



SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

**'Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.'** (Matthew 5:1-2)

Sunday 8th February	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Our vision of God - The God who speaks
	Readings:	Exodus 19:1-16 and Matthew 5:1-12
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Andrew Cullis
	6.00pm	Prayer Gathering in Church (until 7.30pm)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 9 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 10 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 12 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		(No St Luke's Toddlers this week)
Friday 13 th		(No Fab Friday this week)
Saturday 14 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 15 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

It is encouraging to see **God at work amongst us** as we open our hearts to him, and we continue to give thanks for the way he is at work by his Spirit, and to pray for more. Please do join us this Sunday evening to worship God and go deeper in prayer at our **evening prayer gathering** at 6pm. This Sunday morning, we're focusing on another aspect of our vision of God: **the God who speaks**. Andrew will be speaking to us about the God who is both awesome and beyond our understanding, but who also draws close and reveals himself to us.

And finally, **thank you** to everyone who helped and joined in with barn dance last weekend. It was great to welcome in so many from our local community!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday Before Lent: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for all those affected by flooding and severe weather locally and around the country this week.
- Pray for the St Luke's staff team as they lead us in growing more like Jesus and sharing Jesus with those around us.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Louise, Matthew, Julie Murphy, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

Please note: following feedback, we are trialing a new system for our prayer list. If you would like us to pray for someone (yourself or someone else) please let the office know and we will add their name to the list for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off.

This week we are praying for the Poole-Wau Partnership (South Sudan)

Please pray for an end to the ongoing warfare and suffering in Sudan. With 750,000+ refugees entering South Sudan there is great pressure on food and medical supplies. The crucial oil pipeline across Sudan has been blocked for almost two years. This interruption to South Sudan's main source of income has caused huge problems for the nation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18 th February 11.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Church Rooms
Sunday 1 st March 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage
Sunday 8 th March 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Gathering in Church
Sunday 15 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service in Church
Wednesday 25 th March 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall
Thursday 2 nd April 6.30pm (Maundy Th.)	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church
Friday 3 rd April 10am (Good Friday)	Messy Easter in Church
Friday 3 rd April 2pm (Good Friday)	Last Hour at the Cross Reflective Service in Church
Sunday 5 th April 9am (Easter Day)	Easter Holy Communion in Church
Sunday 5 th April 10.30am (Easter Day)	Easter All Age Communion in Church

NOTICES

Watoto Children's Choir coming to St Luke's – host families wanted please!

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3rd June. Some of you may remember them coming here in the past, and it will be great to have them again. They will present a joyful evening of music, worship, dance, testimonies and a gospel talk. This will be a great opportunity to invite friends along, and we'll be doing lots to publicise the event in the coming months. **If you would be able to help by providing accommodation for choir members** for two nights (3rd & 4th June) please let the church office know. Thank you!

Barn dance – thank you!

On Saturday 31st January we had a brilliant evening of food, fun and dancing for all ages at our barn dance. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. The church was a great venue into which to welcome many from our local community, and to begin to share our faith with them. The evening also raised £370 for church funds.

Families First (Mothers Union) – Tuesday 10th February 10.10am

John Pattison will be speaking about his visit to Japan to sing the War Requiem. Join us in the Church Rooms at 10.10am for coffee and cake, for a 10.30am start. All are welcome.

Dementia Awareness Talk – Tuesday 17th February 2pm

Sue Warr, the Prama Life Manager, will give a talk on understanding and supporting people living with Dementia on Tuesday 17th February at 2pm in the Church Rooms. The talk will finish at 3.30pm with time to ask questions over tea and biscuits. This is open to anyone to attend. We are a Dementia Friendly church so please do support this event.

Welcome Tea – Sunday 1st March 3.30pm – 5pm

If you are new to St Luke's, we would love to invite you to join us for tea, coffee and cake at the vicarage at our next welcome tea, on Sunday 1st March at 3.30pm. There will be time to chat, answer your questions, and get to know you more. Please email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk to let us know you're coming. We look forward to seeing you!

Kids & Youth Registration at Sunday Services

We are now registering children and young people for their groups at the back of church as they arrive on Sunday mornings. If you have a child or young person, when you arrive please head to the **'kids and youth registration point'**.

Sunday Evening Prayer Gatherings – 6pm – 7.30pm

We have now held several Sunday evening times of worship and prayer since last summer. These are important times for the St Luke's family to come together to pray for our church and community. We feel it is right for these to now become a regular monthly event, usually on the second Sunday of the month.

Good News – Church heating replacement and reducing our carbon footprint

The PCC have agreed to progress the replacement of the church heating system alongside upgrading the church lighting. We'll be applying for funds from grant-making trusts, and you can also contribute by donating using the bank details below (using payment ref 'Heating') or using the card machine in church. Thank you! More details to follow.

New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28th July until Sunday 2nd August. Follow this link for more info or to buy your tickets: www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details CAF Bank Limited Name St Lukes Church Account No 00008836 Sort Code 40-52-40

Office opening hours week commencing 9th February 2026: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm**

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