



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:12-13)

Sunday 9th November	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Remembrance Sunday: With all this war, where is God?
	Readings:	Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:1-14
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Andrew Cullis
	4.00pm	Marriage Blessing in Church (Ian & Carole)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 10 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 11 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in <u>Church Rooms</u> followed by coffee
	9.30am	Gather BCP Mini Summit in <u>Church</u> (until 1pm) (No Youth Deeper this week – back next week)
Thursday 13 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 14 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday Kids Club in Church (until 4.45pm) (for Reception to Year 6)
Sunday 16 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,

As we gather on Remembrance Sunday, we pray for all those affected by wars and conflicts ongoing in various parts of our world today, and we give thanks for all those who served and fought for our freedom in past conflicts. Jesus said, **'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends'** (John 15:13). This self-sacrificial love is at the heart of the Christian faith. It is this love that was demonstrated most fully by Jesus giving up his life on the cross in our place, overcoming the power of sin and death. The cross and the empty tomb are the foundation for our Christian hope that one day Jesus will return to bring an end to hurt, pain and conflict, and to establish his justice and peace. This Remembrance Sunday, as we look back and give thanks, may we also have that hope in our hearts.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for 21st Sunday After Trinity: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the COP30 climate talks in Brazil, for a willingness to work together to tackle the issues of climate change.
- Pray for the St Luke's Welcome Team as they offer a warm welcome and hospitality to all who come to St Luke's.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for all those affected by war and conflict

Heavenly Father, on this Remembrance Sunday we bring before you all who have given their lives in the service of others. We remember with gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who have fought for freedom and peace, and we pray for all who bear the scars of conflict today, in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort all who mourn, and strengthen all who are working for peace and reconciliation in our world today. May the memory of the fallen inspire us to seek your peace in our hearts, our communities, and our nation. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 12 th November 9.30am	St Luke's hosting Gather BCP Mini Summit (until 12.30pm)
Sunday 16 th November 10.30am	Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 23 rd November 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church (until 8pm)
Saturday 6 th December 3.30pm	Families First Christmas Party at Church Hall (until 6pm)
Sunday 7 th December 10.30am	All Age Christingle Service in Church
Saturday 13 th December 2pm	A Taste of Christmas in Church
Sunday 14 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert in Church
Friday 19 th December 5pm & 6pm	Carol Singing at Penn Hill (timings TBC)
Sunday 21 st December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 3pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 25 th December 10am	Christmas Day All Age Communion in Church (please note new time)

NOTICES

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

We'd love to keep you updated so that you can be praying regularly for our kids, youth and families activities. Please email Anna at kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk if you would like to receive weekly email updates. Thank you!

Hymns We Love to Sing – Tuesday 11th November, 10.10am

Families First will be meeting in the Church Rooms on Tuesday 11th November to sing some of your favourite hymns accompanied by Roy Stacey on the piano. We meet at 10.10am for coffee and cake. There will be a break at 11am to keep the two minutes silence. Everyone is welcome.

Gather BCP Mini Summit at St Luke's – Wednesday 12th November

We are excited to be hosting this event here at St Luke's on Wednesday 12th November, 9.30am – 12.30pm, organised by Faithworks together with Moorlands College and the Gather Movement, for church leaders from across BCP to hear about how churches can play a more strategic role in transforming communities and seeing God's kingdom grow.

Men's Social – Thursday 13th November, 7.30pm

We'll be going to Jenkins & Sons at Penn Hill for beer and burgers. Please let Stuart know if you'd like to join us.

Funeral of Pat Newth – Monday 17th November, 2.30pm

The funeral service for Pat Newth will take place at St Luke's at 2.30pm on Monday 17th November (following the burial at Harbour View earlier that day). All are welcome to the service and refreshments afterwards.

Men's Walk – Thursday 20th November

The next St Luke's men's walk will be on Thursday 20th November from Bournemouth to Coy Ponds and return, or on to Alder Road. Meet at Bournemouth Square (bottom of Bourne Avenue) at 10.30am.

Choir rehearsals for Carols by Candlelight

If you would like to join our carol service choir, please come along to rehearsals starting on Friday 21st November at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. The service is on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal in the afternoon.

Volunteer gardeners at the Greenhouse Christian Centre

The Greenhouse Christian Centre (not far from St Luke's) is looking for volunteer gardeners. You don't need to be there every day, maybe once or twice per week, or even per month. For more info, please chat to Mark Burgess.

Cantabile Christmas Concert – Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm

All are welcome to this year's Christmas concert. Tickets will be available on the door (adults £10, students £5).

Gifts and support for those in need this Christmas

This year, we will be supporting the following good causes, through a mixture of gifts and financial donations:

- SMILE Christmas Toy Appeal: We are partnering with SMILE, a local community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to local families, and as a church we'd like to provide some gifts. On Sunday 7th December please bring a new toy or monetary gift to church. Thank you.

- Tearfund: We will be supporting our mission partner Tearfund this Christmas as they share God's love in practical ways around the world where the need is greatest. More details to follow.

- Poole Foodbank: During December we will once again be inviting you to donate non-perishable foods items to help local people in need. More details to follow.

- Winter Clothing Project: Liz Howes is once again running the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone, with Parkstone United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be much appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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 10th November 2025: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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