



SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

CHRIST THE KING

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Sunday 23 rd November	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Growing our welcome – Offering hospitality
	Readings:	Mark 9:33-37 and 1 Peter 4:7-11
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	John Pattison
	6.00pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church (until 8.00pm)

Please note: The church heating is currently working and we hope to be warm on Sunday!

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms (see notice overleaf)
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in <u>Church Hall</u>
Thursday 27 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 28 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday Kids Club in Church (until 4.45pm) (for Reception to Year 6)
	6.30pm	Carol service practice in Church Rooms
Sunday 30 th	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,

"Prayer is the engine room of the church" (Charles Spurgeon). It was encouraging to gather with many of you to pray at our Sunday prayer evenings in July and September, and we are doing it again this Sunday evening. **We want all that we do to be rooted in prayer**, especially as we approach Advent and Christmas and the outreach opportunities these seasons will bring. We'll worship, pray, and listen to God. **So please do join us on Sunday, 6pm – 8pm.** Thank you!

This Sunday morning, we continue our sermon series exploring how we can **grow our welcome** as a church, looking particularly at how we **offer hospitality** in a way that reflects God's character. We look forward to welcoming you!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Christ the King Sunday: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for St Luke's Mission Partnerships Team who keep us well connected with our mission partners, helping us to pray for and support them in their work around the world and in the UK.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for Mothers Union

Every year the Mothers Union holds special services and supports the United Nations 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (25th November – 10th December 2025).

Lord of hosts, hear our cries for justice and to break the chains of abuse, that all may live in safety and enjoy freedom, whatever their gender. Empower Mothers' Union members to reach those who are hurting and to ease their suffering. May our voice be heard across all nations, seeking peace for the victims and fairness for the downtrodden. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6 th December 3.30pm	Families First Christmas Party at Church Hall (until 6pm)
Sunday 7 th December 10.30am	All Age Christingle Service in Church
Saturday 13 th December 2pm	A Taste of Christmas in Church
Sunday 14 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert in Church
Friday 19 th December 5pm & 6pm	Carol Singing at Penn Hill
Sunday 21 st December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 3pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 25 th December 10am	Christmas Day All Age Communion in Church (please note new time)

NOTICES

Christmas is coming!

Details of our Christmas services are shown above, and our Christmas leaflets are now ready to be delivered around the parish. We would love you to help with this, and please do be praying about who you could invite to our services and events this Advent and Christmas. You can also share this link with friends and family:

[Events - St Luke's Parkstone - A Church Near You](#)

Flowers

The flowers in church this week are in memory of Sid Wells' beloved wife Ann.

Talk on the work of Faith in Later Life – Monday 24th November, 1.30pm

Rachel Cocksedge will be speaking at the pastoral team meeting on Monday 24th November about the work of Faith in Later Life, an organisation which seeks to inspire and equip Christians to reach, serve and empower older people in every community. The pastoral team would like to invite all who are interested to join them for this talk. It will start at 1.30pm for approximately 30 minutes in the Church Rooms. Tea and coffee available from 1pm.

Poole Light Orchestra Autumn Concert – Tuesday 25th November, 7.30pm

Poole Light Orchestra will be holding an Autumn Concert on Tuesday 25th November at St Clement's Church, Poole at 7.30pm. Entrance free. A retiring collection will be taken.

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

We'd love to keep you updated so that you can be praying regularly for our kids, youth and families activities. Please email Anna at kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk if you would like to receive weekly email updates. Thank you!

New St Luke's Parkstone logo

You may notice that we are starting to use a new St Luke's Parkstone logo. We hope you like it!

PACE Carol Service – Thursday 4th December

PACE invite you to join them for their carol service on Thursday 4th December, 7pm – 9pm at St Paul's Throop. A great opportunity to hear stories of impact, and some of what the PACE team have been doing in our local schools.

Choir rehearsals for Carols by Candlelight

If you would like to join our carol service choir, please come along to rehearsals on Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. The service is on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal in the afternoon.

Cantabile Christmas Concert – Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm

All are welcome to this year's Christmas concert. Tickets available on the door (adults £10, student concessions).

Gifts and support for those in need this Christmas

This year, we will be supporting the following good causes, through a mixture of gifts and financial donations:

- SMILE Christmas Toy Appeal: We are partnering with SMILE, a local community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to local families, and as a church we'd like to provide some gifts. On Sunday 7th December please bring a new toy or monetary gift to church. Thank you.

- Tearfund: We will be supporting our mission partner Tearfund this Christmas as they share God's love in practical ways around the world where the need is greatest. Tearfund will double your donation to their Christmas appeal. Click here for details: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christmas-appeal>

- Poole Foodbank: We are once again inviting you to donate non-perishable foods items to help local people in need. Please see the Foodbank box and leaflets at the back of church for details of what to give.

- Winter Clothing Project: Liz Howes is once again running the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone, with Parkstone United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be much appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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 24th November 2025: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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