



SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.' (John 1:1-3)

Sunday 11th January	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Our vision of God - The Creator God
	Readings:	Genesis 1:1-2:3 and John 1:1-14
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Sermon:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Prayer Gathering in Church

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 12 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 13 th	10.10am	Families First AGM & Holy Communion in Church Rooms
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 15 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 16 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm)
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pennant House
Sunday 18 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,

For many, this week has involved getting back to work and school after the Christmas break. It has also brought cold wintry weather for us all. As a church we are beginning the year by thinking about vision, with Connect Group sessions exploring who we are and what God is calling us to do. In all of this, we want Jesus to be our vision, and we seek to be guided by his Spirit. So our Sunday sermons are focusing on our vision of God, beginning this Sunday with the Creator God. We are those lovingly made in God's image. We are called to worship Him and given meaningful work and responsibilities in His world. May we find fresh inspiration to serve and follow Him at the start of this new year.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the First Sunday of Epiphany: Heavenly Father at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for protection and support for all those affected by severe weather at this time.
- Pray for the St Luke's cleaning team who give their time regularly to keep our church building clean and tidy.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Louise, Cecile & Tim Lynes and wider family (following the death of Cecile's mother), Matthew, Julie Murphy, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for CPAS

Lord, we give thanks that last year CPAS were able to:

- Appoint 70 mission-minded leaders to parishes in vacancy.
- Reach 10,000 Christian leaders with training, enabling 1,000s of churches to be on fire for mission and evangelism.
- Disciple over 3,000 young people through 56 fun-filled Venture and Falcon holidays.

Lord, for this year, we pray for their special aims to:

- Invest in ministry for children facing challenging circumstances.
- Develop new initiatives for churches serving deprived communities.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 th January 7pm	Churches Together in Poole Unity Event at St Edward's School
Saturday 24 th & Sunday 25 th January	John & Anne Coles (former leaders of New Wine) visiting St Luke's
Wednesday 28 th January 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall
Saturday 31 st January 6.30pm	Barn Dance at the Church Hall
Wednesday 18 th February 11.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Church Rooms
Sunday 8 th March 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church
Sunday 15 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service in Church
Wednesday 25 th March 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall

NOTICES

Christmas Collections for Tearfund and Faithworks

A total of £1,002 was given at our Christmas services (cash and card), which is being split equally between Tearfund and Faithworks, and some gift aid will be added, so each will receive at least £600. Also, most of the Tearfund amount will be doubled under a matched giving arrangement that Tearfund ran during December. Thank you to you all!

Church Flowers

The altar flowers this week are in memory of Virginia Stacey who passed away a year ago. We are reminded of Jesus's words: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

Church Office Staff & Volunteers

We wanted to let you know about some changes in the church office. Helen will continue to work Wednesdays and Fridays, with two new volunteers (Susan Merner and Kate Wyatt) covering Mondays. The usual pattern will now be:

Mondays 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesdays 9.30am – 3pm

Fridays 9.30am – 3pm

Please continue to contact the office on office@stlukesparkstone.org.uk or 01202 790987.

Good News – Church heating replacement and reducing our carbon footprint

The PCC have agreed to progress the replacement of the church heating system alongside upgrading the church lighting, in order to reduce our impact on the environment. We'll be applying for funds from grant-making trusts, and you can also contribute to this project by making a donation using the bank details below using 'Heating' as the payment reference, or using the card machine in church. Thank you! More details to follow.

Families First AGM – Tuesday 13th January 10.10am

The Families First (Mothers' Union) AGM takes place on Tuesday 13th January at 10.10am in the Church Rooms, beginning with Holy Communion. All are welcome.

Churches Together in Poole Unity Event – Tuesday 20th January 7pm

As in previous years, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together in Poole are organising an evening at St Edward's School on Tuesday 20th January. There will be worship, prayer, and we'll hear from several speakers on the theme of the current sense of breakdown in society, matched at the same time, with clear signs of growth in community spirit. Tea and coffee served from 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. All are welcome!

John & Anne Coles at St Luke's – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th January

We are excited to be welcoming John and Anne Coles, former national leaders of New Wine, to St Luke's in January. On Saturday 24th January they will be leading training for our prayer ministry team at 10am, and a session with the PCC at 1.30pm. Then on Sunday 25th January they will preach at our 10.30am service. Do put the dates in your diary!

Barn Dance – Saturday 31st January 6.30pm

Do come along to a Barn Dance on Saturday 31st January at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. There will be music, dancing and baked potatoes and fillings. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available from the church office: adults £10, children £4. All are welcome!

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

Please email Anna at kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk to receive regular email updates to inform your prayers.

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 your 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:

Bank details **CAF Bank Limited** Name **St Lukes Church** Account No **00008836** Sort Code **40-52-40**

Office opening hours week commencing 12th January 2026: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm**

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