



**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (Psalm 84:1-2)**

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Lent series – With Jesus on the mountain top
	Readings:	Psalm 84 and Luke 9:28-36
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Bournemouth Collegiate School Easter Service in Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 7.30pm)
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>		(No Fab Friday this week due to school Easter holidays)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>		Please note: the clocks go forward one hour on the morning of Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
	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,**

The continuing war in the Middle East has devastated the lives of so many people across the region, and the economic impact is being felt in the UK and around the world. We may be deeply concerned and anxious about the situation. Alongside this, our Lent sermons are focusing on the importance of time spent with Jesus in the midst of all that's going on around us and the turmoil in the world. May we find peace and renewed hope in Jesus as we prioritise time with him, and may we know the joy of his presence as we approach Easter, reminded that he has overcome sin and death, and is with us now by his Spirit to comfort, strengthen and guide us.

God bless, Stuart

**PRAYERS**

Prayer for Fifth Sunday of Lent: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace and de-escalation of the conflict in the Middle East, for protection and relief for all those affected.
- Pray for healing and comfort for all those affected by the meningitis outbreak in Kent.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
- Pray for the St Luke's Pastoral Team as they support those who are isolated and vulnerable in our community.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle and Julie Murphy.

To add a name to this 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 we are praying for the Evangelical Alliance**

Almighty Father, today we are praying for the Evangelical Alliance. We ask you to strengthen all who seek to support the work done in churches and elsewhere, taking Your message of salvation and redemption to all who need it. Strengthen the support and encouragement given to ministers and lay people quietly upholding Your truth and light in a dark world. We ask for protection and inspiration for all who work to further Your word and pray that the work of the Evangelical Alliance can grow and inspire new generations. In Jesus name. Amen.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm	'Like a Lamb to the Slaughter': Prayers for the Persecuted Church in Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 6.30pm (Maundy Th.)	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 10am (Good Friday)	Messy Easter in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2pm (Good Friday)	Last Hour at the Cross Reflective Service in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 9am (Easter Day)	Easter Holy Communion in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am (Easter Day)	Easter All Age Communion in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 6pm (Easter Day)	Prayer & Worship Gathering (Easter Prayer & Worship)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm	Spring Cantabile Concert in Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	Annual Meeting (APCM) in Church as part of morning service
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 7pm	Watoto Concert in Church (see below)

## NOTICES

### We would like to share this important news from Bishop Karen

"I am delighted to say that after due consultation and prayerful consideration Stuart Cocksedge has agreed to be Rural Dean and Stephen Partridge [Vicar of St Mary's Lytchett Matravers] Assistant Rural Dean of the Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery. I am grateful to Stuart and Stephen for offering their gifts in this way. Please hold them in your prayers as they begin this role. They will be commissioned at a forthcoming rural deans meeting."

### Easter services leaflets

These are now available in church. Please do take some, pass them on, and invite your friends along at Easter.

### Good Friday Messy Easter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am

At Messy Easter there will be crafts, refreshments, worship and an Easter Egg hunt. All are welcome, so invite friends and family to this great morning celebrating Easter. If you are available to help, please let Anna know.

### Good Friday Walk of Witness – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am

This takes place in Poole town, organized by Churches Together in Poole. The event includes a service in the town square near Sainsbury's, with processions starting from St George's Oakdale and Parkstone URC. All are welcome.

### Upcoming PCC vacancies

Our Annual Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, and this year we will have 4 vacancies on the PCC and 3 vacancies for Deanery Synod reps. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to stand. Do speak to Stuart or the wardens if you'd like to discuss this further. Nomination forms available from the office. Thank you.

### Revision of Electoral Roll

This year's revision enables those who are not currently on our roll to join. The current list is on the noticeboard in the north aisle. Forms and the box for their return are at the back of church. All forms need to be received by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions, please ask Roger Jones or contact the office. Thank you.

### Pure Gold at the church library

Free for you to take are copies of 'Pure Gold' booklets on the shelf below the creche. With Scripture alone, these beautiful, tiny booklets give the hope of the gospel. Take one for yourself and why not give a copy to someone this Easter? Also, your library has many great books to read. Do browse the catalogue and choose a book to read this Lent.

### Spring Cantabile Concert – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm

The Spring Concert takes place at St Luke's. Tickets on the door: £12 (cash or card) or £6 concessions for students.

### Open Garden at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 5pm

The garden at 24A Western Avenue will be open on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm to 5pm, with refreshments during the afternoon and Judy selling her preserves. All proceeds from refreshments and sales go to the Poole-Wau Partnership. Admission charge payable. If you are able to help please speak to Richard or Judy Hudson or phone 01202 721919.

### Watoto Children's Choir coming to St Luke's – host families wanted please!

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A great opportunity to invite friends to. **If you would be able to help by providing accommodation for choir members for two nights (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June) please let the church office know. Thank you!**

### Watoto Children's Choir – click on the link below to book your tickets for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June!

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator)

### New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Follow this link for more info or to buy tickets: [www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now](http://www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now)

### Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026: Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 3pm

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