



**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.' (Ezekiel 36:26)**

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast Church</b> in Church
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Come Holy Spirit: The person of the Spirit
	Readings:	Ezekiel 36:26-27 & John 14:15-18, 25-26
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
Preacher:	John Pattison	

**SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by light lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm) (No Fab Friday due to half term break)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

**Dear St Luke's family,**

We are in the time between **Ascension** and **Pentecost**, when are encouraged to follow the example of the disciples in the book of Acts, to devote ourselves to **praying**, and **waiting** for the promised gift of the **Holy Spirit**, poured out at Pentecost. Do join us at our regular prayer meetings, and seek out time to pray **'Your Kingdom Come'** day by day.

At our **monthly prayer meeting** last Sunday evening, we prayed for our community, our mission partners, our children and young people, our church and our Beacon Project. We also spent time waiting and listening for what God may be saying to us. We were encouraged by a number of words and scriptures that were shared, including:

- 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10).
- Jesus the light of the world shines on us, and calls us to shine as beacons for him.
- There is an infinite well of God's grace available to us all.
- God wants to bless us, give us his peace and make his face shine upon us (Numbers 6:24-26).
- 'Comfort, comfort my people, says your God, speak tenderly to Jerusalem' (Isaiah 40:1-2).
- 'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God' (Isaiah 41:10).

Please do take time to **pray** and **reflect** on these words and verses of scripture, to be **encouraged**, and to **share** what God may be saying to you. I'd love to hear from you!

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Prayer for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in the Middle East, for protection and relief for all affected by conflict, and for all affected by global economic impacts of the war.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
- Pray for our Beacon Project as we raise funds, apply for grants, and seek approvals for the project to progress.
- Pray for the St Luke's Church Hall Team who ensure our hall is well maintained and well used by the community.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Julie Murphy, Marianne Mutlow, 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 we are praying for CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

- Give thanks that 14 clergy have been licenced to vacant CPAS parishes since January, but 80 CPAS parishes are still without a vicar, please pray for appointments to be made soon.
- Pray for the 1,600 young leaders who are being appointed for the CPAS summer camps this year.
- Pray for the appointment of a Generation Z specialist at CPAS, and for the many young people coming into CPAS churches seeking to know more, that they would encounter Jesus and come to know him.



We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you could give now and/or pledge to give later, to help us to ensure that St Luke's Church is a bright, warm, welcoming place where the love of God is made known, now and into the future.  
<https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/888/St-Lukes-Beacon-Project>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm	<b>Watoto Children's Choir Concert</b> in Church (see below)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm	<b>Cream teas</b> served by Guides and Rangers at the Church Hall (until 5.30pm)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm	<b>Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors</b> at the Vicarage (until 4pm)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm	<b>Prayer &amp; Worship Gathering</b> in Church
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Spree South West 2026</b> Youth Weekend at Westpoint, Exeter
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am	<b>Mission Partnerships Sunday</b> in Church
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	<b>New Wine Festival</b> at Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>'Under the Sea' Holiday Club</b> for primary age children in Church

### NOTICES

#### **Watoto Children's Choir Concert – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm**

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A great opportunity to invite friends to. **The concert is free to attend, but to help us keep track of numbers, please book tickets using the link below, or via the church office.** Click here to book your tickets:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator)

#### **Watoto Children's Choir Concert – host families needed**

We are still looking for a couple more host families to provide accommodation for Watoto choir members for two nights (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June). If you may be able to help, please let the church office know. Thank you!

#### **Men's Walk – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

The next men's walk is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We are taking the X8 bus from Poole bus station to Spetisbury at 10.49am. This is a fast bus, taking 27 minutes. Walk the Stour Valley Way eastwards to Sturminster Marshall, about 4 miles, refreshments available there. 20 minutes back on the X8. Please speak to Steve Blight if interested.

#### **Guides & Rangers Cream Teas – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm – 5.30pm**

Please join the Guides and Rangers for a delicious cream tea at the Church Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 2.30pm – 5.30pm. All welcome. Proceeds to support the residential opportunities offered to the Guides and Rangers.

#### **Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 4pm**

An afternoon at the Vicarage for older members of our church community to enjoy good company and good food in the form of a strawberry cream tea! If you would like to come, please let the church office know. We look forward to welcoming you.

#### **Mission partner update – The Pain family in Japan**

The Pains have been working with OMF in Japan for nearly twenty years. We encourage you to sign up for their newsletter by sending an email to Kesia on [kesia.pain@omfmail.com](mailto:kesia.pain@omfmail.com) letting her know that you are from St Luke's.

#### **New Wine Festival 2026**

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Follow this link for more info or to buy tickets: [www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now](http://www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now)

#### **Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone**

To set up regular giving, please go [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details CAF Bank Limited Name St Lukes Church Account No 00008836 Sort Code 40-52-40

Office opening hours week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026: **Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed 9.30am-3pm, Fri 9.30am-3pm**

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