

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST 2024
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. (John 6:11)

Sunday 11th August 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
10.30am All Age Service with Baptisms in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Jesus feeds the 5,000
Reading: John 6:1-13
Leaders: Dan Washbrook & Stuart Cocksedge
Talk: Anna Counsell

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 12 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 15 th	(No Thursday prayer meetings during August)	
Saturday 17 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 18 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

I am sure we have all been shocked and saddened by the scenes of rioting and unrest in various UK towns and cities following the tragic events in Southport. Thankfully, we have not seen unrest in our area, and hopefully the worst of the violence has now passed. But we should not be complacent, and we need to think about how we respond as Christians. Obviously, we need to continue to pray - for those who have been bereaved, for those who have been the targets of violence and rioting, for the police responding to this unrest, and for all who feel marginalised in our society. Jesus calls us to love our neighbour, in both word and action. How might we seek to be good neighbours, to work for peace, and to demonstrate the love of God - both to those around us locally, and to those further afield?

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for God's blessing on Tayana and Leon Chimbwanda as they come to be baptised this Sunday.
- Pray for all those who have been affected by rioting and unrest in parts of the UK, and for peace and calm to be restored.
- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our Build It! Holiday Club, that all the children who take part would have lots of fun and discover lots about Jesus and how to follow Him.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina and Sidney Wells.

This week we are praying for Mothers' Union

Mother's Union supports family life and marriage worldwide through prayer and practical help. During the long summer holidays in the UK, many families struggle without school lunches and with the added pressures to spend money on days out and ice creams. In Salisbury diocese MU has a holiday home at Rockley Park which provides much needed breaks for families who otherwise would not be able to afford a holiday. Please pray for these families, for the fun that they will have, their safety and that they will return home refreshed.

NOTICES

Some important dates for your diary!

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August – Build It! Holiday Club

Wednesday 11th September 7.30pm – Prayer ministry Team Meeting and Training

Saturday 21st September 5pm – Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen

Monday 30th September 2pm – Connect Group Leaders Meeting

Sunday 6th October 10.30am – Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 3rd November 3pm – St Luke's Annual Memorial Service

Saturday 16th November 7pm – Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Build it! Holiday Club

We are getting ready for our Build it! holiday club that is happening Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August 9.30am – 12.30am for Reception - Year 6. Join us for a week of building, creating and modelling as we share together how we can build our relationship with God and learn stories from the Bible. We will also be playing games, doing craft, eating lots of biscuits and singing songs. Please contact Anna if you wish to book your child/ren into this year's holiday club.

Lego Needed Please!

If you have any spare Lego or Duplo that you no longer need, and would be willing to donate it to St Luke's for use at holiday club, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed Please!

Our Holiday Clubs only happen because of our amazing volunteers, if you would like to help out this year with admin, craft prep, being a team leader, being a team helper, helping with refreshments, being in the drama, leading songs/actions, leading games/craft, or being in the background please sign up at the back of church or speak to Anna.

Prayer meetings during August

During this quieter summer period, we will pause our Thursday morning prayer meetings for the rest of August.

Prayers at 9.30am on Mondays and alternate Saturdays will continue as usual. Prayers at 9.15am on Thursdays will resume on 5th September.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's **on Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Job Vacancies

St Mary's Ferndown is looking for a new Children & Families Minister and a part-time Office Administrator. Further details of the vacancies may be found by following the link: <https://www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk/vacancies>

Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome. Please note - there will be no Light Lunch during August.

Found Property

We have a number of umbrellas that have been left in church recently - if you have lost an umbrella, please would you check those at the back of church and claim yours if it is there. Thanks very much, Richard Hudson.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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Week commencing 12th August – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm & Tuesday 10.30am – 4.30pm

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