



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Sunday 12th October	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Christian Hope: Waiting with Confidence
	Readings:	Matthew 24:36-44 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) (until 5pm)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 14 th	10.10am	Families First in Church Rooms
Wednesday 15 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by lunch
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 16 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 17 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.00pm	Q & A with our local MP Neil Duncan-Jordan (until 8pm)
Saturday 18 th	11.00am	Autumn Fair at Church Hall (until 2pm)
Sunday 19 th	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,

During our service this Sunday we'll hear some feedback from one of our Connect Groups, and we'll continue our sermon series on 1 Thessalonians. In this Sunday's passage the apostle Paul offers comfort and encouragement to the young church in Thessalonica, and to us today as well. He reminds us that we do not grieve like those without hope, because through the death and resurrection of Jesus we are promised eternal life. Paul urges us to stay awake and alert, living as children of the light, putting on faith, love, and the hope of salvation. May we be encouraged by these words as we wait with hope, and as we share the hope of new life in Jesus with others in our troubled world.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for 17th Sunday after Trinity: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the St Luke's kids and youth team as they share Jesus and nurture the faith of our children and young people at groups and activities on Sundays and during the week.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (Trevor & Lorraine's nephew), Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for PACE

Please pray for the work of PACE taking the Christian message into our local schools. Give thanks that bookings are coming in thick and fast, and for the 15 people who joined the sponsored prayer walk, raising money to support the ministry of PACE. The PACE schools work team comprises PACE staff, people from local churches, and volunteers, covering assemblies and lessons on World Views, Vocation, the Bible, Does God Exist?, Christianity and Humanism, Suffering, and the Make a Joyful Noise choir. Pastoral workers also give valuable support to school staff.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 19 th October 9am	Breakfast Church in Church
Friday 31 st October 4pm	The Light Trail in Church (alternative to Halloween event for families)
Sunday 2 nd November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Sunday 9 th November 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 16 th November 9am	Breakfast Church in Church
Sunday 16 th November 10.30am	Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 23 rd November 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church (until 8pm)

NOTICES

Thank you for your Harvest gifts!

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations for Poole Foodbank last Sunday. All the food donated has been passed on to Poole Foodbank to help those in need in our local communities.

Welcome Tea at the Vicarage – Sunday 12th October, 3.30pm – 5pm

If you have joined us at St Luke's in recent months, we would love to invite you to the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) for tea, coffee and cake and time to chat and get to know you more. We look forward to welcoming you!

Connect Groups at St Luke's Parkstone

Connect Groups are small groups meeting during the week, usually in peoples' homes. They exist to help us to connect more deeply with God through Bible study and prayer, to connect with and support each other, and to connect with the wider community to share the love of Jesus. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one or find out more, please check out the details on our website or at the back of church, or speak to Stuart.

Light Up Dorset – Sunday 12th October, 6.30pm

Join churches from across Dorset for an evening with Andrew Palau. Hear powerful stories, vision and the hope of Jesus, at St Mary's Church, Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2JD. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6.30pm start. All welcome!

Families First (Mothers' Union) – Tuesday 14th October, 10.10am

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October starting with coffee and cake from 10.10am, for a 10.30am start. This meeting is a morning of fun and games. All are welcome.

Q & A with our local MP Neil Duncan-Jordan – Friday 17th October, 7pm – 8pm

An opportunity to meet and hear from the MP for Poole, Neil Duncan-Jordan, and to ask him any questions you may have. This will take place in church and all are welcome.

Autumn Fair at the Church Hall – Saturday 18th October, 11am – 2pm

To raise money for St Luke's, the hall team are holding a fair at the Church Hall on Saturday 18th October, 11am – 2pm. We are a small team so will need some help manning stalls please. If you could bake a cake or donate items to sell please let us know. Stalls to include toys, books, jigsaws, cakes, tombola, etc. Thank you. Anne, Liz, Frank, and Claire.

Poole-Wau Partnership: Teaching Luke's Gospel – Saturday 18th October

This teaching event on Luke's Gospel is on Saturday 18th October at St Michael's Church, Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole BH18 4HR, 10.30am – 3pm (arrive from 10am). A free event with a retiring collection (card machine available). Free tea and coffee, bring your own lunch (but hot soup available). Please e-mail mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop if you are going, to help with catering numbers. For more details: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html>

Service of Wholeness and Healing – Sunday 19th October, 10.30am

Each term we have a Service of Wholeness and Healing when we have a particular focus on prayer. There are many reasons why you might come for prayer for yourself or someone close to you. There may be some significant life event for which you seek God's blessing and strength. It is an occasion for the whole church family, and it is good to pray for children as well as adults. The theme of the service is **'Every little helps'** – you will have to listen to the sermon to find out what that means!

Poole Town Pastors

The Poole Town Pastors are looking for volunteers to join the team. If you are interested, please contact John Ainsworth on pooletownpastors@gmail.com or 07803 010023.

Job Opportunity: Operations Manager at Christ Church Creekmoor

To find out more visit their website: <https://www.christchurchcreekmoor.org/>. Closing date: 10th November 2025.

New Wine Festival 2026

A few weeks ago, it was great to hear stories and feedback from those who went to New Wine this summer. Bookings are now open for next year's festival (28th July – 2nd August 2026). More details: <https://www.new-wine.org/events>

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 13th October 2025: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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