



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him,
though he is not far from any one of us. (Acts 17:27)**

Sunday 18th May	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Farewell to the Washbrooks
	Readings:	Acts 17:16-34 & Luke 10:21-24
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Daniel Washbrook

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 19 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 21 st	11.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by lunch
Thursday 22 nd	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 23 rd	(No Fab Friday or Youth Club this week due to half term holiday)	
Saturday 24 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 25 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 prepare to leave St Luke's, we do so with deep gratitude for all the warmth, kindness and Christ-like hospitality you have shown us. Over this past year your welcome has been a gift, and through your fellowship we've seen God at work in beautiful and unexpected ways. Acts 17:27 reminds us that God is never far from any one of us, and that truth has come alive for us here. As we move into a new chapter, we carry your witness with us and pray that you continue to seek Him, reach out, and find Him at work in this place, in one another, and beyond the walls of the church, building His kingdom throughout the places to which he has called you.

May God continue to bless each of your ministries,

Dan, Becky, Alice and Percy

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, the Sudans, India and Pakistan.
- Pray for the Washbrook family as they prepare to move to Kinson, and for Dan as he prepares for his new role as Rector of St Andrew's Kinson.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Anne (Marianne Mutlow's sister), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Lisa Taylor, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Joyce Ward and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for PACE

Give thanks that, with Easter being so late, there were opportunities to share the Easter message as schools returned. Also, that at least 9 BCP schools have requested PACE to run 'Moving Up' workshops for pupils changing classes and schools. Please continue to pray for the variety of weekly lunch clubs, assemblies, lessons and Bible stories the PACE team take into our infant, junior, primary and secondary schools, giving opportunities for children and young people to ask those Big Questions and learn more about the Christian faith.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 th June 10.30am	Pentecost Sunday Service
Thursday 12 th – Saturday 14 th June	Churches Together Outreach BBQs in Falkland Square, Poole
Wednesday 25 th June 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Friday 27 th – Sunday 29 th June	Spree South West Youth Weekend in Devon
Sunday 6 th July	St Luke's Summer BBQ after the morning service
Sunday 13 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Service
Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th August	Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Saying goodbye to the Washbrooks – this Sunday

This Sunday is Dan, Becky, Alice and Percy Washbrook's last Sunday with us at St Luke's before they move to Kinson where Dan will be Rector of St Andrew's Church. This is an exciting move for them, but we will be very sad to say goodbye! Please stay for tea and cake after the service as we say farewell. Dan's licencing service at St Andrew's Kinson will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend, and please keep the Washbrooks in your prayers as they move and prepare for this next stage of life and ministry.

St Luke's Men's Walking Group

The next walk is on Tuesday 20th May from Corfe Castle via the 10.35am bus from Poole bus station. Approximately 2 hours walk and coffee/lunch stop at East Creech. Please speak to Steve Blight or Richard Browning if interested, and to join our WhatsApp group.

Connect Group Bible Study Guides

If you don't yet have a copy of the Ruth Bible study guide, which is this term's theme in Connect Groups, copies are available in the office or on Sunday. A reminder that we are asking for a contribution of £4 per copy please.

Work Morning at Church

We would appreciate help in tidying the gardens, hedges and cleaning the inside of the Church on Saturday June 7th at 10am. We would also like some help to provide coffee, tea, biscuits etc. Please speak to Alan Cotterell or call him on 01202 745003 with any queries. Thank you!

Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

Thank you very much to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. The total given so far is around £15,000 (one-off gifts). The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead. We encourage you to give by monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Contact PGS on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. Speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge for more details.



Churches Together – Outreach BBQs

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with these BBQs to be held in Falkland Square in Poole town centre on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June. The organisers would like to find more volunteers, especially singers and musicians. Please email paulhockley76@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Mission Partnerships Service – Sunday 13th July

Our annual Mission Partnerships Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13th July. Our guest speaker will be Mark Rathbone, who was part of the team from Poole who travelled to Wau, South Sudan recently. There will also be opportunities to hear brief updates from other mission partners, and to give financially to support their work.

New Wine Festival

New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30th July – 4th August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. Please speak to them if you would like to find out more, to book for New Wine, or to visit for a day. For more info see: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

Please note new date! This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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

Or please send a cheque payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours: week commencing 19th May 2025 – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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