



SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.' (James 1:17)

Sunday 13th September	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	James – Keep persevering
	Readings:	James 1:1-18 and Matthew 4:1-11
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church (until 8pm)

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 14 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	2.30pm	Retired Clergy Cream Tea in Church (until 4pm)
Wednesday 16 th	9.00am	Fabric Team Meeting in Church Rooms
	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by light lunch
Thursday 17 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 18 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
Sunday 20 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,

I was struck by these heartfelt words written in our prayer room this week: **'One day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. May we never take for granted the privilege of walking with You and the gift of Your Holy Spirit to guide and enable us. Wake us up dear Lord. Amen.'** As we spend time with God in prayer, he inspires our prayers and praises, and moves into action to share the love of Jesus. Please do continue to make use of the prayer room, and join us at the end of the Global Week of Prayer at our Worship & Prayer Gathering on Sunday at 6pm.

Starting this Sunday morning, our autumn term sermon series follows the book of **James**, a highly practical letter written to encourage and strengthen Christians in the early church, which has so much to teach us today.

Accompanying Connect Group study notes are also available. And in October we'll take a break from James to focus on **living generously** in response to God's generosity to us. Here's an outline showing how these themes fit together over the coming weeks:

13th Sept: James 1:1-18 - Keep persevering

20th Sept: James 1:19-27 - Be doers of the word

27th Sept: James 2:1-13 - Avoid favouritism

4th Oct (Harvest): Living generously - with our time

11th Oct: Living generously - with our talents

18th Oct: Living generously - with our treasures

25th Oct: James 2:14-26 - Put your faith to work

1st Nov: James 3:1-12 - Tame your tongue

8th Nov (Remembrance Sunday): James 3:13-4:3 -
Avoid envy and selfish ambition

15th Nov (Safeguarding Sunday): James 4:4-5:6 -
Submit to God

22nd Nov: James 5:7-12 - Be patient

29th Nov: James 5:13-20 - Live in prayerful community

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for 15th Sunday after Trinity: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for those working in education locally, for strength and wellbeing for teachers and support staff, and that our schools may be places of nurture, learning, and care for all children and young people.
- Pray for the Church Hall Team who give their time to manage our church hall in a way that blesses and serves the local community.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle 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 the Poole-Wau Partnership

Give thanks that Revd Daniel Lual Kuot from South Sudan was able to visit Poole. He asked for prayer for the political situation with the different tribes and during the forthcoming general election (there is a lot of corruption). Please pray for the many people who have not been paid, e.g. doctors and nurses. Pray also for the people who are starving due to the crops that have failed because of the lack of rain.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church
Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Sunday 11 th October 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse
Saturday 31 st October 4pm	The Light Trail (alternative to Halloween event for families) in Church
Sunday 1 st November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 15 th November	Safeguarding Sunday

NOTICES

Connect Group Bible study notes for the autumn term

Bible study notes for Connect Groups on the book of James, are available to collect from the back of church or can be downloaded from the website here: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/70/Connect>

Global Week of 24/7 Prayer – Monday 7th to Sunday 13th September

You can still take part in the Global Week of Prayer! In the words of 24/7 Prayer: **‘As we pray together, we want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. We’re seeking to encounter this beauty and power, and carry Jesus into our towns, cities and nations.’** Hourly prayer slots in the Side Chapel prayer room are available until 6pm on Sunday. Please sign up at the back of church or online at: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/b0203a/>

Men’s Walk – Thursday 17th September

The men’s walking group will meet at Poole bus station on Thursday 17th September to catch the 10.35am number 40 bus to Wareham. A walk of 3 or 4 miles, with lunch in Wareham. We hope you can join us! Please see Steve Blight to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Lost property

There are various items of lost property in a box at the back of church. Please collect anything which belongs to you. Any lost property not claimed by the end of September will be recycled or disposed of as appropriate.

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 5th October 7.40pm

The next meeting will be held at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chief Executive of Faithworks Wessex and his talk is entitled: “Bringing practical help, relational support and spiritual hope to people in hard times”. All welcome!

Room available at Pennant House

A ground floor studio room is now available at Abbeyfield Pennant House on Spur Hill Avenue, offering independent retirement living. For further details, please call the House Manager Denise Lomas on 07464 545029.

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/>.

Dick Whittington Panto Rehearsals

St Luke’s ACTS are planning to perform the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Church Hall on **5th to 7th March 2027**. If you are interested in taking part either on stage or backstage, please sign up using the sheet at the back of church and come along to a read through on **Sunday 4th October from 6pm** at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road. Please note that **the read through is for adults only**. Any children wanting to take part should sign up with parents' permission. **Children's rehearsals will start in January**. Adult rehearsals will be weekly on Sunday evenings with a break for Christmas. Please see Claire Storey for more information.

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 14th September: **Mon 10am-12pm & 12.45pm-2.45pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm**

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