

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27a)

Sunday 22nd September 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
10.30am Holy Communion with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
 Theme: Philippians
 Readings: Philippians 1:27-2:4 and Matthew 5:1-12
 Leader: Dan Washbrook
 Preacher: Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 rd	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Thursday 26 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 27 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.00pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 28 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	11.00am	St Luke's taking part in Parkstone Jumble Trail (until 3pm)
Sunday 29 th	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,

It is great to have five of our St Luke's church family being confirmed this weekend. It's a joy to see them confirming their faith in Jesus Christ and saying 'Yes – this is the way I want to live!' Let's be praying for them over the weekend.

Whilst doing confirmation classes with them it hit me that they are all really choosing Jesus as their friend and Saviour, and how each day it is so important for us all to choose Jesus. With him, "all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). When things are tough, choose Jesus. When things seem never ending, choose Jesus. When things are great, choose Jesus. Some days it's easier than others, but every day let's try to choose Jesus.

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in the Sudans and in Ukraine.
- Pray for all those being confirmed at St Luke's on Saturday 21st September.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for CPAS

Please give thanks to God for the many CPAS Ventures and Falcons camps which have taken place over the summer. Pray that these great experiences will stay with the young people who attended, and that the seeds sown will bear good fruit as they find and grow in faith in God. Please also pray for CPAS training courses and events taking place this term, that they will be highly effective in equipping and developing clergy and lay leaders across the country.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 th September 2pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting
Sunday 6 th October 10.30am	Harvest Festival All Age Service
Sunday 6 th October 3.30pm	Welcome Tea
Sunday 20 th October 6pm	Prayer Gathering at the end of the National Week of Prayer
Thursday 31 st October	The Light Trail (times TBC)
Sunday 3 rd November 3pm	St Luke's Annual Memorial Service
Sunday 10 th November 10.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Saturday 16 th November 7pm	Tearfund Big Quiz Night

NOTICES

Parkstone Jumble Trail

Parkstone Community Group are running a Jumble Trail supporting Routes to Roots on Saturday 28th September, 11am to 3pm. St Luke's is joining in by offering cream teas and cakes sold in aid of Routes to Roots. Ways to get involved: bake cakes/scones, help serve refreshments, come along for refreshments, visit other locations on the trail or register to have a stall outside your home. Sign up sheet at the back of church. For more information, please speak to Rachel Cocksedge or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/share/DTaJdWBwqgDdWY7g/>

Gifts for Harvest – Sunday 6th October

Our Harvest service takes place on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Poole Foodbank and Poole Waste Not Want Not, and for local people in urgent need. (If you know of any urgent needs locally, please let the church office know.) All donations of food items gratefully received, thank you!

Welcome Tea – Sunday 6th October

We will be holding a welcome tea at the vicarage on Sunday 6th October at 3.30pm, particularly for anyone who is new to St Luke's, or who hasn't been to a tea at the vicarage before. Please speak to Stuart or Rachel if you would like to come. We look forward to getting to know you more.

National Week of Prayer

We are joining in with the National Week of Prayer from 12th until 20th October. During the week, our prayer meetings will focus on this, and we will conclude the week with a special prayer gathering to pray for our nation, on Sunday 20th October at 6pm. Please do put the dates in your diaries. See www.nationalweekofprayer.uk for details.

St Luke's Men's Walk

The next walk is on Thursday 26th September. We will be travelling on the 50 bus from Canford Cliffs at 11.04am to the Purbeck Hills, walking over to Studland (Knoll Beach National Trust cafe), before taking the 50 bus back. If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, please speak to Justin or Steve (sblighty@yahoo.co.uk).

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Casting for this production will take place at the church hall on Sunday 29th September at 6pm. Please come along if you are interested in a part. Rehearsals start on Sunday 6th October 6pm at the hall. The show will be performed 7th - 9th March 2025. Further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Roadworks near to St Luke's

Please be aware that roadworks at the junction of Sandecotes, Woodside and Kingsbridge Roads (to add a zebra crossing and junction improvements) are beginning soon. We understand that the section of Sandecotes Road between Kingsbridge Road and Belle Vue Road will be closed from 23rd September for up to 4 weeks.

Collections on Sunday mornings

Please note that we will no longer be passing the collection plate around during normal Sunday services (although we will still do so at special services). Instead, those leading services will draw attention to the collection plate and contactless giving machine which will be at the back of church.

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!

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC Account No: 00008836 Sort Code: 40-52-40

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

Week commencing 23rd September – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

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