



## SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT & SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. (Psalm 91:1-2)

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| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> November | 9.00am           | Breakfast Church in Church                                  |
|                                  | 10.00am          | Prayer Time in Side Chapel                                  |
|                                  | 10.30am          | Holy Communion with children's groups in Church and on Zoom |
| Theme:                           |                  | Growing our welcome – Welcoming the outsider                |
| Readings:                        |                  | Leviticus 19:32-34 and Matthew 25:31-46                     |
| Leader:                          | Stuart Cocksedge | Preacher: Stuart Cocksedge                                  |

Please note: We are having intermittent issues with the church heating at the moment and don't yet know if it will be working on Sunday, so please wrap up warm. Thank you!

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.30am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                           |
|                            | 2.30pm  | Funeral Service for Pat Newth in Church, followed by refreshments       |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11.30am | Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by light lunch                 |
|                            | 6.00pm  | Youth Deeper in Church Rooms                                            |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                           |
|                            | 10.00am | St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)                            |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 3.30pm  | Fab Friday Kids Club in Church (until 4.45pm) (for Reception to Year 6) |
|                            | 6.00pm  | Carol service practice in Church Rooms                                  |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.30am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                           |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 10.00am | Prayer Time in Side Chapel                                              |
|                            | 10.30am | Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom           |
|                            | 6.00pm  | St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm)                                    |

#### Dear St Luke's family,

This Sunday, along with many other churches, we are marking Safeguarding Sunday at both of our services. The Bible reminds us that God is our '**refuge**' and '**place of safety**' (Psalm 91:2 NLT), and as the church we are called to reflect God's character and to create places and cultures in which everyone can be and feel safe. Churches haven't always got this right, and Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to listen, learn and talk about how we can all play our part.

Connected to this, in our sermons for the next couple of weeks we are thinking about how we welcome others in, and do all we can to be a welcoming and safe church for all who come, reflecting the way that God graciously welcomes us.

God bless, Stuart

#### PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday Before Advent: Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for all those in Safeguarding roles in churches and other organisations, including our Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Luke's, Cara Birch, as they work hard to keep us safe and promote good practice in safeguarding.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggie, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

#### This week we are praying for Tearfund

Please pray for the work of Tearfund, seeking to help and support those in poverty around the world through the work of their partners. Pray that Tearfund's Christmas appeal this year will be effective in helping people like Valerie, a widow in the Central African Republic, with basic needs including food, housing, access to education, and Bible-based training delivered by local churches, to help lift Valerie, her children, and so many others, out of poverty. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 6pm        | <b>St Luke's Prayer Evening</b> in Church (until 8pm)                   |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm    | <b>Families First Christmas Party</b> at Church Hall (until 6pm)        |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am     | <b>All Age Christingle Service</b> in Church                            |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm      | <b>A Taste of Christmas</b> in Church                                   |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm     | <b>Cantabile Christmas Concert</b> in Church                            |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm & 6pm  | <b>Carol Singing</b> at Penn Hill                                       |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm     | <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> in Church                                  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 3pm     | <b>Christmas Eve Nativity Service</b> in Church                         |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 11.15pm | <b>Midnight Holy Communion</b> in Church                                |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 10am     | <b>Christmas Day All Age Communion</b> in Church (please note new time) |

## NOTICES

### Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

We'd love to keep you updated so that you can be praying regularly for our kids, youth and families activities. Please email Anna at [kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk](mailto:kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk) if you would like to receive weekly email updates. Thank you!

### Thank you!

Ian and Carole would like to thank everyone who attended their Marriage Blessing last Sunday afternoon. It was a wonderful service, and the love and support of the church family made it a day they will both never forget.

### New St Luke's Parkstone logo

You may notice that we are starting to use a new St Luke's Parkstone logo. We hope you like it!

### Christmas is coming!

Details of our Christmas services are shown above, and our Christmas leaflets will soon be ready to be delivered around the parish. We would love you to help with this, and please do be praying about who you could invite to our services and events this Advent and Christmas. You can also share this link with friends and family:

[Events - St Luke's Parkstone - A Church Near You](#)

### Funeral of Pat Newth – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

The funeral service for Pat Newth will take place at St Luke's at 2.30pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November (following the burial at Harbour View earlier that day). All are welcome to the service and refreshments afterwards.

### Men's Walk – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

The next St Luke's men's walk will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November from Bournemouth to Coy Ponds and return, or on to Alder Road. Meet at Bournemouth Square (bottom of Bourne Avenue) at 10.30am.

### PACE Carol Service – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

PACE invite you to join them for their carol service on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – 9pm at St Paul's Throop. A great opportunity to hear stories of impact, and some of what the PACE team have been doing in our local schools.

### Choir rehearsals for Carols by Candlelight

If you would like to join our carol service choir, please come along to rehearsals starting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. The service is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal in the afternoon.

### Cantabile Christmas Concert – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm

All are welcome to this year's Christmas concert. Tickets available on the door (adults £10, student concessions).

### Gifts and support for those in need this Christmas

**This year, we will be supporting the following good causes, through a mixture of gifts and financial donations:**

**- SMILE Christmas Toy Appeal:** We are partnering with SMILE, a local community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to local families, and as a church we'd like to provide some gifts. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December please bring a new toy or monetary gift to church. Thank you.

**- Tearfund:** We will be supporting our mission partner Tearfund this Christmas as they share God's love in practical ways around the world where the need is greatest. Tearfund will double your donation to their Christmas appeal. Click here for details: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christmas-appeal>

**- Poole Foodbank:** During December we will once again be inviting you to donate non-perishable foods items to help local people in need. Please see the Foodbank box at the back of church, for details of what to give.

**- Winter Clothing Project:** Liz Howes is once again running the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone, with Parkstone United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be much appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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