

SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024

LENT 5

**“See, the former things have taken place and new things I declare;
before they spring into being I announce them to you.” (Isaiah 42:9)**

- 9.00am **Messy Church**
 10.00am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
 10.30am **Holy Communion** with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom.
 Theme: Encounters with Jesus in Mark’s Gospel: Blind Bartimaeus
 Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Mark 10:46-52
 Leader: Stuart Cocksedge Talk: Justin Coldstream

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 18 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 20 th	11.30am	Holy Communion followed by soup lunch
Thursday 21 st	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke’s Toddlers in Church
	8.00pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage
Friday 22 nd	8.00am	PACE Meeting in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Youth Club in the Church Hall
Saturday 23 rd	12.00pm	Funeral Service for Andy Hogg
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke’s family,

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, please do put the dates of our Easter services in your diaries, and think about who you could invite to join us this Easter:

Holy Week Reflections - Mon 25th, Tues 26th & Wed 27th March - 7pm in the Chancel (*please note: no service on the Wednesday morning*)

Maunder Thursday Holy Communion - Thursday 28th March - 7pm in the Chancel

Messy Easter - Good Friday 29th March - 10am in Church (*a family event with crafts, games, refreshments, songs and a short talk*)

Last Hour at the Cross - Good Friday 29th March - 2pm in Church (*a quiet, reflective service*)

All Age Easter Communion - Easter Sunday 31st March - 10.30am in Church

Another important date for your diaries is **Sunday 21st April**, when we will hold our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) as part of our morning service at 10.30am. This is an important occasion to give thanks as we look back at 2023, and to look ahead to what God may do in and through us in the future at St Luke's. Straight after the APCM, there will be the opportunity to enjoy time together as a church family with a **bring and share lunch** in church. Please do join us!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the fifth Sunday of Lent: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour’s blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for our forthcoming Easter services, that all who come will hear and be touch by the good news of Jesus's death and resurrection.
- Pray for Gillian, Brian and the wider family as they prepare for Andy Hogg's funeral service.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst, Virginia and Claire Storey's sister Gina.
- Pray for Anna as she recovers at home from her recent operation.

This week we are praying for Routes to Roots

"Whoever oppresses a poor man, insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy, honours Him." Proverbs 14:31. Father God, please would you give strength, wisdom and compassion to those who lead and serve at Routes to Roots. Soften our hearts to be generous to the poor and vulnerable in Poole, who have lost everything. Bring them to a true and living faith in Jesus. May they know His love, through all who support them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

NOTICES

Giving Weekend – March 2024

'Thank you to all who have responded to our Gift Days recently. We have received pledges of an extra £700+ per month on standing orders, and one-off gifts or pledges of over £9,000. This will help greatly with meeting our expected costs and mission this year. More responses to Gift Weekend are welcome at any time.

With thanks - Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer'

Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

A soup lunch will be served, after the 11.30am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 20th March.

Andy Hogg's funeral service

A service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the life of Andy Hogg will be held at St Luke's on Saturday 23rd March at 12 noon. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Easter Eggs

Families First are collecting money to buy Real Easter eggs, which tell the Christian story of Easter. These eggs will be given to all the children living at the Refuge in Poole. If you would like to donate £5 for an egg, please give it to Liz Howes or Anne Roberts.

Electoral Roll

If you are not on our St Luke's Electoral Roll and wish to be, please pick up a form from the back of church. The final date for forms is 1st April 2024. Speak to Roger Jones, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions.

Easter Services

Who could you invite to our Easter services? Let them know about our services by sending them this link to our "A Church Near You" site: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9407/service-and-events/easter/>

Good Friday - Open Air Service

To be held in Poole Town Square led by Rev Lucy Holt, St James' Church, Poole on 29th March at 10am. Music from the Poole Salvation Army Band. Refreshments after the service with Poole Methodists at The Spire. All welcome!

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

Our bank details are: 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 18th Mar - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wed 10.30am – 4.30pm and Thu 12.30pm - 4.30pm

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