



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.' (Romans 12:1)

Sunday 20th September	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	James – Be doers of the word
	Readings:	James 1:19-27 and Matthew 23:1-7
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	John Pattison

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 21 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
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)
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm)
Friday 25 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
Saturday 26 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 27 th	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

Over the last week or two, a range of groups and activities at St Luke's have re-started for the new term. It has been good to welcome families back to Fab Friday and Toddler Group, and to see some new young people joining us at Youth Deeper. We also look forward to our next Seniors Afternoon, with a Harvest theme, on Monday 5th October at 2pm. Connect Groups have begun studying the book of James, with a new group having started this Wednesday. The Beacon Project team also continues to work hard progressing plans for replacement heating, wiring and lighting, and AV capabilities at St Luke's. We aim to give more of an update on this work in the coming weeks. Please do pray for all those who give their time and energy in so many ways to serve God in the life of our church and community.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer 16th Sunday after Trinity: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those living with the ongoing effects of war and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- Pray for all those working in healthcare in our local area, that they may be strengthened as they care for those in need, and for the resources to enable care and support to be accessible and available to all.
- Pray for the St Luke's Staff Team leading our church as we seek to be a beacon of God's light in our community.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to the prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

This week are praying for Open Doors – for persecuted believers in Sub-Saharan Africa

As persecution intensifies we ask, "how long, O Lord" (Psalm 13:1). Please pray:

- For comfort and strength for Pastor Josiah in Nigeria who lost his wife Rebekah and three of his children in an attack. May his three surviving children continue to grow in their faith.
- For protection and comfort for the families of over twenty people killed in an attack on a predominantly Christian farming community in Nigeria.
- For the grieving families and Pastor Bandiba after two young men - Amadou and Jeremia, rising leaders and active in sharing the gospel, were murdered in their church in Binadeni, Burkino Faso.
- For the Lord's provision for the families of the 4,491 Christians who were martyred for their faith in Sub-Saharan Africa last year. The Lord knows the name of every martyr.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church
Sunday 4 th October 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage
Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Sunday 11 th October 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse
Saturday 31 st October 4pm	The Light Trail (alternative to Halloween event for families) in Church
Sunday 1 st November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 15 th November	Safeguarding Sunday

NOTICES

Welcome Tea – Sunday 4th October 3.30pm

If you are new to St Luke's or haven't been to one of our welcome teas before, we would love to invite you to join us at the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) for tea, coffee and cakes from 3.30pm until 5pm on Sunday 4th October. There will be time to get to know one another, ask questions and find out about getting more involved in church life at St Luke's. Please let Stuart or Rachel know if you will be coming. Email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk or phone 01202 790987.

Update on Mission Partnerships Sunday

Thank you to everyone who supported our eight mission partners through our Mission Partnerships Sunday back in July. A total of over £7,500 has been raised, which has now been passed on to our mission partners as follows:

Christian Aid	£731.88	Poole Wau Partnership	£825.63
Tearfund	£409.38	CMS (Church Mission Society)	£790.63
OMF International (UK)	£1965.63	Bible Society	£900.63
CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)	£1121.88	Open Doors	£756.88

Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer

Connect Group Bible study notes for the autumn term

Bible study notes for Connect Groups on the book of James, are available to collect from the back of church or can be downloaded from the website here: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/70/Connect>

PACE

PACE give thanks for those from local churches who joined them for their sponsored prayer walk from Shore Road to Hengistbury Head. This walk helps to raise essential funds for their vital work in our local schools. Donations and prayers are always welcome.

Lost property

There are various items of lost property in a box at the back of church. Please collect anything which belongs to you. Any lost property not claimed by the end of September will be recycled or disposed of as appropriate.

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 5th October 7.40pm

The next meeting will be held at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chief Executive of Faithworks Wessex and his talk is entitled: "Bringing practical help, relational support and spiritual hope to people in hard times". All welcome!

Room available at Pennant House

A ground floor studio room is now available at Abbeyfield Pennant House on Spur Hill Avenue, offering independent retirement living. For further details, please call the House Manager Denise Lomas on 07464 545029.

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Dick Whittington Panto Rehearsals

St Luke's ACTS are planning to perform the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Church Hall on 5th to 7th March 2027. If you are interested in taking part either on stage or backstage, please sign up using the sheet at the back of church and come along to a read through on Sunday 4th October from 6pm at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road. Please note that the read through is for adults only. Any children wanting to take part should sign up with parents' permission. Children's rehearsals will start in January. Adult rehearsals will be weekly on Sunday evenings with a break for Christmas. Please see Claire Storey for more information.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

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

Office opening hours week commencing 21st September: Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm

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