



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Sunday 20 th July	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:	Ruth - Risk: At the threshing floor
	Readings:	Ruth 3:1-18 and Matthew 22:23-32
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Half Night of Prayer in Church (until 11.00pm) (see below)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.30am	MyChurchSuite drop-in at Church Office (until 12.30pm)
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 24 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		(No St Luke's Toddlers due to school summer holiday)
Friday 25 th		(No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to school summer holiday)
Sunday 27 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,

St Luke's Half Night of Prayer – Sunday 20th July, 6pm-11pm

Many are saying that this is a time of great challenge but also great opportunity for the church. This also is true for us at St Luke's. We live in a very uncertain world, but we are also seeing signs of a 'quiet revival' in our nation. At St Luke's we need to deal with our considerable financial shortfall, but not simply so that we can survive. God calls us to more than that. We need to be awake and ready to respond to what God is doing. So please join us for our Half Night of Prayer this Sunday evening. The plan for the evening with approximate timings is as follows:

6.00pm	Worship and Thanksgiving
6.30pm	Repentance and Holy Communion
7.30pm	Praying for the church from biblical perspectives
8.00pm	Prayer walking (around local streets or around church)
8.30pm	Praying for the mission of St Luke's
9.00pm	Praying for God's provision for St Luke's
9.30pm	Listening to God
10.00pm	Late night prayer

These sections will be interspersed with songs and hymns. Tea and coffee will be available on a help yourself basis. Please do join us and stay for as long as you feel able to.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Fifth Sunday After Trinity: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's staff team, leading us in mission and ministry in our church and community.
- 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), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Colin Chalkly Maber, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Joyce Ward and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for the Poole-Wau Partnership

Please pray for those who work in Wau and the diocese. Rose Middy is one who works as a nurse at Wau Hospital, then goes to St. John's College to study theology. She has not been paid for 3 months. Many people who work for the government are not paid for a year. The clergy and those who work in the church live by faith. When there has been a large number of refugees - 150,000 into this very poor country - one can see the great problems that they face. Please pray for Bp. Moses as he continues to work for peace in his country.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20 th July 6pm – 11pm	St Luke's Half Night of Prayer in Church (see above)
Monday 21 st July 10.30am – 12.30pm	MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office
Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th August	Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
Friday 5 th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm	MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Update on church finances

We are grateful for all your generosity following our gift day in March, but our income remains well below budget, and we risk eating into our reserves considerably this year. We are considering options to reduce costs. Apart from parish share, our largest cost is staff salaries, and we may need to make savings in this area if nothing changes. To avoid this, our income from regular giving needs to increase. **Our deficit is such that we need an average of around £30 extra per church member per month.** Please could you consider setting up a monthly gift using the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order, if you haven't yet done so? Thank you, Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer.

June 2025
Church Regular Income versus Budget



Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank you

Last Sunday, it was good to hear from Mark Rathbone about the work of the Poole-Wau Partnership, and to pray for all of our mission partners, including our new link with Ben and Katy Ray working with CMS in Tanzania. Thank you to those who have already given a gift towards the work of our mission partners. If you haven't yet done so and would like to, we would be grateful if you could do so by Sunday 27th July. Thank you!

Heroes Academy Holiday Club – 26th-29th August

We're really excited for this year's holiday club for primary school aged children. Places are filling up quickly so make sure you book your children in ASAP if you haven't done so already! If you would like to help, please speak to Anna.

Helping you with MyChurchSuite! – Monday 21st July and Friday 5th September

Many of you are now using the MyChurchSuite app to keep your details up to date, check when you are serving on rotas, and so on, which is great. But we are aware that not everyone finds technology easy, so we are offering some more drop-in sessions in the church office to help you get to grips with MyChurchSuite. We can help with: how to get the app set up on your phone or computer, how to update your personal details, how to provide your unavailability, and more. Please do drop-in to the church office at these times:

- **Monday 21st July or Friday 5th September** any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Men's Curry Night – Thursday 24th July, 7.30pm

We'll be going to the 29029 curry house at Ashley Cross. If you would like to join us and/or be added to the St Luke's Men's Curry WhatsApp group please speak to Ben or Stuart. It would be great to hear from you!

New Wine Festival

The New Wine 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. Day tickets now on sale. We'd suggest coming for the day Saturday 2nd August. For more info see: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Monthly 9am Holy Communion Service – Starting in September

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we will trial holding a simple service of Holy Communion at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. This will be a quiet service with hymns on the piano, lasting just under an hour. All are welcome.

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

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 21st July 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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