

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

‘Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.’ (Mark 4:8)

Sunday 6th October	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: Harvest
		Reading: Mark 4:3-9 & 13-20
		Leaders: Dan Washbrook & Stuart Cocksedge
		Preacher: Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 8 th	10.10am	Families First (Mothers Union) in Church Rooms
Wednesday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 10 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 11 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.00pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
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 celebrate Harvest and bring our Harvest gifts, we're reminded of the importance of giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We are thankful to God for the provision of food and shelter to meet our physical needs, but also for the gift of his Son Jesus, who died for us so that we can be forgiven and be in a right relationship with God. This Sunday, we're focusing on the parable Jesus told about a farmer sowing seeds. As we hear and receive God's word, may we be like the seed sown on good soil, producing good and lasting fruit in our lives.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for the Holy Land and the Middle East, for de-escalation of the conflict and the protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for the work of Poole Foodbank and Waste Not Want Not helping those in need in our community.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for Poole Foodbank and other local ministries supporting those in need

As we celebrate Harvest, please pray for the work of Poole Foodbank providing vital support to local people in times of need. Give thanks for all the volunteers who give their time at Poole Foodbank and other local charities, and for the services they offer, including Community Money Advice. As we approach winter with energy costs high, please pray that those who are vulnerable and in need in our community may receive the help and support they need. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service
Sunday 6 th October 3.30pm	Welcome Tea
Sunday 20 th October 6pm	Prayer Gathering at the end of the National Week of Prayer
Thursday 31 st October 4pm - 6pm	The Light Trail
Sunday 3 rd November 3pm	St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Wednesday 6 th November 7pm	Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride by Geoff Sherwood
Sunday 10 th November 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night

NOTICES

Songs on Sunday

We'll be singing a new song this Sunday called 'Thanksgiving'. Why not have a listen to it here:
<http://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/thanksgiving-gas-street-music>

Church Heating

We are awaiting a replacement part to enable the heating to be used. In the meantime please wrap up warm!

Gifts for Harvest this Sunday

We are collecting food donations for Poole Foodbank and Waste Not Want Not, and for local people in urgent need. Also, help is requested with the sorting of these donations on Monday 7th October at 10am in church. Thank you.

Welcome Tea this Sunday

We are holding a welcome tea at the vicarage on Sunday 6th October at 3.30pm, particularly for anyone who is new to St Luke's, or who hasn't been to a tea at the vicarage before. Please speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

Jumble Trail - Thank you for your help!

A big thank you to everyone who made cakes and helped with the Jumble Trail last weekend. Donations received for cakes and cream teas, together with sales of Judy's Jams, has raised a total of £392.80 for Routes to Roots.

Families First (Mothers Union) meeting on Tuesday 8th October

Families First meets in the Church Rooms at 10.10am for coffee and biscuits, then at 10.30am Janine Newman will demonstrate how to make Autumn crafts and will help us make our own. Please do join us, everyone is welcome.

Christmas Biscuits

Families First will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge again this year. If you would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost, we would be very grateful. Please bring donations (of any amount) to the Families First meeting or contact Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

Improving the Audio-Visual provision at our services

We recently set up two temporary TV screens in church to help people in the side aisles see the words displayed on the screen more easily. Following this trial, the PCC have approved a small project to provide two new TV screens on mobile TV stands. We believe these will be a great help in improving accessibility at our services. Any contributions towards the cost would be very gratefully received. Please speak to Stuart or Dan for more details. Thank you.

National Week of Prayer

We are joining in with the National Week of Prayer from 12th until 20th October. Our prayer meetings will focus on this, and we will conclude the week with a special prayer gathering to pray for our nation, on Sunday 20th October at 6pm. Please do put the dates in your diaries. See www.nationalweekofprayer.uk for details.

Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride – Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in church

Geoff Sherwood will be giving a talk about his experiences cycling, with his son William, 3500 miles from Cyprus to the UK, following a route in the footsteps of St Paul through Turkey, Greece and Italy to Rome, and then of Archbishop Sigeric "the Serious" from Rome back to Canterbury. There will be a break, during which refreshments will be served.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Rehearsals start on Sunday 6th October 6pm at the church hall. The show will be performed 7th - 9th March 2025. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



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Week commencing 7th October – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm and Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm
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