

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. (Philippians 3:7)

Sunday 6th April	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	On the way to the cross – Costly devotion to Jesus
	Readings:	Philippians 3:7-14 & John 12:1-8
	Leader:	Andrew Cullis
	Preacher:	John Pattison
	6.30pm	Cantabile Spring Concert

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 8 th	10.10am	Families First in <u>Church</u> (theme: Hope and all that Jazz)
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course in Church Rooms
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in <u>Church Rooms</u>
Thursday 10 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		No St Luke's Toddlers due to Easter school holidays
Friday 11 th		No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to Easter school holidays
Saturday 12 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 13 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,

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, we are reminded of the cost of following Jesus. For many Christians around the world today who face persecution in ways that we do not, this cost is a daily reality. And as Jesus approached Jerusalem, with the cross ahead of him, he went to Bethany, where Mary expressed her costly worship and devotion to Jesus in a dramatic way, pouring expensive perfume on his feet. What might it look like for you and I to grow in our costly devotion to Jesus, the One who loves us so much that he was willing to give up everything for us? God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated by the Myanmar earthquake, for those who have lost loved ones and homes, and for the authorities, emergency services and relief agencies responding to this disaster.
- Pray for the family and friends of Colin West who died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, Olivia Norris, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.

This week we are praying for CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Their prayer and aspiration for 2025 is to see:

- every church a pathway to faith
- every leader a catalyst for evangelism
- every Christian a courageous witness
- every child the chance to explore Jesus

Lord, we thank you for the work of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, founded in 1836 to bring the good news of Jesus to children and adults. Please bless their endeavours over the coming months to fulfil their special aims. May there be wonderful and surprising outcomes, all over the country. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14th – Wed 16th April 7.30pm
Thursday 17th April 7.30pm
Friday 18th April 10am
Friday 18th April 2pm
Sunday 20th April 10.30am
Sunday 20th April 6pm
Sunday 27th April 10.30am

Holy Week Reflections
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Messy Easter (family-friendly Easter crafts, refreshments and worship)
Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross
Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service
Easter Sunday Evening Celebration Service
Annual Meeting (APCM) during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch

NOTICES

Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

Thank you very much to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. If you are still thinking and praying about what you could give, please read our giving leaflet: **Growing Together: Investing in our vision 2025**. The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead. We encourage you to give by monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme. This takes care of the admin and gift aid, protects your privacy, and gives the option of an annual increase in line with inflation. You can phone the **Parish Giving Scheme** on **0333 002 1271**, or scan the **QR code**, or go to www.paritygiving.org.uk and search for **Parkstone St Luke** or PGS Parish Code: **340634268**.



If you have questions or would like more information please speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge. Thank you! Jesus said, **'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'** (Matthew 6:21).

Messy Easter – Friday 18th April, 10am

Messy Easter is on Good Friday at 10am. There will be crafts, refreshments, worship and an Easter egg hunt. All are welcome, so please invite friends and family for what will be a great morning celebrating Easter. If you are available to help at this event, please let Anna know. Thank you!

Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting

The next Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday 7th April at 12.15pm in the Coffee Lounge in the Church Centre at St Michael's, Hamworthy on Blandford Road, BH15 4HR. Tea and coffee will be provided – please bring your own packed lunch if you wish. All welcome!

William Temple Association – Monday 7th April, 7.30pm

Meeting at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth, Professor Jonathan Parker of Bournemouth University will speak on "Sacrificing the Poor on Behalf of the Rich? An Examination of the Rites of Social Welfare".

Families First (Mothers' Union) – Tuesday 8th April, 10.10am

This month's speaker is Craig Hudson who will be speaking, singing and playing "Hope and all that Jazz". All welcome!

St Luke's Men's Walk

The next walk is on Tuesday 15th April meeting at Canford Cliffs bus stop for the 10.04am bus (no. 50) towards Swanage. The plan is to walk along the Purbeck ridge to Old Harry and then to Studland. Weather permitting! If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, please speak to Duncan Campbell or Steve Blight.

Annual Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 27th April, 10.30am

The meeting will form part of our morning service. We will look back on the past year, giving thanks for what God has done, and looking forward to the future. And please do stay around for the **bring and share lunch after the service**. There are several vacancies on the PCC and on Deanery Synod, please speak to Stuart or Christine for more details. Anyone on the church Electoral Roll can be nominated to stand for the PCC or Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please do prayerfully consider nominating someone or standing yourself. The Annual reports and accounts will be sent out electronically before the meeting and a copy of the accounts will be on the notice board in the North Aisle. Paper copies available on request.

Winter Clothing Project

"A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Winter Clothing Project for those supported by the United Reformed Church. I know how very much this has been appreciated by many during the cold winter months. Thank you for all your support." (Liz Howes)

SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon. We are taking a group again this year on 27th – 29th June. If you're interested in going please speak to Anna.

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 to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 7th April 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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