

## SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024

### LENT 1

**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)**

- 10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel  
 10.30 am **Holy Communion** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom.  
 Theme: Stewardship: God's Grace and Generosity  
 Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 & Matthew 6:25-34  
 Leader & Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.30 am	Holy Communion Service in Church Rooms followed by soup lunch
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	8.00 pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.30 pm	Fab Friday (until 4.45 pm)
	7.30 pm	Youth Club at the Church Hall
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Luke's Safeguarding Training in Church Rooms
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30 am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

#### Dear St Luke's family,

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in our church **questionnaire**. If you haven't yet done so, there will be copies available at church this Sunday, or click on the link in the weekly email from the church office to download and print the questionnaire at home. Please return completed questionnaires to the church office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

During Lent we are thinking about our stewardship of all that God gives us, beginning this Sunday with a focus on God's generosity to us. These sermons on stewardship will lead up to our **gift days** taking place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. As a church, we do face a financial challenge this year, but we are so thankful for God's blessings and faithfulness to us in the past, and we are praying for God's provision this year, reminded in our gospel reading this Sunday to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). Once again, as we journey through **Lent**, I'd like to encourage you to join us if you can at some of our regular **prayer** times (9.30 am on Mondays, 9.15 am on Thursdays, 9.30 am on alternate Saturdays) as we pray for our world and our church. And if you have a story to share about how God has been at work in answer to prayer, please do let me know. God bless, Stuart

#### PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel, praying for strength and safety, for Kevin's health, and for the restarting of their ministry in Jaffa and discerning God's priorities there.
- Pray for Liz Cotterell whose mother has recently died, and Justin Coldstream whose father has recently died.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst who is in hospital with a broken ankle, Virginia, Andy Hogg and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

## **This week we are praying for Kevin and Jen Cable (CMS Israel)**

"He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings, you will find refuge..." Psalm 91:4

Praise God for His protection and provision through the turmoil and danger of these past four months. Give thanks for Kevin and Jen's safe return from Jerusalem to Jaffa. Please pray that they will be guided by the Lord, as they reunite with their congregation, Little Lambs is re-opened and relationships are developed in their community. May they hear the Lord's voice for the next steps. Pray too that the process of renewing visas will go smoothly. Thank you. Amen.

## **NOTICES**

### **Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch**

On the third Wednesday of each month, we are holding an 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms, followed by a soup lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Charity Bingo at Abbeyfield**

Come and join the residents of Pennant House on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for bingo, cream tea and a raffle in aid of Forest Holme Hospice. Bingo £2 a card (large print available) please arrive about 2pm for "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Cream tea £3, raffle tickets £1 per strip.

### **Fab Friday**

Join us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 3.30 pm – 4.45 pm for an afternoon of Lego, games, craft and refreshments. For primary school aged children. Please contact Anna for further details.

### **PramaLIFE**

Bournemouth Male Voice Choir will be performing at The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm - doors open 6.30 pm. This is a free event, to book your space(s), please contact the Prama Events Team on 01202 207326 or email [rsvp@prama.uk](mailto:rsvp@prama.uk). A fantastic evening of choral music, a retiring collection and a raffle. Light refreshments will be available on the night.

### **Safeguarding training**

A Safeguarding training session will take place in the Church Rooms, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm – coffee from 9.30 am. Please contact Helen in the Church Office, if you would like to attend.

### **Update from CMS on the Cables**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Philip Bingham (Mission Personnel Manager at CMS) will be with us at St Luke's to give an update on CMS and Kevin and Jen Cables' work in Israel.

### **Mothering Sunday**

This year why not support the MU 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal' by giving your mother a gift that supports other mothers. These gifts can also be dedicated in memory of a loved one. The gifts start from just £11 and details are on the Families First noticeboard or speak to Anne Roberts.

### **Renew, Reuse, Recycle**

An Eco Fair will take place at St George's Church, Darby's Lane, Poole BH15 3EU on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Guest stalls include: A Rocha UK, FairTrade, Lush, Poole Mens Sheds and many more. Also: seed, plant and tool swap table, Our PlanetZero Van – with nuts, seeds, pulses and cereals (bring your own tubs) and buy a home-made shopping bag. Refreshments available. Contact 01202 660612 for more information. All welcome!

### **An Evening of Worship!**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm there will be an evening event taking place at the Lansdowne Church, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth BH1 1SB. Enjoy your favourite songs and hear stories from Philippa and Lou about their dedication to seeing children released from poverty in Jesus' name. All welcome – please copy and paste the link below to your usual browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-worship-with-philippa-hanna-and-lou-fellingham-tickets-778181571027?aff=oddtcreator>

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### **Church Finances and Giving**

Thank you for your commitment to maintain and grow our church life. **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 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Wed 10.30 am – 4.30 pm and Fri 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
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