

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT & SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Sunday 17th November	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: Philippians
		Readings: Philippians 4:2-9 & Matthew 6:25-34
	Leader: Stuart Cocksedge	
	Preacher: Andrew Cullis	
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 18 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Funeral of David Burgess
Wednesday 20 th	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms followed by light lunch
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 21 st	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 22 nd	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
Saturday 23 rd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

Dear St Luke's family,

In our reading this Sunday, the apostle Paul encourages us not to be anxious, but in every situation to "present our requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). It has been a very difficult week for the Church of England and many people may be feeling anxious, concerned and saddened. It is really important that we pray - for victims of abuse and for the wider church and its leaders. This is also Safeguarding Sunday, when we are reminded that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Just as we want everyone to know a sense of God's peace, we also want to do all we can to ensure everyone is safe and supported in church. Please see over the page for more details related to Safeguarding Sunday.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special 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.

Please:

- Pray for all who have been affected by abuse – including in churches, homes and workplaces.
- Pray for Claire Storey and all the family following the death of Gina recently.
- Pray for the Poole Wau Partnership, for God to bless, strengthen and encourage the churches in South Sudan.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Marian Laird, Wendy Lockwood, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix and Lorna Warburton.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 st December 10.30am	Christingle All Age Service
Friday 6 th December 6pm	Carols Round The Firepit – at St Edward’s School
Saturday 14 th December 2pm – 5pm	A Taste of Christmas – a fun family-friendly Christmas event
Sunday 15 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert – tickets £10 (concessions £5)
Saturday 21 st December 4pm	Campfire Carols
Sunday 22 nd December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 th December 3pm	Nativity Service
Tuesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 th December 10.30am	Christmas Day All Age Service

NOTICES

Safeguarding Sunday – Further Information

Healthy Safeguarding Cultures Survey: Salisbury Diocese is keen to receive feedback on safeguarding practices. They are asking parishes to take part in an anonymous survey, taking approx 5-10 minutes to complete. The purpose is to understand culture and identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. The survey can be completed by anyone and is open until 30th November 2024. Click here to complete it: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3LUS6R/>

Safe Spaces: If you have felt affected by the issues raised by the Makin Report on church abuse, you can speak to Safe Spaces, a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone impacted by church related abuse (safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk, 0300 303 1056). The Salisbury Diocese Safeguarding Team can be contacted via safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org.

Funeral service

The funeral of Claire Storey’s sister Gina will take place at Buckland Road Baptist Church on Thursday 28th November at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

Gift for John Parrett

After many years of involvement in leading youth work at St Luke’s on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings, John Parrett has stepped down recently. We are very grateful to John for all he has done. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for John, please give donations to Helen in the church office by the end of November. Thank you.

Daily Devotional Emails

We are offering a daily devotional based on our Sunday sermons to help us deepen our relationship with God and support our prayer lives. If you would like to receive these emails please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Youth Deeper – Sunday Evenings at 6pm

We have started a new discipleship group for secondary school age young people. Please speak to Anna for details.

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year we will be supporting the Foodbank again with donations of Christmas foods and treats. To donate to this very important cause, please bring items to Church from Sunday 17th November until Sunday 15th December to enable donations to be distributed to needy people and families. Any queries contact Linda or Roger Jones.

Christmas Toy appeal

We are partnering with SMILE, a community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to families they support, and as a church we’d like to help provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we’d like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift.

Winter Clothing Project

As the colder weather commences, we are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by the United Reformed Church. Donations of men’s clothing, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be very appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Choir for Carols by Candlelight

Rehearsals start on Friday 22nd November, 6.30pm until 7.15pm in the Church Rooms. Come along if you would like to be in the choir. The Carols by Candlelight service takes place on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Children's rehearsals are on **Sundays** in the **Church Rooms** following the **Sunday morning service**. The show will be performed **7th – 9th March 2025**. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke’s Parkstone



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or please send a cheque to St Luke’s Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF
Week commencing 18th November
Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am-4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.
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