

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward
in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)**

Sunday 10th November 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Remembrance Sunday (and continuing Philippians)
Readings: Philippians 3:12-4:1 & Luke 9:57-62
Leader: Stuart Cocksedge
Preacher: Dan Washbrook

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 11 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 14 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 15 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 16 th	7.00pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night in Church
Sunday 17 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

Dear St Luke's family,

In the midst of all that is going on in the world, this Sunday we take time to be still and to remember those who fought and died for our freedom. Actually, for Christians each day can be a remembrance day. A day when we remember the sacrifice of Jesus, dying on the cross. There, Jesus who won for the entire world a different and deeper kind of peace. Jesus makes it possible for us to have peace with God and with one another. Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9). This Sunday, as well as remembering, we are also called to share God's gift of peace with others, to be peacemakers and peace-givers. What might that look like for each of us in our communities, workplaces, schools and families?

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for Remembrance Sunday 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.

Please:

- Pray for the Holy Land and the Middle East, for de-escalation of the conflict and the protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for Claire Storey and all the family following the death of Gina this week.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Wendy Lockwood, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix and Lorna Warburton.

This week we are praying for peace in our world and for all affected by war and conflict

Heavenly Father, we pray for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night
Sunday 1 st December 10.30am	Christingle All Age Service
Friday 6 th December 6pm	Carols Round The Firepit – at St Edward's School
Saturday 14 th December 2pm – 5pm	A Taste of Christmas – a fun family-friendly Christmas event
Sunday 15 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert
Saturday 21 st December 4pm	Campfire Carols
Sunday 22 nd December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 th December 3pm	Nativity Service
Tuesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 th December 10.30am	Christmas Day All Age Service

NOTICES

Tearfund Big Quiz Night – Saturday 16th November at 7pm in church

Join us for a fun and very worthwhile evening to raise money for our mission partner Tearfund! Get together a quiz team, bring your friends, or come by yourself and we'll make sure you can join a team. Refreshments will be served.

If you are able to bake a cake for the quiz evening, please let Anna know.

Poole Waste Not Want Not

... are very grateful for the donations received from St Luke's after the Harvest service. Thank you to all involved.

Thank you!

Wendy and Peter Lockwood would like to thank all those who have thought and prayed about Wendy's health over the last few weeks. She is much improved now and really appreciates all you have done to help. Thank you.

Daily Devotional Emails

We are offering a daily devotional based on our Sunday sermons to help us deepen our relationship with God and support our prayer lives. If you would like to receive these emails please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year we will be supporting the Foodbank again with donations of Christmas foods and treats. To donate to this very important cause, please bring items to Church from Sunday 17th November until Sunday 15th December to enable donations to be distributed to needy people and families. Any queries contact Linda or Roger Jones.

Operation Christmas Child

Final reminder - all boxes should be brought to Church by Sunday 10th November. Thank you.

Christmas Toy appeal

There are people in our local communities who won't have much to unwrap on Christmas morning. We are partnering with SMILE, a community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to families they support, and as a church we'd like to help provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we'd like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift.

Winter Clothing Project

As the colder weather commences, Liz Howes is re-starting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone supported by the United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers etc would be very appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Christmas Biscuits

Families First will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge again this year. If you would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost, we would be very grateful. Please give donations (of any amount) to Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

Choir for Carols by Candlelight

Rehearsals start on Friday 22nd November, 6.30pm until 7.15pm in the Church Rooms. Come along if you would like to be in the choir. The Carols by Candlelight service takes place on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Children's rehearsals are on **Sundays** in the **Church Rooms following the Sunday morning service**. The show will be performed **7th – 9th March 2025**. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



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Week commencing 11th November – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 5.30pm & Friday 9.30pm – 5.30pm.
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