

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

But Jesus answered, 'You give them something to eat.' (Mark 6:37)

Sunday 23rd February	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
		Theme: A church responding to the needs of the world
		Readings: Isaiah 58:6-12 & Mark 6:35-37
		Leader: Stuart Cocksedge
		Talk: Dan Washbrook
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in Church Hall

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Speak Life 321
Tuesday 25 th	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Mission Minded Living
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing on the Frontline
Thursday 27 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Friday 28 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 1 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service with Baptisms in Church and on Zoom
	4.00pm	Safeguarding Reflective Space in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall

Dear St Luke's family,

As we continue in our sermon series inspired by the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000, I wonder, what has struck you in particular? What do you feel God may be saying to you? And when you look at the image we have created to summarise the series (shown on the right), is there a symbol on the image that you are particularly drawn to? If so, why?

This Sunday we are focusing on our calling as Christians to get involved, to get our hands dirty, as we respond to the needs of the world. As we do this, we are following the example of Jesus and demonstrating God's love. And this can have a powerful impact, just as it did when Jesus and the disciples fed the crowd.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Second Sunday Before Lent: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marian Laird, Virginia Stacey and Barbara Suffling who have died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.



This week we are praying for Christian Aid

Please pray for the ongoing crisis in Sudan, where Christian Aid is providing emergency aid. More than 11 million people have been forced from their homes and an estimated 150,000 people have died in the conflict. Pray for those displaced and all those who have lost loved ones. Pray for South Sudan, where almost 1 million people have fled to escape the conflict - a country which has itself suffered its worst floods in decades. Pray for Christian Aid partners providing aid in the form of clean water, food and sanitation, for wisdom on how to distribute resources and for enough food to help those who need it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5 th March 9.30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
Friday 7 th – Sunday 9 th March	Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat in the Church Hall
Sunday 23 rd March	St Luke's Gift Day
Saturday 29 th March	Youth sponsored walk to raise money for SPREE (see below)
Sunday 30 th March 10.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Service
Mon 14 th – Wed 16 th April 7.30pm	Holy Week Reflections
Thursday 17 th April 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 18 th April 10am	Messy Easter
Friday 18 th April 2pm	Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 20 th April 10.30am	Easter Day All Age Communion Service

NOTICES

Flowers

The flowers this Sunday have been donated by the Guiding groups for Thinking Day, Saturday 22nd February, and in memory of Virginia Stacey.

ChurchSuite at St Luke's Parkstone

A big thank you to everyone who has already started using MyChurchSuite to do things like updating your details and providing your unavailability for the rotas. MyChurchSuite also shows you when you are due to serve on our rotas over the coming months. If you would like some help getting started with MyChurchSuite, we are holding a drop-in session in the church office on Monday 3rd March, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Pop in and we will do our best to help you!

Baptisms – Sunday 2nd March

A reminder that we'll have a portable baptistry at St Luke's for our 10.30am service on Sunday 2nd March. Please pray for those being baptised/renewing their baptismal vows, and come along to support them!

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates 7th – 9th March 2025

Judy Hudson is selling tickets for the production of Joseph after the 10.30am service on Sundays at the back of the church, or can be contacted during the week on 01202 721919 to purchase tickets. For further details please contact Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669. Please come and support this great production!

SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year a group of our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon, so Anna will be taking a group again this year on 27th – 29th June. In advance of this, the young people are doing a sponsored walk to raise money towards their trip to SPREE, aiming to walk 10km from Branksome Chine to Boscombe and back again, on Saturday 29th March. If you would like to sponsor them, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

New Wine Festival

The New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30th July – 4th August this year. Stuart, Rachel and family will be going again. If you would like to join them, or to come for a day, please do speak to them. For more info visit: www.new-wine.org/events/new-wine-festival/

Daily Devotional Emails based on our Sunday Sermons

To deepen your relationship with God and your prayer life. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StLukesdailydevotion>

Winter Clothing Project

We are supporting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless run by Parkstone URC. Men's socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc are required. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Lecture on Threats to Religious Freedom

This is advance notice of a talk to be given by Julia Doxat-Purser, the European Evangelical Alliance's socio-political co-ordinator, on Wednesday 8th October at 7pm at St Edward's School. Places are limited. To reserve your place please email: jpmclmartin@googlemail.com

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 to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 24th February 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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