

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025
THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (Mark 6:34)

Sunday 16th February	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
	Theme:	A church prioritising God's word
	Readings:	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 & Mark 6:34
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Talk:	Elisabeth Cullis
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in Church Hall

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 19 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by lunch
Thursday 20 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Friday 21 st	1.00pm	Funeral of Marian Laird in Church
Saturday 22 nd	10.30am	Funeral of Barbara Suffling at Harbour View, Lytchett Minster
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall

Dear St Luke's family,

Our ability to shepherd others flows from our identity as sheep. We are better shepherds when we embrace being sheep, rooting ourselves in God's love. The Good Shepherd, who gave his life for us, empowers us to share his compassion. What would it look like if we rise to that call to share compassion? Secure in his care, moved by his love, and participating in the coming of his kingdom. This may be deeply challenging, but there is nothing more fulfilling than walking in step with the will of God.

God bless, Dan

PRAYERS

Prayer for Third Sunday Before Lent: Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marian Laird, Virginia Stacey and Barbara Suffling and who have died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

This week we are praying for the Poole-Wau Partnership

Please give thanks that the team from Poole have had a good visit to Wau. The conference that they led went well. The building that we have been contributing to was officially opened. It is now called the Poole Wau Partnership Building. The team met a lot of people and friends were made. Please help us to continue with this fellowship. It is a part of the world that receives very little. Their faith is wonderful and they are so grateful for the support we give them.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2 nd March 10.30am	Baptisms as part of our morning service
Sunday 2 nd March 4.00pm	Safeguarding Reflective Space in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
Wednesday 5 th March 9.30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Friday 7 th – Sunday 9 th March	Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat in the Church Hall
Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day
Saturday 29 th March	Youth sponsored walk to raise money for SPREE (see below)
Sunday 30 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service

NOTICES

Baptisms – Sunday 2nd March

We are excited to say that, as part of our service on Sunday 2nd March, we will have a baptistry in church so we can administer baptisms by immersion. If you have not been baptised and would be interested in being baptised or renewing your baptismal vows, please speak to Stuart or Dan. We would love to talk this through with you.

Funeral service for Marian Laird

Marian's funeral will take place on Friday 21st February at 1pm at St Luke's, followed by committal at 3pm at The Barn, Harbour View, Lytchett Minster, BH16 6AN, after which refreshments will be served. (It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers attending the committal and refreshments at Harbour View – please let the Church Office know by emailing office@stlukesparkstone.org.uk if you plan to attend that part of the day.)

Funeral service for Barbara Suffling

Barbara's funeral will take place on Saturday 22nd February at 10.30am in the Long Barrow Ceremony Hall at Harbour View, followed by refreshments. All are welcome. (The service will also be available to view online.)

Safeguarding Reflective Space – Sunday 2nd March

As mentioned on Safeguarding Sunday back in November, we will be offering a time for anyone who would like to come and reflect on or talk about the issues raised by recent safeguarding failings in the wider Church of England. This will be on Sunday 2nd March, 4pm - 5pm, in the Church Rooms. All are welcome.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates 7th – 9th March 2025

Judy Hudson is selling tickets for the production of Joseph after the 10.30am service on Sundays at the back of the church, or can be contacted during the week on 01202 721919 to purchase tickets. For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year a group of our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon, so Anna will be taking a group again this year on 27th – 29th June. In advance of this, the young people are doing a sponsored walk to raise money towards their trip to SPREE, aiming to walk 10km from Branksome Chine to Boscombe and back again, on Saturday 29th March. If you would like to sponsor them, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

Your Church Library

DONATIONS: Thank you to all who have so kindly donated books of great quality for the church library.

SPRING COURSES: On the top shelf there are some books which may support what you're learning on the courses.

AMNESTY! If you're still loving your borrowed book, please continue. If it's sitting on a shelf, lonely, forgotten and unread, it would be great if you could please return it.

New Monasticism Day at Parkstone URC

This takes place on Saturday 1st March, 10am – 4pm, and all are welcome. Contact Parkstone URC for more details.

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

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, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 17th February 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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