

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**
**PALM SUNDAY**

**“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

**“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Luke 19:38)**

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	On the way to the cross – Arrival of the humble King
	Readings:	Psalm 118:15-29 & Luke 19:28-40
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Holy Week Reflection in the Chancel
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Week Reflection in the Chancel
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by lunch
	7.30pm	Holy Week Reflection in the Chancel
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		No St Luke’s Toddlers due to Easter school holidays
	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Messy Easter (until 12pm)
	2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross Reflective Service in Church
		No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to Easter school holidays
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Easter Communion in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Easter Evening Celebration Service in Church

**Dear St Luke’s family,**

This Sunday, may we go beyond the familiar images of palm crosses. In fact, the account of Jesus entering Jerusalem in Luke’s gospel doesn’t actually mention palm branches at all! Jesus arrived in Jerusalem not with a display of power, but in humility, riding on a donkey. He knew he was heading towards the cross, where he would fight and win a victory for us – not one of military might, but one of pain and sacrifice. The kingdom of King Jesus is different to the kingdoms of the world, and King Jesus calls us to follow him in the way of humility, just as he called the first disciples. They praised God with shouts of ‘Hosanna’ – meaning ‘Save us!’ – and it is by Jesus’s victory on the cross that we too have been saved. So we have good reason to sing our praises to him today!

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Prayer for Palm Sunday: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

- Pray for all those whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated by the Myanmar earthquake, for those who have lost loved ones and homes, and for the authorities, emergency services and relief agencies responding to this disaster.
- Pray for the family and friends of Colin West who died recently.
- Pray for God’s healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggie, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull’s mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.



*Join us this Easter*

Mon 14, Tue 15, Wed 16 April  
7.30pm Holy Week Reflections

Maundy Thursday - 17 April  
7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday - 18 April  
10am Messy Easter  
2pm Last Hour at the Cross

Easter Sunday - 20 April  
10.30am All Age Communion  
6pm Evening Celebration

## This week we are praying for Open Doors - 'No More Shame'

Around the world, millions of women are severely persecuted for their Christian faith. In Bangladesh, women converts are despised, ostracised and targeted through physical and sexual assault. Please pray:

\*Supernatural protection for these precious women, many of whom are traumatised.

\*For the UK to stand strong in defending the rights of women persecuted for their faith.

\*For 'Ananna' (Unique Woman) a discipleship programme in Bangladesh funded by Open Doors partners teaching the fundamentals of Christianity and God's design for women.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	<b>Holy Week Reflections</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Holy Communion</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 10am	<b>Messy Easter</b> (family-friendly Easter crafts, refreshments and worship)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm	<b>Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 6pm	<b>Easter Sunday Evening Celebration Service</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Annual Meeting (APCM)</b> during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch

### NOTICES

#### Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

**Thank you very much** to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. 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. Phone the **Parish Giving Scheme** on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or go to [www.paritygiving.org.uk](http://www.paritygiving.org.uk) and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. If you have questions please speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge.



#### We need your junk!

At Messy Easter we are hoping to do some junk modelling. If you have any cardboard boxes, egg boxes, kitchen roll tubes or plastic bottles, please could you bring them to church by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you.

#### Messy Easter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10am

Messy Easter is on Good Friday at 10am. There will be crafts, refreshments, worship and an Easter egg hunt. All are welcome, so please invite friends and family for what will be a great morning celebrating Easter. If you are available to help at this event, please let Anna know. Thank you!

#### St Luke's Men's Walk

The next walk is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April meeting at Canford Cliffs bus stop for the 10.04am bus (no. 50) towards Swanage. The plan is to walk along the Purbeck ridge to Old Harry and then to Studland. Weather permitting! If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, please speak to Duncan Campbell or Steve Blight.

#### Annual Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am

**The meeting will form part of our morning service.** We will look back on the past year, giving thanks for what God has done, and looking forward to the future. And please do stay around for the **bring and share lunch after the service**. There are five vacancies on the PCC and two vacancies on Deanery Synod, please speak to Stuart or Christine for more details. Anyone on the church Electoral Roll can be nominated to stand for the PCC or Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please do prayerfully consider nominating someone or standing yourself. The Annual reports and accounts have been sent out electronically and a copy of the accounts will be on the notice board in the North Aisle. Paper copies available on request.

#### Request for help - Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole Wau Partnership – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm – 5pm. We will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve refreshments and provide homemade cakes gratefully received. Please contact Judy Hudson if you can help on 01202 721919. Thanks!

#### SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon. We are taking a group again this year on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you're interested in going please speak to Anna.

#### New Wine Festival

New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. If you would like to join them, or come for a day, please let them know. More info: <http://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 to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Monday & Wednesday 9.30am – 3pm.

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