



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:32)

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| Sunday 14th April | 9.00am | Messy Church |
| | 10.00am | Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom |
| | Theme: | Resurrection: Broken bread, opened eyes |
| | Reading: | 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 & Luke 24:13-35 |
| | Leader: | Stuart Cocksedge Talk: John Pattison |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

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| Monday 15 th | 9.30am | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel |
| Wednesday 17 th | 11.30am | Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by a light lunch |
| Thursday 18 th | 9.15am | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel |
| | 10.00am | St Luke’s Toddlers in Church |
| Friday 19 th | 3.30pm | Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6 |
| | 7.30pm | Youth Club in Hall (until 9.00pm) – Year 7 and up |
| Saturday 20 th | 10.00am | Church Work Party |
| Sunday 21 st | 10.00am | Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom including APCM, followed by a bring and share lunch |

Dear St Luke’s family,

On Sundays we are continuing to focus on the good news of the **resurrection** of Jesus and all that it means for us. In addition, we have our **annual meeting** (APCM) coming up on Sunday 21st April as part of our morning service. Because of this, the service will be a bit different, but will still include hymns, songs and prayers, hearing from God’s Word, and our usual groups for children and young people. After the service we’ll enjoy a **bring and share lunch** together. No need to sign up, just come with some food (savoury or sweet) to be shared as part of a buffet. The service, APCM and shared lunch are a really important occasion so please do come along, all are welcome! This year we have 5 vacancies on the PCC and 1 for a Deanery Synod rep. Please turn over for more details, and for other notices including details of our church **work party** on Saturday 20th April (please come along for as little or as long as you can) and the **New Wine** summer festival on 25th - 30th July.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially George Palmer, Margaret Holst, Claire Storey’s sister Gina and Ben Cullis.

This week we are praying for the Bible Society

Heavenly Father, thank you for your message of love and guidance which we find in the Bible. The Bible Society seeks to spread your good news of salvation and love in as many countries as possible. We pray for their dyslexia-friendly publications and new podcasts being produced in this country to help people here learn and grasp how much you love us. We ask for your guidance and protection on all who seek to work with Bible Society wherever they are, in Jesus’ name, Amen.

NOTICES

Church office phone

The Church Office phone (01202 717268) has now been repaired and is in full working order!

Third Wednesday of the Month

The Holy Communion Service held in the Church Rooms on the third Wednesday of each month, will commence at 11.30am and be followed by a light lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 17th April.

Fab Friday

We are starting an after-school club for Reception to Year 6, every Friday during term time, from 3.30pm to 4.45pm in Church for the first session. There will be craft, games, Lego, toast and lots of fun!

Church Work Party

This takes place next Saturday 20th April, starting at 10.00am. Please join us if you can!

Annual meeting (APCM) and vacancies on the PCC

Our APCM takes place on Sunday 21st April at 10.30am, as part of our morning service in church. Straight after the APCM, there will be the opportunity to enjoy time together as a church family with a bring and share lunch in church. Please do join us. This year, as well as electing two church wardens, we will have five vacancies to fill on the PCC, and one vacancy for a Deanery Synod rep. If you would be interested in standing for election to one of these positions, please speak to Stuart or the church wardens for more information. Nomination forms are available in church.

Connect Group notes

A new set of Connect Group study notes for the summer term will be available in church this Sunday, focusing on prayer in the Old Testament. With thanks to Andrew Cullis for producing these notes.

Meeting with Kevin and Jen Cable - Saturday 27th April

The Cables now have their visas (praise God!) and will be travelling to the UK very soon. Kevin is also recovering from an operation and needs time to rest, so they won't be able to join us at St Luke's. However, they are holding an event at St Katharine's Church, Church Road, Southbourne, BH6 4AR on Saturday 27th April, 10.30am - 12 noon, where they will be giving a presentation on their ministry in Israel, with coffee and cake. Please go along and support them if you can, and pray for safe travelling and for Kevin's recovery. Thank you.

St Luke's - Annual Reports 2023

The Annual Reports and Financial Statements were sent out by email on Friday 5th April. Copies are available at the back of church for those not in receipt of email communication.

Cantabile - Requiem by Brahms

A Spring Concert is being held on Sunday 28th April at 6.30pm, at St Luke's Church. Tickets at the door £10 (cash or card) or at the Church Office, concessions for students £5

Help needed please - Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole-Wau Partnership

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sunday 28th April between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. During the open garden we will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of the Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve the refreshments and provide homemade cakes will be gratefully received - please let Judy Hudson know if you can help - 01202 721919.

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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 Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 15th Apr: Mon 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wed 10.30am – 4.30pm and Fri 12.30pm – 4.30pm

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