

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. (Mark 6:34)

Sunday 9th February	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: A church with God's heart of compassion
		Readings: Ezekiel 34:1-6 & Mark 6:32-34
		Leader: Dan Washbrook
		Talk: Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at The Vicarage

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 10 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Speak Life 321
Tuesday 11 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Mission Minded Living
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing On The Frontline
Thursday 13 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church Rooms (until 11.30am)
	8.00pm	Spring Courses: Parenting For Faith Course on Zoom
Saturday 15 th	9.30pm	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 16 th	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall

Dear St Luke's family,

How do you feel about being compared to a sheep?! Sheep aren't the cleverest of animals, they need the care and protection of a shepherd. Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd' (John 10:11), and as his sheep we are called to hear his voice and follow him. As we continue our journey through the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000, we read of how Jesus had compassion on the crowd. And part of what it means to follow Jesus is also to share in his heart of compassion for those who are lost, like sheep without a shepherd, and to join with Jesus in caring for them. This Sunday we'll explore what this may look like for us at St Luke's.

God bless, Stuart

St Luke's Parkstone
A church that is...



Trusting in God's provision



Prioritising time with God



Sharing God's heart of compassion



Using our gifts in obedience to God



Devoted to the way of Jesus



Prioritising God's word



Responding to the needs of the world

Mark 6:30-44

PRAYERS

Prayer for fourth Sunday Before Lent: Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marian Laird, Virginia Stacey and Barbara Suffling and who have died recently.
- Pray for safety, protection and a fruitful trip for the team from Poole in Wau, South Sudan.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died this week), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

This week we are praying for Bible Society

Heavenly Father, once again we thank you for the gift of the Bible to all people. We pray you will continue to bless the work of the Bible Society as it publishes and delivers the Gospel to as many people as possible throughout the world. We pray especially for their work in our prisons, bringing hope and light into the lives of so many who need to know your saving grace. In Jesus our Saviour's name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2 nd March 4.00pm	Safeguarding Reflective Space in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day
Sunday 30 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service

NOTICES

Families First Meeting – Tuesday 11th February

Dan Washbrook will be telling us about his journey to being a curate. Everyone is welcome to come and join us, we meet at 10.10am for coffee and cake with the meeting starting at 10.30am.

Baptisms – Sunday 2nd March

We are excited to say that, as part of our service on Sunday 2nd March, we will have a baptistry set up in church as we can administer baptisms by immersion. If you have not been baptised and would be interested in being baptised or renewing your baptismal vows, please speak to Stuart or Dan. We would love to talk this through with you.

Funeral service for Marian Laird

Marian's funeral will take place on Friday 21st February at 1pm at St Luke's Parkstone. All are welcome.

Funeral service for Barbara Suffling

Barbara's funeral will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 10.30am in the Long Barrow Ceremony Hall at Harbour View, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. (The service will also be available to view online.)

Your Church Library

DONATIONS: Thank you to all who have so kindly donated books of great quality for the church library.

SPRING COURSES: On the top shelf there are some books which may support what you're learning on the courses.

AMNESTY! If you're still loving your borrowed book, please continue. If it's sitting on a shelf, lonely, forgotten and unread, it would be great if you could please return it.

Safeguarding Reflective Space – Sunday 2nd March

As mentioned on Safeguarding Sunday, we are offering a time for anyone who would like to reflect on or talk about recent safeguarding issues in the wider Church of England, on Sunday 2nd March, 4pm-5pm in the Church Rooms.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates 7th – 9th March 2025

Judy Hudson is selling tickets for the production of Joseph after the 10.30am service on Sundays at the back of the church. Please see Judy to purchase your tickets. For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC 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 10th February 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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