



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

## SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)**

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| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> | <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>Breakfast Church</b> in Church                                   |
|   | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel                           |
|   | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom |
|   | Theme:         | Christian Friendship: Longing to Share                              |
|   | Readings:      | 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 and John 15:12-17                         |
|   | Leader:        | Stuart Cocksedge  |
|   |                | Preacher: John Bassett  |
|   | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Prayer Evening</b> in Church (until 8pm)                         |

**Name Label Sunday!** To help with learning names, we'll all have the chance to write our name on a label this Sunday.

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 9.30am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                 |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 11.30am | Holy Communion in Church followed by lunch                    |
|                            | 6.00pm  | Youth Deeper in Church Rooms                                  |
|                            | 7.30pm  | PCC Meeting in <u>Church Hall</u>                             |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                 |
|                            | 10.00am | St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)                  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | 3.30pm  | Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6     |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel                                 |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>    | 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,**

Last Sunday, our Children's and Youth Ministry Team gathered for a day of vision, encouragement, and inspiration. We were blessed to have Vicky Piggott-Genge, Children's and Youth Pastor from The Beacon Church share with us from Matthew 5 about what it means to be salt and light, bringing out the 'God-colours' in the world around us. It was a powerful reminder that our calling is not just to speak about Jesus, but to live lives that reflect His love, especially to our children, young people, and families. As a church, we're excited to keep stepping into our vision for children's and youth ministry: to *Gather, Grow, and Go*. Let's continue to encourage one another to be salt and light: shining brightly in our homes, workplaces, schools, and community.

God bless, Anna

#### PRAYERS

Prayer for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- This Sunday we Join with many other churches in responding to the call to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Pray for the St Luke's Connect Group leaders, helping us to connect with God through Bible study and prayer, and to connect with and support one another as we meet together.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (nephew of Trevor and Lorraine Muddimer), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, and Sid Wells.

#### This week we are praying for OMF

Father, we thank you that OMF has been spreading the gospel in Japan and other Asian nations for many years. Please would you continue to bless this work, and may it meet with success. We pray that you would sustain Chris and Kesia as they persevere in their leadership roles. We thank you for encouraging signs of new people becoming Christians and confessing this to others. Please may this increase, so that the church in Japan may grow and be strengthened in faith, boldness and love. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm | <b>PCC Meeting</b> at the <u>Church Hall</u>                                   |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm    | <b>Pastoral Team Meeting</b> in the Church Rooms (see notice below)            |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30am      | <b>Harvest Festival All Age Service</b>  |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm      | <b>Welcome Tea</b> at the Vicarage (until 5pm)                                 |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 11am        | <b>Autumn Fair</b> at the Church Hall (until 2pm)                              |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 4pm         | <b>The Light Trail</b> in Church (alternative to Halloween event for families) |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 3pm         | <b>Annual Memorial Service &amp; Tea</b> in Church                             |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 6pm        | <b>St Luke's Prayer Evening</b> (until 8pm)                                    |

## NOTICES

### **Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes**

This term we are exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in our Sunday sermons and in Connect Groups. Copies of the study notes for Connect Groups are available at the back of church. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one, or find out more, please speak to Stuart.

### **Talk on changes at Poole Hospital – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30pm**

Please come to the Church Rooms (for the first part of the Pastoral Team Meeting) to hear important information about changes planned for Poole Hospital in the coming months. There will be a time for questions. All welcome.

### **Men's Walk – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

The first of our Autumn walks will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September taking the X8 bus at 9.50am from Poole Bus Station to Sturminster Marshall (20 minutes). We will then walk to Wimborne (about two hours) followed by refreshments and then bus back to Poole (there are four an hour). Please speak to Steve Blight and join our WhatsApp group.

### **New Wine Festival 2026!**

A couple of weeks ago, it was great to hear stories and feedback from those who went to New Wine this summer. Bookings are now open for next year's festival, which takes place from 28<sup>th</sup> July until 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026. Book by the end of September for the cheaper early-bird rate! More details here: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/>

### **Lecture by Julia Doxat-Purser – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm – 9pm**

Come along to hear Julia Doxat-Purser speak on 'Threats to Religious Liberty, and how to respond' at St Edward's School, Dale Valley Road, Poole BH15 3HY. This is a remarkable and genuinely unique opportunity to hear Julia, who has never lectured in England before. Reserve a place by emailing: [deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church](mailto:deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church) or phoning 01202 716214. Places will be confirmed by email or phone. There is no cost.

### **Welcome Tea at the Vicarage – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm – 5pm**

If you have joined us at St Luke's in recent months, we would love to invite you to the Vicarage for tea, coffee and cake and time to chat and get to know you more. All are welcome. If you can contact the church office (details below) to let us know you are coming, that would be much appreciated, thank you!

### **Light Up Dorset – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm**

Join churches from across Dorset for an evening with Andrew Palau. Hear powerful stories, vision and the hope of Jesus, at St Mary's Church, Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2JD. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6.30pm start. All welcome!

### **Autumn Fair at the Church Hall – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 2pm**

To help raise money for St Luke's, the hall team are holding a fair at the Church Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 11am – 2pm. We are a small team so we would need some help manning stalls on the day please. If you could bake a cake or donate items to sell please let us know. Stalls will include toys, books, cakes, tombola, etc. Thank you. Anne Roberts, Liz Cotterell, Frank Westfield and Claire Storey.

### **Poole-Wau Partnership: Teaching on Luke's Gospel – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

This teaching event on Luke's Gospel is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Michael's Church, Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole BH18 4HR, 10.30am – 3pm (arrive from 10am). A free event with a retiring collection (card machine available). Free tea and coffee, bring your own lunch (but hot soup available). Please e-mail [mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop](mailto:mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop) if you are going, to help with catering numbers. For more details: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html>

### **Raising money for Forest Holme Hospice**

Please follow this link for details: <https://forestholmehospice.enthuse.com/pf/allourlove>

### **Improving our audio visual capability**

As you may have seen recently, we are now using an additional TV screen (kindly donated to St Luke's) at the front of church to display song and hymn words during services. We hope this helps more people see and follow our services.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – Monday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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