



SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Sunday 18th January	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:		Our vision of God - The Son who saves
Readings:		Romans 3:21-31 and John 3:1-21
Leaders:		Anna Counsell & Stuart Cocksedge
Sermon:		Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 19 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 21 st	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by light lunch
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 22 nd	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 23 rd	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm)
Saturday 24 th		(No 9.30am Prayer Meeting this Saturday)
	10.00am	Prayer Ministry Training with John & Anne Coles at All Saints' Church Hall (until 12.30pm)
	1.30pm	PCC Afternoon with John & Anne Coles at All Saints' Church Hall (until 3.30pm)
Sunday 25 th	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,

As a church we are taking time in 2026 to focus on our vision – to prayerfully reflect on where we are in our faith, as a church, and within the community in which God has put us. This is an opportunity to involve the whole church family in taking time to listen to God, to be guided by the Spirit, and to discern what he may be calling us to do. We are doing this in our Connect Groups, and our young people are also engaged in the process. If you aren't in a group I'd encourage you to join one, or speak to me about how you can be involved in the process.

In Sunday sermons we are also taking time to focus on our vision of God, so that as a church we may be shaped by God, with Jesus at the centre, guided by the Spirit. Last Sunday we looked at God our Creator, and this Sunday our theme is Jesus our Saviour. May we fix our eyes on Jesus, who died to save us, rose again, and now reigns over all.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Epiphany: Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray especially for an end to the conflict in Sudan, which has been raging for over 1,000 days. Pray for protection of the innocent and vulnerable, and for a way to be found to end the fighting.
- Pray for the St Luke's Kids and Youth Team who use their time, energy and gifts to share Jesus with our children and young people, and to help them grow as disciples of Christ.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Louise, Cecile & Tim Lynes and wider family (following the death of Cecile's mother), Matthew, Julie Murphy, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for Open Doors supporting the persecuted church

- This past year 4,849 Christians across the globe were murdered. Please pray for those who struggle daily with discrimination, violence, imprisonment and bereavement because they choose to follow the Lord Jesus.
- Praise God that a record number of 110 MPs attended the annual launch of this year's World Watch List. Pray that they will be moved to use their influence to bring justice and change.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 th January 7pm	Churches Together in Poole Unity Event at St Edward's School
Saturday 24 th & Sunday 25 th January	Visit of John & Anne Coles (former leaders of New Wine)
Wednesday 28 th January 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall
Saturday 31 st January 6.30pm	Barn Dance at the Church Hall
Sunday 8 th February 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Gathering in Church
Wednesday 18 th February 11.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion Service in Church Rooms
Sunday 8 th March 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Gathering in Church
Sunday 15 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service in Church
Wednesday 25 th March 7.30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Hall

NOTICES

Church Office Staff & Volunteers

We wanted to let you know about some changes in the church office. Helen will continue to work Wednesdays and Fridays, with two new volunteers (Susan Merner and Kate Wyatt) covering Mondays. The usual pattern will now be:

Mondays 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesdays 9.30am – 3pm

Fridays 9.30am – 3pm

Please continue to contact the office on office@stlukesparkstone.org.uk or 01202 790987.

Churches Together in Poole Unity Event – Tuesday 20th January 7pm

As in previous years, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together in Poole are organising an evening at St Edward's School on Tuesday 20th January. There will be worship, prayer, and we'll hear from several speakers on the theme of the current sense of breakdown in society, matched at the same time, with clear signs of growth in community spirit. Tea and coffee served from 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. All are welcome!

John & Anne Coles at St Luke's – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th January

We are excited to be welcoming John and Anne Coles, former national leaders of New Wine, to St Luke's in January. On Saturday 24th January they will be leading training for our prayer ministry team at 10am, and a session with the PCC at 1.30pm. Then on Sunday 25th January they will preach at our 10.30am service. Do put the dates in your diary!

Barn Dance – Saturday 31st January 6.30pm

Do come along to a Barn Dance on Saturday 31st January at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. There will be music, dancing and baked potatoes and fillings. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available from the church office: adults £10, children £4. All are welcome!

Sunday Evening Prayer Gatherings – next one Sunday 8th February 6pm – 7.30pm

We have now held several Sunday evening prayer gatherings since last summer, most recently last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who came. We feel it is right for these to now become a regular monthly occasion for the church to gather to seek God in worship and prayer, on the second Sunday of the month. The next couple of dates are above.

Good News – Church heating replacement and reducing our carbon footprint

The PCC have agreed to progress the replacement of the church heating system alongside upgrading the church lighting, in order to reduce our impact on the environment. We'll be applying for funds from grant-making trusts, and you can also contribute to this project by making a donation using the bank details below using 'Heating' as the payment reference, or using the card machine in church. Thank you! More details to follow.

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

Please email Anna at kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk to receive regular email updates to inform your prayers.

New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28th July until Sunday 2nd August. Follow this link for more info or to buy your tickets: 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 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 19th January 2026: Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm

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