poole Foodbank and other local Foodbanks supporting those in need in our local community.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (Trevor & Lorraine's nephew), Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, and Sid Wells.

#### This week we are praying for the Poole-Wau Partnership

Please pray for the "Teaching Luke's Gospel" day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, using the material and communication style that was used on the visit to Wau in February. Give thanks for the wonderful gentleman who has given enough money for a well to be dug for St John's College and Cathedral in Wau. Pray for Archbishop Moses as he continues his work of reconciliation, for the new Archbishop Abraham Nhail, and all the clergy working so hard in the Lord's name.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm	<b>Welcome Tea</b> at the Vicarage (until 5pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm	<b>Q &amp; A with our local MP Neil Duncan-Jordan</b> in Church (until 8pm)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	<b>Autumn Fair</b> at the Church Hall (until 2pm)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 4pm	<b>The Light Trail</b> in Church (alternative to Halloween event for families)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 3pm	<b>Annual Memorial Service &amp; Tea</b> in Church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 6pm	<b>St Luke's Prayer Evening</b> in Church (until 8pm)

## NOTICES

### Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes

This term we are exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in our Sunday sermons and in Connect Groups. Copies of the study notes for Connect Groups are available at the back of church. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one, or find out more, please speak to Stuart.

### Talk on changes at Poole Hospital

There is information available at the back of church for anybody who missed this talk on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like a copy of the slides that were shown, please contact the church office.

### Poole Town Pastors

The Poole Town Pastors are looking for volunteers to join the team. If you are interested, please contact John Ainsworth on [pooletownpastors@gmail.com](mailto:pooletownpastors@gmail.com) or 07803 010023.

### Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm – 1.15pm

Taking place this month at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Herbert Avenue, Poole BH12 3HR. Arrive from 12.15pm onwards, following the church's own prayer meeting. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome!

### Bournemouth William Temple Association Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.40pm

The next meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth at 7.40pm. Beforehand is the annual Eucharist at 5.45pm and an optional dinner at 6.30pm. The speaker is Professor John Day, Emeritus Professor of Old Testament Studies in the University of Oxford and his talk is entitled "Understanding the Psalms".

### Lecture by Julia Doxat-Purser – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 9pm

Come and hear Julia Doxat-Purser speak on 'Threats to Religious Liberty, and how to respond' at St Edward's School, Dale Valley Road, Poole BH15 3HY. This is a remarkable and genuinely unique opportunity to hear Julia, who has never lectured in England before. Reserve a place by emailing [deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church](mailto:deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church) or phoning 01202 716214. Places will be confirmed by email or phone. There is no cost.

### Welcome Tea at the Vicarage – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm – 5pm

If you have joined us at St Luke's in recent months, we would love to invite you to the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) for tea, coffee and cake and time to chat and get to know you more. All are welcome. If you can contact the church office (details below) to let us know you are coming, that would be much appreciated, thank you!

### Light Up Dorset – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm

Join churches from across Dorset for an evening with Andrew Palau. Hear powerful stories, vision and the hope of Jesus, at St Mary's Church, Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2JD. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6.30pm start. All welcome!

### Q & A with our local MP Neil Duncan-Jordan – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 8pm

An opportunity to meet and hear from the MP for Poole, Neil Duncan-Jordan, and to ask him any questions you may have. This will take place in church and all are welcome.

### Autumn Fair at the Church Hall – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 2pm

To raise money for St Luke's, the hall team are holding a fair at the Church Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 2pm. We are a small team so will need some help manning stalls please. If you could bake a cake or donate items to sell please let us know. Stalls to include toys, books, cakes, tombola, etc. Thank you. Anne, Liz, Frank, and Claire.

### Poole-Wau Partnership: Teaching Luke's Gospel – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

This teaching event on Luke's Gospel is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Michael's Church, Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole BH18 4HR, 10.30am – 3pm (arrive from 10am). A free event with a retiring collection (card machine available). Free tea and coffee, bring your own lunch (but hot soup available). Please e-mail [mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop](mailto:mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop) if you are going, to help with catering numbers. For more details: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html>

### New Wine Festival 2026!

A few weeks ago, it was great to hear stories and feedback from those who went to New Wine this summer. Bookings are now open for next year's festival (28<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026). More details: <https://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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025: Monday 9.30am – 3pm (Helen is on leave 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October, but messages and emails will be checked periodically)

Tel (Office): 01202 717268 Tel (Vicarage): 01202 790987 Email: [office@stlukesparkstone.org.uk](mailto:office@stlukesparkstone.org.uk) Website: [www.stlukesparkstone.org.uk](http://www.stlukesparkstone.org.uk)