



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

Sunday 14th September	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	1 Thessalonians - Christian Imitation: Pleasing to God
	Readings:	Philippians 2:5-11 and 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream
	12.15pm	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Gathering

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 17 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms
Thursday 18 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 19 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
Sunday 21 st	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	St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm)

Dear St Luke's family,

This week I've been reflecting on what it means to share "not only the gospel of God but our lives as well" as Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 2:8. Paul and his companions came to preach the good news of Jesus in Thessalonica and they also shared life with the new believers there. They were humble and sincere in the way they cared for and encouraged the Thessalonians. As we seek to follow the way of Jesus today, may we be inspired to share our faith with courage, to live lives of humility and integrity, and to have open hearts to receive God's word afresh.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's Music and Worship Teams giving their time and great gifts weekly.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (nephew of Trevor and Lorraine Muddimer), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for the work of Open Doors in Nigeria

Christians across the globe are facing increasing restrictions and hostility from governments, society, their communities and even their own families. Open Doors research shows that more Christians in Nigeria, are killed for their faith than in the rest of the world combined and still the violence escalates. Millions have been displaced. Entire communities live in fear. Please pray that the Lord will protect His people and the Nigerian government will act with wisdom, courage and integrity, to end the violence. Pray too that the persecutors would be delivered from darkness through turning in repentance to Jesus Christ our Saviour. Read as a prayer, some verses from Psalm 91, and give thanks for the work of Open Doors supporting victims of extreme persecution. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 st September 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm)
Wednesday 24 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the <u>Church Hall</u>
Monday 29 th September 1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in the Church Rooms (see notice below)
Sunday 5 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service
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 23 rd November 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm)

NOTICES

Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes

This term we are exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in our Sunday sermons and in Connect Groups. Copies of the study notes for Connect Groups are available at the back of church. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one, or find out more, please speak to Stuart.

PACE Sponsored Walk – Saturday 20th September, 10am – 3pm

Please come and help raise funds by walking from Shore Road (Beach Hut 16) to Hengistbury Head along the promenade – suitable for families and those in wheelchairs – about 8.5 miles. You don't have to do the whole route. Please make your own arrangements for getting back home, and remember your packed lunch. Sponsor forms available from the PACE office: office@pacetrust.org.uk.

St Luke's Prayer Evening – Sunday 21st September, 6pm – 8pm

Out half night of prayer in July was a really significant time of seeking God together. Following on from this we are holding another evening of prayer in church on Sunday 21st September, 6pm – 8pm. Once again, the time will be divided into sections, each with a different prayer focus. Please join us to pray for our church, community, and world.

Funeral of John Singer

This will be held at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon. All are welcome. The service will be followed by refreshments at Parkstone Golf Club. (Please note: the monthly 11.30am communion service and lunch at St Luke's will be on Wednesday 24th September instead.)

Funeral of Laura, daughter of Val Offer

Laura's funeral will be at Harbour View on Saturday 27th September at 10.30am. Please pray for Val and all those who knew Laura, who died suddenly following a diagnosis of leukemia.

New Wine Festival 2026!

A couple of 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, which takes place from 28th July until 2nd August 2026. Book by the end of September for the cheaper early-bird rate! More details here: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Talk on changes at Poole Hospital – Monday 29th September, 1.30pm

Please come to the Church Rooms (for the first part of the Pastoral Team Meeting) to hear important information about changes planned for Poole Hospital in the coming months. There will be a time for questions. All welcome.

Lecture by Julia Doxat-Purser – Wednesday 8th October, 7pm – 9pm

Come along to hear Julia Doxat-Purser speak on 'Threats to Religious Liberty, and how to respond' at St Edward's School, Dale Valley Road, Poole BH15 3HY. This is a remarkable and genuinely unique opportunity to hear Julia, who has never lectured in England before. Reserve a place by emailing: deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church or phoning 01202 716214. Places will be confirmed by email or phone. There is no cost.

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!

Improving our audio visual capability

As you may have seen recently, we are now using an additional TV screen (which was kindly donated to St Luke's) at the front of church to display song and hymn words during services. This screen is large and bright, and we hope it helps more people to see and follow our services.

Reorganisation at the back of church

A reminder that we have recently reorganised things at the back of church. News sheets and other key information are now on the shelf on the right as you come in, we are creating a new library area round the corner next to the creche room, and the pigeon holes are in the corner near to the foodbank box.

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 15th September 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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