

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' (John 8:12)

Sunday 10th May	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus said: "I am the light of the world"
	Readings:	Isaiah 9:2-7 and John 8:12-20
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Andrew Cullis
	6.00pm	Prayer and Worship Gathering (until 7.30pm)

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 11 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	12.15pm	Poole-Wau Prayer Meeting in Church Rooms
Tuesday 12 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms (Judith John is speaking about Brownsea Island)
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
	1.30pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 14 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm)
Friday 15 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
Sunday 17 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,

Our world can sometimes feel like a rather dark place, with bad news dominating the headlines. As we reflect on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, which reveal important truths about who he is, this Sunday we come to John 8:12 where Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world.' The light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). Jesus calls us to follow him, walking each day in his light: choosing love over fear, peace over anxiety, and faith over despair. As the church, we are called to reflect the light of Christ in the world around us, shining as beacons of God's light. This is true for us as individuals, and also for us together as a church. This is why we've launched the Beacon Project, because we want to ensure that St Luke's is a beacon of God's love and hope now and into the future. God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for 6th Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in the Middle East, for protection and relief for all affected by conflict, and for all affected by global economic impacts of the war.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
- Pray for our Beacon Project as we raise funds, apply for grants, and seek approvals for the project to progress.
- Pray for the St Luke's Finance Team as they give their time and skills to steward the resources God gives us.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Julie Murphy, Iain Wilson.



We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you could give now and/or pledge to give later, to help us to ensure that St Luke's Church is a bright, warm, welcoming place where the love of God is made known, now and into the future. More details here: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/888/St-Lukes-Beacon-Project>

To add a name to this prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it 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. Thank you.

This week we are praying for Christian Aid

- Pray for Christian Aid volunteers around the UK taking part in Christian Aid Week. Pray for safety, energy and enthusiasm.
- Pray for Christian Aid partner, Beacon of Hope, providing tools and training to enable families in Nairobi to farm vegetables to eat in urban farms in the city.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3 rd June 6.30pm	Watoto Children's Choir Concert in Church (see below)
Thursday 11 th June 2pm	Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors at the Vicarage (until 4pm)
Sunday 14 th June 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Friday 26 th – Sunday 28 th June	Spree South West 2026 Youth Weekend at Westpoint, Exeter
Sunday 12 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Sunday in Church
Tuesday 28 th July – Sunday 2 nd August	New Wine Festival at Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club for primary age children in Church

NOTICES

Watoto Children's Choir Concert – Wednesday 3rd June 6.30pm

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3rd June. A great opportunity to invite friends to. **The concert is free to attend, but to help us keep track of numbers, please book tickets using the link below, or via the church office.** Click here to book your tickets:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator

Watoto Children's Choir Concert – host families needed

We are still looking for a couple more host families to provide accommodation for Watoto choir members for two nights (3rd and 4th June). If you may be able to help, please let the church office know. Thank you!

Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 11th May 12.30pm

The next prayer time will be on Monday 11th May at 12.30pm. We would be delighted to see you. Do come from 12.15pm onwards. Tea and coffee will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own packed lunch if you would like to. Link to the latest newsletter: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/newsletter.html>

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 11th May 7.40pm

The next meeting is at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth starting at 7.40pm, with optional dinner beforehand at 6.30pm. Dr Alex Fry, Senior Lecturer in Social Sciences at Bournemouth University will speak on "More than Theology? How Beliefs about Women's Ordination are Socially Rooted."

Families First – Tuesday 12th May 10.10am

Families First takes place this Tuesday at 10.10am for a 10.30am start in the Church Rooms. Judith John will be speaking about Brownsea Island. All are welcome!

Thy Kingdom Come – 'God with us' Novena prayer guides

The national Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative takes place once again between Ascension and Pentecost, 14th – 24th May. We have copies of 'God with us' by Archbishop Sarah Mullally, which contains a guide to praying each day between Ascension and Pentecost. Please help yourself to a copy, available at the back of church.

Men's Walk – Thursday 21st May

The next men's walk is on Thursday 21st May. We are taking the X8 bus from Poole bus station to Spetisbury at 10.49am. This is a fast bus, taking 27 minutes. Walk the Stour Valley Way eastwards to Sturminster Marshall, about 4 miles, refreshments available there. 20 minutes back on the X8. Please speak to Steve Blight if interested.

Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors – Thursday 11th June 2pm – 4pm

An afternoon at the Vicarage for older members of our church community to enjoy good company and good food in the form of a strawberry cream tea! If you would like to come, please let the church office know. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mission partner update – The Pain family in Japan

The Pains have been working with OMF in Japan for nearly twenty years. We encourage you to sign up for their newsletter by sending an email to Kesia on kesia.pain@omfmail.com letting her know that you are from St Luke's.

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 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:

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Office opening hours week commencing 11th May 2026: Fri 9.30am-3pm

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