

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people... They all ate and were satisfied. (Mark 6:41-42)

Sunday 19th January	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church Hall
	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Church Hall
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church Hall and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus feeds the five thousand – introduction to sermon series
	Readings:	Exodus 16:11-18 & Mark 6:30-44
	Leader:	Dan Washbrook
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at The Vicarage

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 20 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 21 st	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course in Church Rooms
Wednesday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
	2.00pm	Fabric Committee Meeting in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing On The Frontline Course begins in Church Rooms
Thursday 23 rd	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church Rooms (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Belonging Course in Church Rooms
	8.00pm	Spring Courses: Parenting for Faith on Zoom
Friday 24 th	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 25 th	10.00am	Safeguarding Training in Church Rooms – coffee from 9.30am
Sunday 26 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Church Hall
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church Hall and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

Dear St Luke's family,

Today's Bible passage from Mark's gospel may be very well known, but if we look beyond the familiar Sunday school images of loaves and fishes, we see a picture of Jesus at the centre – gathering the disciples around him, responding to the crowd with compassion, and including his followers in the work of meeting the needs of all the people. We are called to have Jesus at the centre of our lives, to gather around him, and to join with him in ministry and mission to our needy world. Join with us as we explore these themes in our sermon series beginning this Sunday, seeking to have Jesus at the centre in all we do.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special 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.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Virginia Stacey and Marian Laird who have both died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Barbara Suffling, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

This week we are praying for Open Doors: *If you escaped the darkest country on earth, what would make you go back?*
As Open Doors launches its new World Watch List of the 50 most persecuted countries, North Korea continues to be the most dangerous country for Christians. Having escaped from oppression and starvation, Joo Min* chose to return to North Korea, risking everything, to share her faith with others in this dark place. Please pray for supernatural protection, provision and blessing for Joo Min and other secret believers in North Korea. For more information about our persecuted brothers and sisters, take a booklet or leaflet from the Open Doors display board in church or visit opendoorsuk.org/www to see the updated World Watch List. Your prayers and support are really needed! **For safety reasons, this name has been changed.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21 st January 7.00pm	Churches Together in Poole Christian Unity Event at St Edward's School
Saturday 25 th January 10.00am	Safeguarding Training Course in Church Rooms
Saturday 1 st February 10.00am	St Luke's Community Fun Day (until 2pm)
Sunday 2 nd March 4.00pm	Safeguarding Reflective Space in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day

NOTICES

An update on church heating

The church heating system remains out of action, so we are holding our services at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road this Sunday. This includes Breakfast Church at 9am and Holy Communion at 10.30am. Our heating engineer will be back on Wednesday to work on the system, so we will keep you posted regarding plans for the following Sunday. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the Church Hall, and use other nearby roads as necessary. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Plans for 2025

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

This is our Bible verse for 2025. This Sunday we are beginning a sermon series based on the account of Jesus feeding the five thousand in Mark's gospel, drawing out what this has to teach us about being church and growing as disciples.

Spring Term course at St Luke's

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to join one of our courses. We are running six different small group courses in place of our usual Connect Groups during the Spring Term, all designed to help us deepen and grow in our faith in God. All are welcome to join a course. **Find out more and sign up for a course by contacting the office or following this link: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/788/Spring-Short-Courses>**

Safeguarding Training Course: Saturday 25th January

Julie Murphy, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, will be running another safeguarding training course on Saturday 25th January 2025 in the Church Rooms. Coffee from 9.30am for a 10am start. We'd like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. Please contact Helen in the office to book your place.

St Luke's Community Fun Day: Saturday 1st February

After the success of our fun day last year, we are excited to have another one this year, on Saturday 1st February, 10am-2pm. Please join us, and if you would like to help, please let Anna, Dan or Stuart know.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Virginia Stacey

This will take place at St Luke's on Saturday 8th February at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments in church. All welcome.

Safeguarding Reflective Space: Sunday 2nd March

As mentioned on Safeguarding Sunday, we are offering a time for anyone who would like to reflect on or talk about recent safeguarding issues in the wider Church of England, on Sunday 2nd March, 4pm-5pm in the Church Rooms.

New Church Bibles

We will soon be putting our new church Bibles into use. The old Bibles will be given away to Book Aid (via Keith Jones Christian Bookshop). A reminder that if anyone would like to keep one for themselves, please contact the office ASAP.

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates: 7th – 9th March 2025

For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: 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, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 20th January 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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