

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025
EASTER DAY

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

Sunday 20th April	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.00am	Easter Breakfast
	10.30am	All Age Communion in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus is Alive!
	Reading:	Luke 24:1-12
	Leaders:	Anna Counsell & Dan Washbrook
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Easter Evening Celebration Service in Church

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 st	No Prayer Meeting due to Easter Monday Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 24 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 25 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 26 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 27 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship (including APCM) with Children's groups, in Church and on Zoom followed by bring and share lunch

Dear St Luke's family,

Whether this is your first time celebrating Easter at St Luke's Parkstone, or you have celebrated many Easters here over the years – **welcome and Happy Easter to you!** The events which unfolded on the very first Easter morning were the most amazing, unexpected surprise for the friends and disciples of Jesus, as their grief and sadness were transformed into joy and hope. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the events on which our faith stands and our hope is founded. Let's allow ourselves to be amazed once again this Easter as we celebrate the miracle that Jesus rose again and is with us now.

Please also join us next Sunday (27th April) at 10.30am when we will be holding our **annual meeting** as part of our morning service. As part of this we'll look back over the past year with thankfulness to God, and we'll look ahead to the future as well. We have some vacancies on our **PCC** and there is still time to stand – see over the page for details.

And everyone is welcome to join in with our **bring and share lunch** in church straight after the service on Sunday 27th April. No need to sign up, just bring yourself and some food (savoury or sweet) to share. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

On behalf of the whole team here at St Luke's, **we pray that you will know the joy and peace of the risen Jesus** this Easter time!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Easter Day: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Pray for all those whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated by the Myanmar earthquake, for those who have lost loved ones and homes, and for the authorities, emergency services and relief agencies responding to this disaster.
- Pray for the Lynes family following the death of Tim's father Philip this week.

- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.

This week we are praying for OMF

Father, in this season where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we thank you that you share your victory with us. We praise you for all the missionary work that OMF is doing in Japan, and ask for your continued and increased blessing on it. May any OMF workers who are in any kind of difficulty know your provision. Especially, we pray for Carys, that she may know complete healing for her broken right arm. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 27 th April 10.30am	Annual Meeting (APCM) during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch
Sunday 8 th June 10.30am	Pentecost Sunday Service
Sunday 8 th June 12 noon	Kids and Youth Team Day after the morning service
Friday – Sunday 27 th – 29 th June	Spree Youth Weekend
Sunday 13 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Sunday

NOTICES

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. Phone the **Parish Giving Scheme** on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or go to **www.parishgiving.org.uk** and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. If you have questions please speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge.



Annual Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 27th April, 10.30am

The meeting will form part of our morning service. We will look back on the past year, giving thanks for what God has done, and looking forward to the future. And please do stay around for the **bring and share lunch after the service**. There are five vacancies on the PCC and two vacancies on Deanery Synod, please speak to Stuart or Christine for more details. Anyone on the church Electoral Roll can be nominated to stand for the PCC or Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please do prayerfully consider nominating someone or standing yourself. The Annual reports and accounts have been sent out electronically and a copy of the accounts will be on the notice board in the North Aisle. Paper copies available on request.

Request for help - Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole Wau Partnership – Sunday 4th May

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sun 4th May, 2pm – 5pm. We will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve refreshments and provide homemade cakes gratefully received. Please contact Judy Hudson if you can help on 01202 721919. Thanks!

Kids and youth ministry team day – Sunday 8th June, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to get together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward for children's and youth ministry. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 8th June. Thank you!

SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon. We are taking a group again this year on 27th – 29th June. If you're interested in going please speak to Anna.

New Wine Festival

New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30th July – 4th August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. If you would like to join them, or come for a day, please let them know. More info: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Lecture on Threats to Religious Freedom

This is advance notice of a talk to be given by Julia Doxat-Purser, the European Evangelical Alliance's socio-political coordinator, on Wednesday 8th October at 7pm at St Edward's School. Places are limited. To reserve your place please email: jpmclmartin@googlemail.com

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 to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 21st April 2025 – Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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