

SUNDAY 10th MARCH 2024

LENT 4 AND MOTHERING SUNDAY

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” (Romans 8:14)

- 10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
10.30 am **Mothering Sunday All Age Service** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom.
Theme: Growing in the Family Likeness
Readings: Galatians 5:22-23 & John 1:12-13
Leader: Anna Counsell Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 11 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	Courthill Infant School visit (until 12.00 pm)
Tuesday 12 th	10.10 am for 10.30 am	Mothers' Union in Church Rooms
Wednesday 13 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship on Zoom
Thursday 14 th	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	8.00 pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage
Friday 15 th	7.30 pm	Youth Club in the Church Hall
Saturday 16 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 17 th	9.00 am	Messy Church
	10.00 am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30 am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

I am so grateful to everyone who has responded to our gift days last weekend. **Thank you** for your generosity in contributing to God's work at St Luke's. If you haven't yet responded and would like to, there is still time to give. Forms and envelopes are available in church or from the office. Once all the gifts have come in and we have a fuller picture of what has been given, we will share this with you all.

This Sunday we have an all age service at 10.30am to celebrate **Mothering Sunday**. This will be slightly shorter than usual and family-friendly, on the theme of 'Growing in the family likeness'. Please do join us!

At our prayer meeting on Thursday morning we were encouraged by these words: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the **everlasting arms**" (Deuteronomy 33:27). Whatever you are facing at the moment, may you know that you are held in the everlasting arms of our heavenly Father.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for Mothering Sunday: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for King Charles III for healing and strength as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Gillian, Brian and the wider family following the death of Andy Hogg.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst, Virginia and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

This week we are praying for Mothers' Union

Lord, on this special day set aside for Mothering, we thank you for our mothers, for all who fulfil the role of mother, for 'Mother Church' and for Mothers' Union. May all who serve in 'mothering roles' know the peace that passes all understanding as they seek to live and work for you. Amen.

NOTICES

Mothers' Union Meeting

On Tuesday 12th March, Mothers' Union are meeting at 10.10 am for coffee, followed by a talk at 10.30 am. The speaker is Mike Randall (Gill's husband) who is an excellent and knowledgeable speaker – he will be talking about "Smuggling in Dorset". All are welcome.

Spring Concert

Poole Light Orchestra will be holding a Spring Concert at St Clement's Church, Parkstone, Poole BH15 3PH on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 pm. Entry free. Refreshments available. Opportunity for donations. All welcome!

Andy Hogg's funeral service

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of Andy Hogg will be held at St Luke's on Saturday 23rd March at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Could you help in the vicarage garden?!

Stuart, Rachel and family have been working to improve and level the back garden at the vicarage, but there is more to do. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday 16th March from 10am (or shortly after the prayer meeting) that would be much appreciated. Bring yourself and a spade. Refreshments provided. Thank you! (And if anyone would like any soil for their own garden, there will be surplus soil available!)

Electoral Roll

If you are not on our St Luke's Electoral Roll and wish to be, please pick up a form from the back of church. The final date for forms is 1st April 2024. Speak to Roger Jones, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions.

Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

A soup lunch will be served, after the 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 20th March.

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

PACE Quiz

Pace are holding a quiz evening on Saturday 16th March 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm at St Paul's Church, Throop BH8 0NY. Come as a team of six or make up a team on the night. £5 per person (pay on the door). Drinks and nibbles provided. To book a place email office@pacetrust.org.uk or call 07375 672 098.

Renew, Reuse, Recycle

An Eco Fair will take place at St George's Church, Darby's Lane, Poole BH15 3EU on Saturday 16th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Guest stalls include: A Rocha UK, FairTrade, Lush, Poole Men's Sheds and many more. Also: seed, plant and tool swap table, Our PlanetZero Van – with nuts, seeds, pulses and cereals (bring your own tubs) and buy a home-made shopping bag. Refreshments available. Contact 01202 660612 for more information. All welcome!

An Evening of Worship with Philippa Hanna and Lou Fellingham

On Saturday 16th March, 7.30 pm - 10.00 pm at Lansdowne Church, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth BH1 1SB. Enjoy your favourite songs and hear stories from Philippa and Lou about their dedication to seeing children released from poverty in Jesus' name. All welcome. For tickets, copy and paste the link below to your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-worship-with-philippa-hanna-and-lou-fellingham-tickets-778181571027?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. 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 11th Mar - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Wed 10.30 am – 4.30 pm and Fri 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

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