



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**But now, this is what the Lord says ... 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'** (Isaiah 43:1)

Sunday 12th January	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	The Baptism of Christ (also Institution, Induction and Installation of Stuart Cocksedge)
	Readings:	Isaiah 43:1-7 & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
	Leaders:	Bishop Karen & Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Archdeacon Penny
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Speak Life 321 begins in Church Rooms
Tuesday 14 th	10.10am	Families First AGM & Communion in Church Rooms
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course begins in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Mission Minded Living begins in Church Rooms
Wednesday 15 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by lunch
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 16 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Belonging Course begins in Church Rooms
	8.00pm	Spring Courses: Parenting for Faith begins on Zoom
Friday 17 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 18 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 19 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	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

Dear St Luke's family,

The New Year invites fresh starts. John the Baptist and Jesus shared a mission: bringing salvation. John's message challenges us to share, act justly, and build a world where everyone can thrive—a fitting resolution for the year ahead.

God bless, Dan

PRAYERS

Special 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.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Virginia Stacey and Marian Laird who have both died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

This week we are praying for CPAS

At the start of a new year, please pray for the staff of CPAS as they support churches, clergy and lay leaders through leadership training and development. Pray that they will be effective in equipping and encouraging church leaders and supporting churches (including St Luke's!) to make Jesus know. Pray also for the CPAS Ventures and Falcons holidays coming up this year, that they will continue to provide fun and safe opportunities for young people to explore and find faith in Jesus.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21st January 7.00pm

Churches Together in Poole Christian Unity Event at St Edward's School

Saturday 25th January 10.00am

Safeguarding Training Course in Church Rooms

Saturday 1st February 10.00am

St Luke's Community Fun Day (until 2pm)

Sunday 23rd March

St Luke's Gift Day

NOTICES

Plans for 2025

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

This is our Bible verse for 2025, which we focused on in last Sunday's all age service. This Sunday, Bishop Karen and Archdeacon Penny will be with us to institute and install Stuart as incumbent of St Luke's, following the lifting of the suspension of the patron's right to present an incumbent to the parish. This means Stuart will be Vicar rather than Priest in Charge. On 19th January, we'll begin a sermon series based on the account of Jesus feeding the five thousand in Mark's gospel, drawing out what this has to teach us about being church and growing as disciples, and learning from other relevant passages. Alongside this, please do sign up for one of our Spring Term courses, more details below!

Sign up for a Spring Term course at St Luke's

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for one of our Spring courses, most of which are starting this coming week! We are running six different small group courses in place of our usual Connect Groups during the Spring Term, all designed to help us deepen and grow in our faith in God. All are welcome to join a course, whether or not you are already in a Connect Group. **Find out more and sign up for a course by contacting the office or following this link:**

<https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/788/Spring-Short-Courses>

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Virginia Stacey

This will take place at St Luke's on Saturday 8th February at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments in church. All welcome.

Families First (MU) AGM

This takes place on Tuesday 14th January at 10.10am in the Church Rooms, beginning with Communion. All welcome.

Church Heating

We are having continuing problems with the church heating system, so please wrap up warm on Sunday!

St Luke's Community Fun Day

After the success of our fun day last year, we are excited to have another one this year, on February 1st 10am-2pm. If you would like to help, please let Anna or Stuart know.

Safeguarding Training Course

Julie Murphy, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, will be running another safeguarding training course on Saturday 25th January 2025 in the Church Rooms. Coffee from 9.30am, for a 10am start. We'd like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. Please contact Helen in the office to book your place.

Parking on Wellington Road

Please be mindful of our neighbours and other road users on the roads around St Luke's. In particular, do not park too close to the junction of Wellington Road and Sandecotes Road, and do not block driveways. Thank you very much.

New Church Bibles

We will soon be putting our new church Bibles into use. The old Bibles will be given away to Book Aid (via Keith Jones Christian Bookshop). A reminder that if anyone would like to keep one for themselves, please contact the office ASAP.

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates: 7th – 9th March 2025

For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC Account No: 00008836 Sort Code: 40-52-40

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

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 13th January 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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