

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus said: 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.' (John 13:14-15)

Sunday 20th October	9.00am	Breakfast Church in Church
	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Holy Communion with children's group, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Philippians
	Reading:	Philippians 2:19-30 & John 13:12-17
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Dan Washbrook
	6.00pm	Prayer Gathering in Church (at the end of the National Week of Prayer)

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 24 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 25 th	3.30pm	No Fab Friday due to half term break – back on 8 th November
	7.30pm	No Youth Club due to half term break – back on 8 th November
Saturday 26 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 27 th		<i>A reminder that the clocks go back on the morning of 27th October!</i>
	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,

"I wish I had your faith." How often have we heard that? Or perhaps we have thought it of someone else! Yet, Paul reminds us in this Sunday's reading that if we want that faith, we simply go and have it. Jesus doesn't build walls, he sends invites. Paul knows that having read Philippians 1 and 2 we'll be tempted to say: "it's impossible to follow examples like Christ and Paul." So, Paul introduces us to two normal blokes and says: "if you want this, just submit." Are there people like Tim or Epaphroditus in our lives who we can emulate? And is there anyone for whom we could be a Tim or an Epaphroditus ourselves?

God bless, Dan

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for the Holy Land and the Middle East, for de-escalation of the conflict and the protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for the work of Faithworks Wessex, bringing churches together to help those in need in our communities.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Wendy Lockwood, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for Tearfund

Father God, we give you thanks for the work of Tearfund around the world. Thank you for their approach - seeking to empower and equip churches in poorer nations to transform their communities and to share the love of Jesus. Bless this work and cause it to grow. Thank you also for Katharine Robinson who came to speak to us last Sunday about Tearfund's work. Help us all to play our part. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st October 4pm - 6pm
Sunday 3rd November 3pm
Wednesday 6th November 7pm
Sunday 10th November 10.30am
Saturday 16th November 7pm
Sunday 1st December 10.30am

The Light Trail
St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride by Geoff Sherwood
Remembrance Sunday Service
Tearfund Big Quiz Night
Christingle All Age Service

NOTICES

Church Heating

Our church heating is working – for now at least! Thank you to Richard for all his hard work on this.

National Week of Prayer

Join us for a special prayer gathering to pray for our nation on Sunday 20th October at 6pm.

Harvest Foodbank Donations

The folks at St Clement's Church wish to pass on their thanks for all our recent Harvest foodbank donations, and also to remind us of items currently needed by the foodbank: tinned meat, rice pudding, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, toilet rolls, biscuits and snacks. Thank you.

The Light Trail

Come along on Thursday 31st October 4-6pm for some crafts, activities, games, fire pit, marshmallows, hot dogs, hot chocolate and treats at our Light Trail. All welcome, but please note children must be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to invite others. Let Anna know if you're able to help.

St Luke's Memorial Service

A reminder that our annual memorial service - a quiet, reflective service to remember loved ones who have died, will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm. Refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome.

Improving the Audio-Visual provision at our services

We recently set up temporary TV screens in church to help people in the side aisles see the words displayed on the screen more easily. Following this trial, the PCC have approved a small project to provide two new TV screens on mobile TV stands. We believe these will be a great help in improving accessibility at our services. Any contributions towards the cost would be very gratefully received. Please speak to Stuart or Dan for more details. Thank you.

Christmas Biscuits

Families First will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge again this year. If you would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost, we would be very grateful. Please give donations (of any amount) to Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

Christmas Toy appeal

There are people in our local communities who won't have much to unwrap on Christmas morning. We are partnering with SMILE, a community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to families they support, and as a church we'd like to help provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we'd like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift.

Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride – Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in church

Geoff Sherwood will be giving a talk about his experiences cycling, with his son William, 3500 miles from Cyprus to the UK, following a route in the footsteps of St Paul through Turkey, Greece and Italy to Rome, and then of Archbishop Sigeric "the Serious" from Rome back to Canterbury. There will be a break, during which refreshments will be served.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Join us for a fun and very worthwhile evening to raise money for our mission partner Tearfund! Get together a quiz team, bring your friends, or come by yourself and we'll make sure you can join a team. Refreshments will be served.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Children's rehearsals: children are welcome and their rehearsals start on **Sunday 20th October** in the **Church Rooms following the Sunday morning service**. The show will be performed **7th – 9th March 2025**. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



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Week commencing 21st October – Cover in the office:
Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.
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