



SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.' (Psalm 103:8)

Sunday 23rd August	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jonah - Is angry with God
	Readings:	Jonah 3:1-10 and Luke 18:9-14
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 24 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club in Church
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club in Church
	9.30am	Holy Communion in <u>Church Rooms</u>
Thursday 27 th	9.30am	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club in Church
		(No 9.15am Prayer Meeting due to 'Under the Sea' Holiday Club)
Friday 28 th	9.30am	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club in Church
Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

It was great to welcome lots of people to our **Seniors Games & Crafts Afternoon** on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who came and to those who shared their creative gifts in painting, flower arranging, and crafts. We also enjoyed games, jigsaws, and a great selection of cakes! We heard from Exodus 31, where God filled a man called Bezalel with the Holy Spirit, with wisdom and creative gifts, reminding us that our creativity comes from God, who loves us and gives us creative gifts to be used to glorify him. Join us for our next Seniors Afternoon (with a Harvest theme) on Monday 5th October at 2pm.

In the meantime, we are very excited to be welcoming over 120 local children to our **'Under the Sea' holiday club** starting on Tuesday 25th August. Please do pray for holiday club. We would love to cover the whole week in prayer, so please sign up for a one hour prayer slot on the sign up sheet at the back of church. Thank you!

As we move into a new term in September, the focus on prayer continues as we'll be joining the **Global Week of 24-7 Prayer** on 7th – 13th September, setting up a prayer room in the Side Chapel and encouraging us all to sign up for hourly prayer slots throughout the week. See over the page for more details.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for our summer holiday club in August, that all the children who come may experience God's love for them as we explore our theme based on the book of Jonah, through songs, Bible talks, prayers, crafts and games.
- Pray for those working locally in The Arts who share their commitment and passion for entertainment.
- Pray for our Cleaning Team who keep the church building clean and tidy for all to use.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle and Iain Wilson.

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 are praying for Tearfund

- Please pray for Tearfund as they seek to help and support those in poverty around the world.
- Pray for peace, comfort and strength for Tearfund partner churches, their leaders and volunteers who give so much of themselves to the needs of their communities.
- Pray for Tearfund partners working in areas affected by war, conflict and natural disasters, that in these challenging and uncertain times they may continue to share God's love and hope in tangible ways.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	‘Under the Sea’ Holiday Club for primary age children in Church
Monday 7 th – Sunday 13 th September	Global Week of 24-7 Prayer with prayer room in Side Chapel (see below)
Wednesday 9 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Saturday 12 th September 10am	Cleaning and Gardening Work Party at Church
Saturday 12 th September	Ride & Stride (fundraising for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)
Sunday 13 th September 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church
Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse

NOTICES

‘Under the Sea’ Holiday Club – Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th August

We are excited to be welcoming over 120 children to our holiday club this coming week. We have a great team leading holiday club, and if you are not on the team you can still be involved by praying for holiday club. **Please sign up for hourly prayer slots on the list at the back of church**, in the same way we did for Spree a few weeks ago. Thank you!

Church closed – Monday 24th to Friday 28th August

Please note that there will be no access to church all week due to holiday club taking place. The Monday 9.30am prayer meeting will take place in the side chapel as usual. The Thursday prayer meeting will not take place this week. The Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion service will be held in the Church Rooms (access through the glazed door).

Prayer Walking – Sunday 30th August (after the morning service)

A message from Andrew Cullis: A while ago, Stuart asked me to think about how we might prayer walk around the parish. If you are interested to know more, please do ask me and I will provide you with a short written article on what this is all about. If you are further interested to ‘give it a go’ then the aim is to prayer walk after the morning service on Sunday 30th August. There is more information about this on the information sheet.

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer – Monday 7th to Sunday 13th September

Churches around the world are encouraged to join in with the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer this year on 7th – 13th September. In the words of 24-7 Prayer: **‘As we pray together, we want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. We’re seeking to encounter this beauty and power, and carry Jesus into our towns, cities and nations.’** We plan to set up a prayer room in the side chapel, as a space in which to pray throughout the week. We encourage you to sign up for hourly prayer slots using the sign up sheet at the back of church. The week will conclude with a special, extended monthly **Prayer & Worship Gathering** at 6pm on Sunday 13th September. Please join us!

Cleaning and gardening work party – Saturday 12th September 10am – 12 noon

If you can lend a hand please join us for an hour or two of cleaning or gardening, to help us keep St Luke’s looking smart. Whether you can come for a short while or the whole morning, all help is gratefully received. Please speak to Alan Cotterell for more details. Thank you!

Ride & Stride – Saturday 12th September

Ride & Stride is the annual fundraising event for Dorset Historic Church Trust. People are encouraged to do sponsored walks or cycle rides to churches across the county. This year, Bishop Karen is spending the day walking across Poole, taking in many of the churches in our deanery, including St Luke’s, and Stuart will be joining her for part of this walk. You can sponsor Bishop Karen on her JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/karen-gorham-poole20>

Poole-Wau Partnership sponsored walk – thank you!

Thank you to those who sponsored our enjoyable (and hot!) walk around Upton last month. £605 sponsorship money has been passed on to the Poole-Wau Partnership, supporting Wau diocese in South Sudan. The charity will claim an additional £117 in gift aid.

Mission Partnerships Sunday – thank you!

It was encouraging to hear about the work of Bible Society at our recent Mission Partnerships service. Thank you to all those who have already given gifts to support our various mission partners. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so soon. Leaflets are still available at the back of church with details of how you can give. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday or drop them into the church office (see below for office opening hours.)

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Giving to support the work of St Luke’s Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go 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 24th August: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm**

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