



SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.'** (Ephesians 2:10)

Sunday 11th October	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Living generously - with our talents
	Readings:	1 Peter 4:7-11 and Matthew 25:14-30
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Prayer and Worship Gathering in Church

Please note: If you wish to avoid appearing on Zoom during our services, please do not sit in the front three rows.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 12 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 13 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms (please see notice)
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 15 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm)
Friday 16 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
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,

It was great to welcome so many to our **Harvest** services last Sunday, and to collect so many **donations** of food, which we have passed on to **Poole Foodbank**. We pray these gifts will be a **blessing** to those in need who receive them across the Poole area. This Sunday, we continue to explore what it means to **live generously** in response to God's generosity to us, as we reflect on a well known story told by Jesus about good stewardship – the parable of the **talents**. On Sunday we'll give everyone a questionnaire and invite us all to consider the ways in which we serve in the life of the church. We believe there is so much **God-given potential** within our church family, from the oldest to the youngest. Please prayerfully think about how you could offer your talents – the gifts, skills and experience God has given you – in the service of others, in the church and the wider community. Thank you!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer 19th Sunday after Trinity: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those living with the ongoing effects of war and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- Pray for God's blessing on all who work in the arts locally, that their God-given creativity may glorify God.
- Pray for the St Luke's Refreshments Team, that they may be a blessing to others as they offer hospitality.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Geraldine Rodriguez and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to the prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

This week are praying for Bible Society

Almighty God, our prayer for Bible Society is that You uphold all who are working across Bible Society helping people recognise the value of the Bible. In many parts of the world the key barrier to people engaging with the Bible is availability, but at home it's simply that many people think the Bible is not relevant to them. We pray you will continue to challenge that way of thinking and soften their hearts so that they may have the chance to come to know Jesus as their Saviour. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th October 7pm
Saturday 31st October 4pm
Sunday 1st November 3pm
Thursday 5th November
Sunday 8th November
Sunday 15th November

Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse
Light Up The Night (alternative to Halloween event for families) in Church
Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
St Luke's Church in use as a polling station all day
Remembrance Sunday
Safeguarding Sunday

NOTICES

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who joined with us for our Harvest services last Sunday, and for all your donations of food gifts for Poole Foodbank. Thank you also to all those who helped with the loading and delivering of food to the Foodbank, who were very appreciative to receive our Harvest gifts.

Changes to the weekly news sheet

Over the coming weeks, we will be trying a different format for the weekly news sheet. Aware of the environmental impact of using lots of paper each week, and the fact that notices are often the duplicated from one week to the next, we will be reducing the size of the news sheet to A5 (half of the current A4 size), and also including key information and notices in the weekly email from the office sent each Friday. Do let us know your feedback. Thank you.

Families First – Tuesday 13th October 10.10am

Coffee and cake will be available from 10.10am and at 10.30am Paul and Christine Gilbert will talk about their recent trip to Vietnam. All are welcome.

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Light up the Night – St Luke's Light Event! – Saturday 31st October 4pm – 6pm

We have our Halloween alternative event on Saturday 31st October. This is a great event to share the light of Jesus in what can be a very dark world. Throughout the evening, we will have crafts, activities, refreshments, story time and a prayer space. Please do pray for the event and invite people along, there are flyers at the back of church. We also need help! So if you can help with any of the above please let Anna know. Thank you.

Malcolm Hill's Testimony

Recently, Malcolm spoke movingly about God's kindness and faithfulness as he lives with a terminal illness. A recording of Malcolm's testimony can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0rc-i8eD8A>

Last Wishes Forms

The Pastoral Team would like to remind you about the opportunity to complete a Last Wishes form to record your funeral preferences for readings, hymns, music, etc. This is something we may prefer not to think about, and is easily put off for another day. However, it is important to consider, discuss with loved ones, and if you would like to, record on a Last Wishes form to be kept securely in the church office. Forms are available from the church office, or please speak to Julie Murphy or Carole Blight for more details.

Dick Whittington Panto Rehearsals

St Luke's ACTS are planning to perform the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Church Hall on 5th – 7th March 2027. If you are interested in taking part either on stage or backstage, please see Claire Storey for more information. Adult rehearsals will be weekly at 6pm on Sunday evenings, with a break for Christmas.

Cyber awareness session

Dorset police will be holding a Cyber Awareness Session on Monday 22nd February 2027 at 1.30pm in the Church Rooms. They will cover a wide range of security issues such as scams and safe payments.

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 October: Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm & Fri 1pm-3pm

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