

SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
(2 Timothy 3:16)**

Sunday 11th May	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Teaching about the Bible in secondary schools with PACE
	Reading:	2 Timothy 3:16-17
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Guest Speaker:	Dave Pegg (PACE Schools Work Leader)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 12 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 13 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 15 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel (No St Luke's Toddlers this week)
Friday 16 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 17 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 18 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
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

Dear St Luke's family,

Here at St Luke's we are passionate about seeing our children and young people coming to hear about Jesus and giving them an opportunity to have a faith in Him. We see young people and children each week through Toddlers, Fab Friday, Youth Club, Stepping Stones, Pathfinders and Youth Deeper. It has been a real encouragement over the last few months to invite Courthill Infant School to St Luke's to tell them the Easter story, it was also so encouraging to welcome so many of those children, young people and families into church on Good Friday for our Messy Easter. We had just over 250 people coming in to hear the Easter story.

This Sunday, Dave Pegg from PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education) will be sharing with us a session PACE give in schools about the Bible. Children and young people spend so much time in school, it is so important they have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Please pray for our children and young people and for the work of PACE.

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, the Sudans, India and Pakistan.
- Pray for God's wisdom, guidance and blessing for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his new ministry.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Anne (Marianne Mutlow's sister), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Joyce Ward and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for Christian Aid

We pray for the work of Christian Aid in Guatemala where they work in collaboration with Congcoop, to help farmers learn new sustainable methods that help to increase their resistance to the extreme weather conditions that are increasingly common there. May their campaigns to hold those countries responsible for pollution accountable, be successful and help lead the way towards lasting change and justice for those most affected by climate change. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 th June 10.30am	Pentecost Sunday Service
Thursday 12 th – Saturday 14 th June	Churches Together Outreach BBQs in Falkland Square, Poole
Friday 27 th – Sunday 29 th June	Spree Youth Weekend in Devon
Sunday 6 th July	St Luke's Summer BBQ after the morning service
Sunday 13 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Service
Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th August	Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Open Garden – Sunday 4th May – Thank you for your help

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Open Garden or supported the event. We are very pleased to say that we raised £846.20 for the Poole Wau Partnership. Thank you for your help, Judy and Richard Hudson.

Poole-Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting – Monday 12th May

The next meeting is at St Clement's Church, Poole BH15 3PD on Monday 12th May at 12.30pm. You may arrive anytime from 12.15pm. Tea and coffee will be available, and you are welcome to bring your own packed lunch if you wish.

Please follow the link for the latest newsletter: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/newsletter.html>

Connect Group Bible Study Guides

If you don't yet have a copy of the Ruth Bible study guide, which is this term's theme in Connect Groups, copies are available in the office or on Sunday. A reminder that we are asking for a contribution of £4 per copy please.

Saying goodbye to the Washbrooks

As announced recently, our Curate Dan Washbrook has been appointed Rector of St Andrew's Kinson. This is an exciting move for Dan, Becky, Alice and Percy, but we will be very sad to lose them! Their last Sunday with us at St Luke's will be Sunday 18th May and we will have tea and cake after the service as we say farewell. Dan's licencing service at St Andrew's Kinson will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend, and please keep the Washbrooks in your prayers as they prepare to move.

Families First (Mothers Union) – Tuesday 13th May, 10.10am for a 10.30am start

Next meeting is on Tuesday 13th May in Church Rooms at 10.10am for coffee and cake, before Geoff Sherwood gives a presentation about his and his son's epic cycle pilgrimage in aid of Christian Aid. We would be pleased to see you all.

Work Morning at Church

We would appreciate help in tidying the gardens, hedges and cleaning the inside of the Church on Saturday June 7th at 10am. We would also like some help to provide coffee, tea, biscuits etc. Please speak to Alan Cotterell or call him on 01202 745003 with any queries. Thank you!

Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

Thank you very much to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. The total given so far is around £15,000 (one-off gifts). The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead. We encourage you to give by monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Contact PGS on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. Speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge for more details.



Churches Together – Outreach BBQs

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with these BBQs to be held in Falkland Square in Poole town centre on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June. The organisers would like to find more volunteers, especially singers and musicians. Please email paulhockley76@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Mission Partnerships Service – Sunday 13th July

Our annual Mission Partnerships Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13th July. Our guest speaker will be Mark Rathbone, who was part of the team from Poole who travelled to Wau, South Sudan recently. There will also be opportunities to hear brief updates from other mission partners, and to give financially to support their work.

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

Please note new date! This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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

Or please send a cheque payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours: week commencing 11th May 2025 – Monday & Tuesday 9.30am – 3pm, then Helen will be on holiday until 20th May. Email and phone will be monitored, but may not be responded to as quickly as usual.

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