



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Sunday 7th September	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	1 Thessalonians - Christian Mission: Passing it On
	Readings:	Acts 17:1-9 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 8 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 9 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
Wednesday 10 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
	1.30pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 11 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	(No St Luke's Toddlers this week – restarting on Thursday 18 th September)
	10.45am	Holy Communion at Pennant House (postponed from 4 th September)
Friday 12 th	3.15pm	Fab Friday families meet up in Alexandra Park (until 4.15pm)
Saturday 13 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Work Morning (until 1.00pm)
Sunday 14 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	12.00pm	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day in Church Rooms (until 3.00pm)

Dear St Luke's family,

This Sunday at both of our services we begin a new sermon series on Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica, which he and his co-workers had planted. The letter conveys Paul's thankfulness and affection for the Thessalonian Christians, and speaks of how the gospel of Jesus Christ had impacted them profoundly, both with words and in the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result they had turned to follow God and were persevering in faith, love and hope, even in the face of opposition. There is lots we can learn from the church in Thessalonica and from the guidance Paul gives them in this letter. As we read and reflect on 1 Thessalonians, may we also be impacted by God's word and by the work of God's Spirit in our lives and in our church.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Twelfth Sunday After Trinity: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us : remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for strength and protection for all those affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan.
- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's Prayer Ministry Team as they minister to others during and after our services.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (nephew of Trevor and Lorraine Muddimer), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for CPAS

Lord, we give you thanks for the 30 or so new incumbents recently placed in CPAS Patronage churches up and down our country. We give thanks also for the hundreds of children and young people who have benefitted from the Falcon and Venture holidays at one of 55 locations during the school holidays. We pray for the ongoing growth in faith and discipleship of these children and young people as they settle back into school and back into their home churches. We pray these prayers in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 13 th September 10am	St Luke's Work Morning (until 1pm)
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service
Sunday 21 st September 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm) (more details to follow)
Monday 29 th September 1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms (see notice below)
Sunday 5 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service

NOTICES

Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we'll be 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.

Families First/Mothers' Union – Tuesday 9th September, 10.10am

All are welcome to come and hear Sharon Prior and Iris Prudom speak of their cooking experiences at Christian summer camps, especially at the site by Old Harry Rocks, now 92 years old. Come to the Church Rooms at 10.10am for coffee and cake, for a 10.30am start.

Work Morning – Saturday 13th September

Do please join us if you can for our next work morning on Saturday 13th September from 10am – 1pm. We will be tidying the gardens and cleaning inside the church. All welcome!

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

PACE Sponsored Walk – Saturday 20th September, 10am – 3pm

Please come and help raise funds by walking from Shore Road (Beach Hut 16) to Hengistbury Head along the promenade – suitable for families and those in wheelchairs – about 8.5 miles. You don't have to do the whole route. Please make your own arrangements for getting back home, and remember your packed lunch. Sponsor forms available from the PACE office: office@pacetrust.org.uk.

Funeral of John Singer

This will be held at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon. All are welcome. The service will be followed by refreshments at Parkstone Golf Club. (Please note: the monthly 11.30am communion service and lunch at St Luke's will be on Wednesday 24th September instead.)

Sad news

Some of you will remember Val Offer and her daughter Laura. Sadly, Laura died recently. This was very suddenly, after she was diagnosed with leukemia only a few days earlier. This has been devastating for Val, please do pray for her. Laura's funeral will be at Harbour View on Saturday 27th September at 10.30am.

Talk on changes at Poole Hospital – Monday 29th September, 1.30pm

Please come to the Church Rooms (for the first part of the Pastoral Team Meeting) to hear important information about changes planned for Poole Hospital in the coming months. There will be a time for questions. All welcome.

Job Opportunity: Faithworks is seeking an inspiring Christian to lead Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank

Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank supported over 1,250 individuals and families last year, providing urgent practical help around food, housing, debt and isolation, and walking alongside people, giving confidence and tools to rebuild their lives. Faithworks is a faith-driven charity committed to generosity, integrity, and grace. Please pray, and direct anyone interested to: <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/> Closing date: Monday 8th September, 12 noon.

Job vacancies

Our OMF mission partners Chris and Kesia Pain have drawn attention to job vacancies at OMF UK in Manchester and at Hebron School in India. If you would like more information about these posts, please contact the Church Office.

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 8th September 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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