



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ... (Philippians 1:9-10)

Sunday 8th September **10.00am** **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
 10.30am **Holy Communion Service** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Introducing Philippians
Readings: Philippians 1:1-11 and John 15:9-17
Leader & Preacher: Stuart Cocksedge

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 (see notice overleaf)
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
	7.30pm	Prayer Ministry Meeting and Training in Church Rooms
Thursday 12 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 13 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 14 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	Church Work Party (see notice overleaf for details)
Sunday 15 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	12.30pm	Church Families BBQ at the Church Hall

Dear St Luke's family,

As the growing list of services and events above shows, we are very much into the rhythm of a new term, with midweek groups and activities getting going again. I am thankful for times of rest and refreshment over the summer, and for the joy of our Built It! Holiday club recently, but also looking forward to this new term. Please pray for God's blessing on our Connect Groups, and outreach initiatives like Fab Friday, youth club, and our new Breakfast Church (see over the page). And as we begin studying Philippians together, let's follow the apostle Paul's example and pray for one another that our love "may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight" (Philippians 1:9).

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in the Sudans and in Ukraine.
- Pray for all our groups, activities and outreach at St Luke's as we begin this new term.
- 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 Christian Aid

With harvest celebrations on the horizon, please pray for those around the world who are undernourished and ask that the world would find a way to work together to end such injustice. Pray for places where crops and livelihoods are under threat from extreme weather and for the work being done to educate farmers in ensuring their farms are resilient in the face of the climate crisis. Pray for communities in countries like Zimbabwe who are coming together to empower one another and improve their agricultural methods: may hope grow alongside their crops this harvest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11 th September 7.30pm	Prayer ministry Team Meeting and Training
Sunday 15 th September 12.30pm	Families BBQ at the Church Hall
Saturday 21 st September 5pm	Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen
Monday 30 th September 2pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting
Sunday 6 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service
Thursday 31 st October	The Light Trail
Sunday 3 rd November 3pm	St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night

NOTICES

Connect Group study notes

Copies of our new Connect Group study notes on Paul's letter to the Philippians are available in church. Thank you to Andrew Cullis for producing these detailed notes to help us as we study Philippians together this term.

Families First Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday 10th September when Jon Gallop and Iris Prudom will be speaking to us about keeping bees and the honey they produce. We meet in the church rooms at 10.10am for coffee and cake with the meeting starting at 10.30am.

Church working party – Saturday 14th September

We'll be doing some cleaning and maintenance, mainly indoors at St Luke's, on Saturday 14th September, 10am - 1pm. Please do come and help for as little or as long as you can, thank you. Refreshments provided!

Breakfast Church – Sunday 15th September

Messy Church has changed! We are excited to be starting Breakfast Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9am. This will be a cafe church style service, with breakfast, activities, craft, songs, and a talk. This is for everyone no matter your age or stage, so please do come along. The dates for Breakfast Church this term are: 15th September, 20th October, 17th November and 15th December.

Families BBQ

Next Sunday (15th September) we are having a BBQ for our families at the Church Hall at 12.30pm. Please bring meat (or veggie alternative) and rolls, and we will provide salads and desserts. Please let Anna or Stuart know if you're planning on coming along.

SWGP Mens' Convention 2024

Living courageously is one of the great challenges we face as Christians in this age. Too often we crumble and shrink back rather than stand tall. Courage doesn't come from great self-belief, or deep internal confidence. It comes as we know that our God raises the dead. The South West Gospel Partnership Men's Convention will be talking about how we can be men of resurrection courage, as we look closely at the lives of three Old Testament men who showed great courage because they believed in a great event: the resurrection. Please see swgp.org.uk/men for further information, and chat to Dan Washbrook if you might be interested in joining us. Deadline for signup is 15th September.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's **on Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. Please come along and support all those who are being Confirmed.

Found Property

We have a number of umbrellas and other items that have been left in church recently - if you have lost anything, please would you check at the back of church and claim your item if it is there. If not claimed, the property will be disposed of after 15th September. Thanks very much, Richard Hudson.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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or please send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 9th September – Cover in the office: Wednesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm & Friday 11am – 4.30pm

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