



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:20-21)

Sunday 15th September 9.00am **Breakfast Church** in Church
10.00am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
10.30am **Morning Worship** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Philippians
Readings: Philippians 1:12-26 and Job 13:13-27
Leader: Stuart Cocksedge
Preacher: Dan Washbrook
12.30pm **Church Families BBQ** at the Church Hall

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 16 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 18 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by light lunch
Thursday 19 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 20 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
Saturday 21 st	5.00pm	Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen
Sunday 22 nd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

Our Bible passage in Philippians this Sunday speaks of the apostle Paul's single-minded focus on preaching the good news, even in adversity. In all that we do at St Luke's, we are seeking to live and share the good news of Jesus in our community and our world. We do this through our regular services and events, our new monthly Breakfast Church, upcoming Confirmation Service, and other outreach events this term. May we be inspired by Paul's example as we work and pray for the growth of God's kingdom in this place.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in the Sudans and in Ukraine.
- Pray for all our groups, activities and outreach at St Luke's as we begin this new term.
- 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 Open Doors as violent persecution spreads across sub-Saharan Africa

"I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus." (Galatians 6:17)

16.2 million Christians across sub-Saharan Africa have been forcibly displaced by conflict and violence. For five years, Pastor Barnabas, with his wife and six children have lived in a tiny tent in an IDP camp in Nigeria. Having lost his home and livelihood and bearing the injuries and scars of a violent attack by Islamic extremists that killed his brother and sister-in-law, he is grateful for God's intervention. Pastor Barnabas prays with and supports believers in the camp as they face ongoing dangers. He asks: "join together with us to pray that God Himself should be our defender and sustain us and keep us... I will not lose my confidence in God." Praise God that money has been raised to pay for an operation on Pastor Barnabas's hand which was badly broken when he was beaten by a militant. Find information about Pastor Barnabas and Open Doors on the noticeboard in church or see the website: opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 15 th September 12.30pm	Families BBQ at the Church Hall
Saturday 21 st September 5pm	Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen
Monday 30 th September 2pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting
Sunday 6 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service
Thursday 31 st October	The Light Trail
Sunday 3 rd November 3pm	St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night

NOTICES

Donations from St Luke's

Thank you all who contributed to our 8 mission societies on and after our Mission Gift Day and I'm pleased to report that, with gift aid now received, the total passed on to them is £10,420. In addition, we will give over £12,000 from our general income, which we aim to do every year. Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer.

Breakfast Church – Sunday 15th September, 9am

Messy Church has changed! We are excited to be starting Breakfast Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9am. This will be a cafe church style service, with breakfast, activities, craft, songs, and a talk. The dates for Breakfast Church this term are: 15th September, 20th October, 17th November and 15th December. Everyone welcome!

Families BBQ – Sunday 15th September, 12.30pm

Join us at the Church Hall. Please bring meat (or veggie alternative) and rolls, and we will provide salads and desserts.

Collections on Sunday mornings

Please note that we will no longer be passing the collection plate around during normal Sunday services (although we will still do so at special services). Instead, those leading services will draw attention to the collection plate and contactless giving machine which will be at the back of church.

St Luke's email addresses

During the coming week we will be moving our church email addresses onto a new system. We hope this will go smoothly but in the event of any disruption, please bear with us! Thank you.

Parkstone Jumble Trail

Parkstone Community Group are running a Jumble Trail supporting Routes to Roots on Saturday 28th September, 11am to 3pm. St Luke's is joining in by offering cream teas and cakes sold in aid of Routes to Roots. Ways to get involved: bake cakes/scones, help serve refreshments, come along for refreshments, visit other locations on the trail or register to have a stall outside your home. For more information, please speak to Rachel Cocksedge or visit the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/DTaJdWBwqgDdWY7g/>

Roadworks near to St Luke's

Please be aware that roadworks at the junction of Sandecotes, Woodside and Kingsbridge Roads (to add a zebra crossing and junction improvements) are beginning soon. We understand that the section of Sandecotes Road between Kingsbridge Road and Belle Vue Road will be closed from 23rd September for up to 4 weeks.

St Luke's Men's Walk

The next walk is on Thursday 26th September. We will be travelling on the 50 bus from Canford Cliffs at 11.04am to the Purbeck Hills, walking over to Studland (Knoll Beach National Trust cafe), before taking the 50 bus back. If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, please speak to Justin or Steve (sblighty@yahoo.co.uk).

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Casting for this production will take place at the church hall on Sunday 29th September at 6pm. Please come along if you are interested in a part. Rehearsals start on Sunday 6th October 6pm at the hall. The show will be performed 7th to 9th March 2025. Further details from Claire Storey at: clairestorey0204@gmail.com 01202 733669.

Found Property

If you have lost anything, please check at the back of church and claim your lost property if it is there. If not claimed, the property will be disposed of after 15th September. Thanks very much, Richard Hudson.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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 16th September – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm
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