

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people... They all ate and were satisfied. (Mark 6:41-42)

Sunday 16th March	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 trusting in God's provision
	Readings:	1 Kings 17:8-16 & Mark 6:41-44
	Leader:	Dan Washbrook
	Talk:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Speak Life 321 Q & A session in Church Rooms
Wednesday 19 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by lunch
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing on the Frontline in Church Rooms
Thursday 20 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Belonging Course in Church Rooms
Friday 21 st	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at The Vicarage (until 5pm)
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

Dear St Luke's family,

A small gift of a few loaves and some fish, when placed in the hands of Jesus, can make a huge difference. Last week we were thinking about this in terms of using the gifts God gives us - things like serving, teaching and encouraging.

This week we're thinking about it in terms of our finances and material resources. We are holding a gift day this year on 23rd March because our church finances are in a challenging position. We want to trust God for his provision for St Luke's, and we'd also like to ask each of us to prayerfully consider what we could give (please read our new leaflet [Growing Together: Investing in our vision 2025](#)). God is a God of abundance and generosity, and he calls and invites us to give generously, trusting that he can do great things with the gifts we place in his hands.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus 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 God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggles, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, Olivia Norris, 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 Evangelical Alliance

Almighty God, we pray for the work of the Evangelical Alliance which has sought to help churches and evangelical Christians since 1846 to make Jesus known in our churches and communities. We pray that their vision to unite the evangelical church in proclaiming the gospel and speaking into society as a trusted voice may grow throughout the country. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day
Sunday 23 rd March 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage
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
Mon 14 th – Wed 16 th April 7.30pm	Holy Week Reflections
Thursday 17 th April 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 18 th April 10am	Messy Easter (family-friendly Easter crafts, refreshments and worship)
Friday 18 th April 2pm	Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 20 th April 10.30am	Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service
Sunday 20 th April 6pm	Easter Sunday Evening Celebration Service
Sunday 27 th April 10.30am	Annual Meeting (APCM) during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch

NOTICES

St Luke's Gift Day – Sunday 23rd March

Please read our new giving leaflet: [Growing Together: Investing in our vision 2025](#)
The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead.
Please join with us by giving generously in one of the following ways:

- **Set up a monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme.** This takes care of the admin and gift aid, protects your privacy, and gives the option of an annual increase in line with inflation. You can phone the **Parish Giving Scheme** on **0333 002 1271**, or scan the **QR code**, or go to www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for:

Church: **Parkstone St Luke** PGS Parish Code: **340634268**

- If you already give by standing order or envelopes, please consider moving to the **Parish Giving Scheme** if possible.
- If you would like to give a one-off gift, this can be given to:

Account name: **St Luke's Church** Sort code: **40-52-40** Account number: **00008836**

If you have questions or would like more information please speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge.

Jesus said, **'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'** (Matthew 6:21). We have a vital message of hope in Jesus to share with a troubled world. Let's invest in that which will have lasting significance. Thank you!

Preparation of new Electoral Roll

This year we are required to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll. **Every person** who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is on the present Roll or not, is required to apply for enrolment. Forms are available at the back of the Church, or from the Church Office. Completed forms must be received by 30th March 2025.

Welcome Tea – Sunday 23rd March

If you are new to St Luke's, or haven't been to a welcome tea before, we would love to invite you to tea and cake at the Vicarage on Sunday 23rd March, 3.30pm – 5pm. Please speak to Stuart or Rachel – we would love to welcome you!

Cantabile Spring Concert – Sunday 6th April

Join us on Sunday 6th April at 6.30pm at St Luke's. Tickets on the door or from the office £10 (student concession £5).

Annual Meeting (APCM) and PCC vacancies

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 27th April as part of our morning service at 10.30am. There will also be a bring and share lunch in church after the service. Please do join us for both! This year, we will have vacancies for 4 PCC members and 1 Deanery Synod rep. If you are interested in standing for one of these roles please do speak to Stuart or the church wardens. Nomination forms will be available soon.

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!

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 to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

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

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