



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 21st JULY 2024
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2a)

Sunday 21st July **10.00am** **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
 10.30am **Holy Communion** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
 Theme: Abraham – Following God's Call
 Readings: Genesis 12:1-20 and John 15:9-17
 Leaders: Dan Washbrook and Stuart Cocksedge
 Sermon: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 22 nd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 24 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 25 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 28 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

Thank you to everyone who took part in our **Partnering in Mission Sunday** and church **BBQ**. It was a fun and encouraging time together, and great to have the Pain family with us. If you would like to **donate** towards the important work of our mission partners, please do complete and return the Partnering in Mission form to the church office by the end of July. Thank you!

In this summer of sport, as we reach the end of the school term, we are also just a few days away from the start of the **Olympic Games**. We have copies of a booklet called '**Running the Race of Your Life**' by J John, which tells the amazing story of the athlete Eric Liddell, who was inspired by his Christian faith as he competed in the Paris Olympics 100 years ago. These booklets are particularly good for giving away to friends or family members who don't come to church. So, this Sunday, please do take a copy and think about who you could give it to.

Finally, it is not too late to join us for a day at **New Wine** in Shepton Mallet - turn over for more details.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Eighth Sunday after Trinity: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; 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 our newly elected government, for wisdom and vision as they take up their new roles.
- 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 and Sidney Wells.

This week we are praying for CMS – Kevin and Jen Cable in Israel:

"No weapon formed against you will prevail and you will refute every tongue that accuses you..." Isaiah 54:7
Father, in a season of challenge and difficult choices, please bring encouragement and blessing to Kevin and Jen. Prosper them as they minister to Jew and Gentile with the Gospel message of hope and reconciliation. As tensions escalate, and resources are limited, overshadow and provide for them. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

NOTICES

Some important dates for your diary!

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August - Built It! Holiday Club

Saturday 21st September 5pm - Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen

Sunday 6th October 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service

Saturday 16th November 7pm - Tearfund Big Quiz Night

St Luke's Men's Walking Group

The next walk is on Tuesday (23rd) from Bear Cross (X6 bus from Poole at 10.45am) in a loop, flat walking and there is a coffee place! Please speak to Steve Blight if you would like to join us, or to be added to our WhatsApp group.

Message from Glenda

Dear Church Family, firstly, my heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers, love and support during my time as Church Warden and particularly over the last few years when we were in an interregnum. Thank you also for the lovely card, flowers and gift voucher which you gave me recently. They were very much appreciated. With love and blessings
Glenda

Holes Bay Walk for the Poole-Wau Partnership

A big thank you to all who generously sponsored me last Saturday. We raised the sum of £845 and when gift aid is added it will be around £1000. Praise the Lord. Maureen Honeyman

Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

New Wine Festival 26th – 30th July: day tickets

Although New Wine is sold out for camping tickets, day tickets are available and a small group from St Luke's are going for the day on Saturday 27th July. Why not join them on the 27th or another day, it would be lovely to see you there. Tickets available at: www.new-wine.org/events/newwine24/

Build it! Holiday Club

We are getting ready for our Build it! holiday club that is happening Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August 9.30am – 12.30am for Reception - Year 6. Join us for a week of building, creating and modelling as we share together how we can build our relationship with God and learn stories from the Bible. We will also be playing games, doing craft, eating lots of biscuits and singing songs. Please contact Anna if you wish to book your child/ren into this year's holiday club.

Lego Needed Please!

If you have any spare Lego or Duplo that you no longer need, and would be willing to donate it to St Luke's for use at holiday club, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed Please!

Our Holiday Clubs only happen because of our amazing volunteers, if you would like to help out this year with admin, craft prep, being a team leader, being a team helper, helping with refreshments, being in the drama, leading songs/actions, leading games/craft, or being in the background please sign up at the back of church or speak to Anna.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's **on Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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or please send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 29th July – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

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