

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (Mark 6:34)

9.00 am **Messy Church**

10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel

10.30 am **Morning Worship** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom.

Theme: Encounters with Jesus in Mark's Gospel: Feeding the five thousand

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Mark 6:30-44

Leader: Glenda Hammond

Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 12 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 13 th	10.10 am for 10.30 am	Families First in Church Rooms – speaker Judith John
Wednesday 14 th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service in Church
Thursday 15 th	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Saturday 17 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 18 th	9.00 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,

We have been really encouraged by the success of last Saturday's Community Fun Day and last Sunday's healing service. If you have a **story to share** about how God has been at work in answer to prayer, please do let me know.

As mentioned last week, this Sunday during our services we will invite everyone to fill in our **questionnaire**. The aim is to gather your views on our services and activities, and your ideas and preferences for what we might do in the future. This does not mean that we'll make changes straight away, as we want to take time to discern what God may be calling us to do. If you won't be at church this Sunday please don't worry, you will still be able to fill in the questionnaire. I'd like as many people as possible to have the opportunity to complete it.

Finally, the season of **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday** (14th February), when we have a service at 7.30pm. This will include the imposition of ashes and sharing communion together. On Sundays during Lent, we'll be thinking about our **stewardship** of all that God gives us, and I also want to encourage you to **pray**. Could you join us at some of our regular prayer times (9.30am on Mondays, 9.15am on Thursdays, 9.30am on alternate Saturdays)? I pray that this Lent, as we focus on God's generosity and grace and our response to him, we may all grow as disciples of Christ.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Sunday Before Lent: When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel, praying for strength and safety, for Kevin's health, and for the restarting of their ministry in Jaffa and discerning God's priorities there.
- Pray for Liz Cotterell whose mother has recently died, and Justin Coldstream whose father has recently died.
- Give thanks that Daniel has returned home to recuperate (Daniel is related to a good friend of the Hudson's).
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst who is in hospital with a broken ankle, Virginia, Andy Hogg and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

This week we are praying for Tearfund

Almighty God we pray for people in Bangladesh as they walk a path of poverty with Tearfund partners alongside them. Solar lights, better sanitation and opportunities to earn money/learn a trade are some of the ways families are journeying towards a brighter future. We lift up the churches and communities in Bangladesh and pray for deep and lasting transformation in them that brings beacons of light, hope and Your love into a hurting world. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Amen.

NOTICES

Families First

On Tuesday 13th February, Families First will be meeting in the Church Rooms at 10.10 am for coffee and cakes. Our speaker this month is Judith John and everyone is welcome to join us.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a service at 7.30 pm in Church on Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday. All are welcome.

Poole Park Gate Closure

BCP Council are currently trialing a closure of the gate to Poole Park from Whitecliff leaving only one exit at the Poole Lighthouse end. They are running a consultation until 13th February. You can comment on the proposal to make the closure permanent either online at <https://haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/pooleparkaccess> or by completing a paper questionnaire available at any library.

Service of Wholeness and Healing

It was good to pray with so many people at last Sunday morning's service. If you sense that God has been especially at work in your life since that occasion, do have a word with myself or one of the prayer team. That can be a great encouragement for us all! Andrew Cullis

Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

On the third Wednesday of each month, we are holding an 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms, followed by a soup lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 21st February.

PramaLIFE

Bournemouth Male Voice Choir will be performing at The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF on Saturday 24th February. 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm - doors open 6.30 pm. This is a free event, to book your space(s), please contact the Prama Events Team on 01202 207326 or email rsvp@prama.uk. A fantastic evening of choral music, a retiring collection and a raffle. Light refreshments will be available on the night.

Safeguarding training

A Safeguarding training session will take place in the Church Rooms, on Saturday 24th February 2024, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm – coffee from 9.30 am. Please contact Helen in the Church Office, if you would like to attend.

Charity Bingo at Abbeyfield

Come and join the residents of Pennant House on Thursday February 22nd for bingo, cream tea and a raffle in aid of Forest Holme Hospice. Bingo £2 a card (large print available) arrive about 2pm for "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Cream tea £3, raffle tickets £1 per strip.

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 Mens 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!

On Saturday 16th March from 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm there will be an evening event taking place at the 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 – please copy and paste the link below to your usual browser.

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

Church Finances and Giving

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Week commencing 12th Feb - 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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