



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... (Philippians 2:5)

Sunday 13th October	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Supporting the work of Tearfund
	Readings:	Philippians 2:3-5 & Matthew 25:31-40
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Katharine Robinson

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Mission Partnerships Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 16 th	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
Friday 18 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.00pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Sunday 20 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	Prayer Gathering in Church (end of National Week of Prayer)

Dear St Luke's family,

Last week I was away in Mallorca and one morning we got up early to see the sunrise. Early mornings aren't for me, but I took one for the team and got up at 5.45am to join my friends. It was a hard walk up steep hills, cobbled steps and uneven paths, but eventually after 15,000 steps we made it to the top to see the most beautiful view of a red-orange sky. During the walk I was reminded that life can feel like a bit of a climb. We go through challenges and sometimes things seem tough. So let's hold on to last Sunday's memory verse: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2) We are all on a long journey and as different challenges come our way, let's trust in the One who made all things.

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for the Holy Land and the Middle East, for de-escalation of the conflict and the protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for Bible Society

Almighty God, thank you for the gift of the Bible to us. Thank you for inspiring and encouraging all those who dedicate their time and effort to translate Your Word. Bible Society can then send out Bibles and tracts to more countries that do not have them in their own language. We ask for your protection on all trying to bring Your light to the countries where darkness shrouds hope and where fear is so strong. Help us to remember that You hold all things and Your voice will never be extinguished so there is always hope, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20 th October 6pm	Prayer Gathering at the end of the National Week of Prayer
Thursday 31 st October 4pm - 6pm	The Light Trail
Sunday 3 rd November 3pm	St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Wednesday 6 th November 7pm	Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride by Geoff Sherwood
Sunday 10 th November 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night
Sunday 1 st December 10.30am	Christingle All Age Service

NOTICES

Church Heating

We are awaiting a replacement part to enable the heating to be used. In the meantime please wrap up warm!

National Week of Prayer

We are joining in with the National Week of Prayer from 12th until 20th October. Our prayer meetings will focus on this, and we will conclude the week with a special prayer gathering to pray for our nation, on Sunday 20th October at 6pm. Please do put the dates in your diaries. See www.nationalweekofprayer.uk for details.

Improving the Audio-Visual provision at our services

We recently set up two temporary TV screens in church to help people in the side aisles see the words displayed on the screen more easily. Following this trial, the PCC have approved a small project to provide two new TV screens on mobile TV stands. We believe these will be a great help in improving accessibility at our services. Any contributions towards the cost would be very gratefully received. Please speak to Stuart or Dan for more details. Thank you.

The Light Trail

Come along on Thursday 31st October 4pm - 6pm for some crafts, activities, games, fire pit, marshmallows, hot dogs, hot chocolate and treats at our Light Trail. All welcome, but please note children must be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to invite others. Let Anna know if you'd like to help.

Christmas Biscuits

Families First will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge again this year. If you would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost, we would be very grateful. Please give donations (of any amount) to Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

Christmas Toy Appeal

There are people in our local communities who won't have much to unwrap on Christmas morning. We are partnering with SMILE, a community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to families they support, and as a church we'd like to help provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we'd like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift. See flyers at the back of church for more info.

Cleaner

Can anyone recommend a good reliable cleaner in the Branksome area? Probably only needed once a fortnight to do a variety of things. Please contact Virginia Stacey with any recommendations. Thank you.

Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride – Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in church

Geoff Sherwood will be giving a talk about his experiences cycling, with his son William, 3500 miles from Cyprus to the UK, following a route in the footsteps of St Paul through Turkey, Greece and Italy to Rome, and then of Archbishop Sigeric "the Serious" from Rome back to Canterbury. There will be a break, during which refreshments will be served.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night – Saturday 16th November, 7pm in church

Join us for a fun and very worthwhile evening to raise money for our mission partner Tearfund! Get together a quiz team, bring your friends, or come by yourself and we'll make sure you can join a team. Refreshments will be served.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

If you would like to join us for this production then rehearsals start on **Sunday 13th October at 6pm** at the Church Hall. **Children's rehearsals** - children are welcome and their rehearsals will start on **Sunday 20th October** in the **Church Rooms following the Sunday morning service**. The show will be performed **7th – 9th March 2025**. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



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Week commencing 14th October – Cover in the office: Helen will be on holiday until Monday 21st October, but urgent emails/phone calls will still be dealt with as soon as possible.
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