



SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'The joy of the Lord is your strength.' (Nehemiah 8:10)

Sunday 16th August	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jonah - Preaches and Nineveh repents
	Readings:	Jonah 3:1-10 and Luke 18:9-14
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Ruth Greig

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 17 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 19 th	9.00am	Fabric Team meeting in Church Rooms
	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church (please note there is no light lunch this month)
Thursday 20 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	2.00pm	Seniors Games & Crafts Afternoon in Church (until 4pm)
		No St Luke's Toddlers due to school Summer Holiday
		No Youth Deeper due to school Summer Holiday
Friday 21 st		No Fab Friday due to school Summer Holiday
Saturday 22 nd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

As we continue in the slower rhythm (and hotter weather!) of this summer holiday period, I hope you are finding time for rest and refreshment, and coping with the heat. We recently had a really encouraging time at the New Wine Festival at Shepton Mallet, and this Sunday we'll have some time to hear stories of what God has been doing. If you have been to New Wine, or perhaps another Christian event over the summer, and would like to share a story of what God has done, it would be great to hear from you! Also, a reminder of our Seniors Games & Crafts Afternoon on Thursday 20th August at 2pm, for older people in our church and local community. We look forward to welcoming you! God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Pray for all affected by the hot weather in the UK, Europe, and other parts of the world. Pray for protection for the vulnerable and strength for the emergency services responding to extreme heat and tackling the wildfires.
- Pray for our summer holiday club in August, that all the children who come may experience God's love for them as we explore our theme based on the book of Jonah, through songs, Bible talks, prayers, crafts and games.
- Pray for those working locally in leisure, that they will be blessed and protected as they serve our local community.
- Pray for our Connect Group Leaders as they lead their groups and encourage one another in their walk with God.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Tim Lynes and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to this prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

This week are praying for CMS (Church Mission Society)

Pray for CMS partners working in dangerous places devastated by war where, for security, we do not disclose names. In Lebanon, though Christians are technically a minority (making up roughly 32–35% of the population), Christianity is not a hidden faith. It is an integral part of the nation's history, culture and infrastructure: Lebanon is home to numerous visible churches, schools and universities. Christians' steady, loving witness is manifesting in remarkable ways across a complex and fractured social landscape. Please also pray for our particular CMS partners Ben and Katy Ray in Tanzania, who empower people with disabilities to gain the skills and confidence necessary to earn a living.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club for primary age children in Church
Wednesday 9 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Saturday 12 th September 10am	Cleaning and Gardening Work Party in Church
Saturday 12 th September	Ride & Stride (fundraising for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)
Sunday 13 th September 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church

NOTICES

Prayer Walking – Sunday 30th August (after the morning service)

A message from Andrew Cullis: A while ago, Stuart asked me to think about how we might prayer walk around the parish. If you are interested to know more, please do ask me and I will provide you with a short written article on what this is all about. If you are further interested to 'give it a go' then the aim is to prayer walk after the morning service on Sunday 30th August. There is more information about this on the information sheet.

Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon – Thursday 20th August 2pm – 4pm

Following on from the cream tea we held in June, our next outreach event for older people is our Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon on Thursday 20th August, 2pm – 4pm, in Church. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon to chat over tea, coffee and cake, play board games, do jigsaw puzzles, and get involved in some craft activities. Feel free to invite friends along. If you need a lift to church, please do contact the church office or the Pastoral Team. We look forward to welcoming you!

'Under the Sea' Holiday Club – Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th August

We are excited to be welcoming over 100 children to our holiday club at the end of August:

Please pray for holiday club! Nearer the time we will invite you to sign up for hourly prayer slots, in the same way we did for Spree a few weeks ago. Watch this space.

500ml plastic bottles needed! If you have spare 500ml plastic drinks bottles, please bring them to church in time for holiday club. Thank you.

Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank You!

It was encouraging to hear about the work of Bible Society at our recent Mission Partnerships service. Thank you to all those who have already given gifts to support our various mission partners. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so soon. Leaflets are still available at the back of church with details of how you can give. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday or drop them into the church office (see below for office opening hours.)

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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