



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

**PENTECOST**

**When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (Acts 2:1)**

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in the Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes
		Reading: Acts 2:1-21
		Leader & Sermon: Stuart Cocksedge
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Pentecost Youth Prayer Gathering</b> in Church Rooms
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Pentecost Worship and Prayer</b> in Church and on Zoom (all welcome)

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	2.00pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Midweek Worship on Zoom
	7.00pm	Prayer Ministry Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9.00pm) – Year 7 and up
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	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,**

This Sunday we celebrate **Pentecost**, the birthday of the church, when God poured out the gift of his **Holy Spirit** on the believers, Peter preached to the crowd, about 3,000 were added to their number, and the church was born. Today, God continues to give the gift of his Spirit to the church, and we can ask for more of the Spirit's empowering and equipping in our lives. So let's be committed to praying and seeking God at all our services this Pentecost (see above). And please do continue to use the excellent Thy Kingdom Come **prayer stations** in church.

On Sunday 2nd June, **Revd Dan Washbrook** will be joining us to begin his curacy placement at St Luke's. Turn over to read the message Dan has written to us, and please pray for him and his family as he prepares to come to St Luke's.

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Special Prayer for Pentecost: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for Geoff and Will Sherwood on their cycle ride across Europe in support of Christian Aid.
- Pray for the Spree South West youth weekend on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, that all who go (including our group from St Luke's) will encounter God, grow in their faith, and have loads of fun!
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Ben Cullis, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, Lorna Warburton and Sid Wells.

**This week we are praying for Mothers' Union**

God of wisdom and care, we pray for you for the Mothers' Union RISE UP campaign against domestic abuse and all whom you call to share in the work of transforming the world so that all people may live, work and learn together with respect and dignity. Holy Spirit, call all women and men to be partners for change, working together with mutual trust and respect so that all can live safely and be free of fear. Amen

## NOTICES

### A message from Dan Washbrook

Hi! My name's Dan, and I can't wait to join St Luke's for an extended curacy placement for the next year. My wife Becky and I have two children, Alice (14) and Percy (12) who are both currently at St Ed's. I love getting out doors, and now the wettest winter ever feels like it's finally over, we're looking forward to a few camping trips over the summer. My big hobby is running, and we all love a video game or two - although I have to be careful as Percy and I can both get a little competitive! As we've lived away from my serving parish for the last two years Alice and Percy have been worshipping at St John's Heatherlands, and so while they will be around at St Luke's as much as they're able, they'll continue to worship with St John's primarily as we try to avoid having to make them move church too often. Our fave verse recently has been 1 Samuel 3:10-11. There's something about the lovely way Samuel suddenly recognises God's action, and the NIV translation has great wording for verse 11: "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle." We're so excited to hear and discover what God is up to at St Luke's that is making our ears tingle!

### Thy Kingdom Come youth prayer event

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm - our young people are invited to join with youth groups across the country in a live online prayer event. Join Anna in the Church Rooms for snacks, games, and livestreamed prayer with the Archbishop of Canterbury!

### Pentecost Worship & Prayer

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm - all are welcome to Pentecost Worship and Prayer in Church, with sung worship led by the young people. Very excited about this following the music practice they had this week!

### Calling all those on the Welcomers, Sidespeople and Tea & Coffee rotas!

We are having an evening for everyone who serves on these rotas, and anyone else interested in joining them, on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in Church**. We'd like to gather you all together to talk through how best we can welcome people and run things smoothly on Sunday mornings. Please put the date in your diary - thank you.

### Update from Geoff and Will Sherwood - please keep them in your prayers

From Paphos we crossed the Mountains into Turkish North Cyprus. The ferry to Turkey was very smooth. That night we asked a local couple where there might be a place to camp, and got invited in for dinner, bed and breakfast! The following day, after ascending to 1870m, a string of punctures for Will saw us diverting to Karaman. That added 25km to the following day's long ride, to visit Derbe before continuing (in heavy rain) to Konya (Iconium). The next day we headed to Lystra. It was very cold, raining and getting dark. I got the attention of an old couple in a garden. I managed to explain we wanted a safe place to camp. Once again we were taken in for dinner, bed and breakfast, although they took the precaution of calling the police to check our passports! From there, two days to Antioch of Psidia, where we met Liz and her sister, who made Will very happy by bringing bullet-proof tyres to replace the ones he had had NINE punctures with since we started. Then another two days down to Perge, and on to Antalya. Our visit to Rhodes is in danger due to cancelled ferries. We are weighing up options.

### Cream Tea

The 9<sup>th</sup> Parkstone Guides and Parkstone Rangers will be holding a delicious cream tea event at St Luke's Church Hall, Birchwood Road on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm – 5pm. Proceeds will support residential opportunities for the Guides and Rangers. All welcome!

### Confirmations

We hope to have a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's later this year, in the Autumn term. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart. In readiness for this, Anna will be organising some Youth Alpha sessions for our young people, as preparation for confirmation, but also great for any young people wanting to grow in their faith.

### Do you have a tent we could borrow?

We are taking a group of young people to Spree South West, a Christian youth camp in Devon on 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We need some more tents for our group, so if you have a tent we could borrow, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

### New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

### Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



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