

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”

(Acts 2:17, quoting Joel 2:28)

Sunday 24th May	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Pentecost - The power of the Spirit
	Readings:	Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 25 th	(No Prayer Meeting due to Spring Bank Holiday)	
Wednesday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 28 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	(No St Luke’s Toddlers due to half term break)	
	(No Youth Deeper due to half term break)	
Friday 29 th	(No Fab Friday due to half term break)	
Sunday 31 st	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,

Over the last week or so, many of us have been following the daily **‘God with us’** Bible readings and reflections from Ascension until Pentecost, written for the annual **Thy Kingdom Come** prayer initiative. We have been inspired at the way God was at work by his Holy Spirit in Bible characters such as Deborah, Gideon and Elijah. In the Old Testament, God’s Spirit was given to particular people at particular times for particular purposes that God called them to. **But on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on all the believers**, as recorded in Acts 2. God has not left us to try to live our lives in our own strength, he has given us the gift of his Spirit. The Bible uses a number of words to describe the Holy Spirit, such as Advocate, Comforter and Counsellor. **The Spirit draws alongside us to help and guide us, but he is gentle and doesn’t force himself on us, it is up to us to invite and welcome him into our lives.** This Pentecost, may we be open to the transformation that God’s Spirit brings about, in our lives and in our church.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for protection and relief for all affected by conflict in the Middle East and Ukraine, and for all affected by the global economic impacts of war.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke’s.
- Pray for our Beacon Project as we raise funds, apply for grants, and seek approvals for the project to progress.
- Pray for God’s guidance and strength for the St Luke’s Staff Team as they lead and serve at St Luke’s.
- Pray for God’s healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Marianne Mutlow, 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.



We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you could give now and/or pledge to give later, to help us to ensure that St Luke’s Church is a bright, warm, welcoming place where the love of God is made known, now and into the future.

<https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/888/St-Lukes-Beacon-Project>

This week we are praying for PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education)

Please pray for PACE as they take the Christian message into many of our local schools:

- Give thanks for the 'Moving Up Workshops' helping year 6 pupils in their transition to secondary school.
- Pray for 'Questions that Matter' sessions where young people hungry for answers can raise many varied questions.
- Pray for continued financial support for this important ministry.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3 rd June 6.30pm	Watoto Children's Choir Concert in Church (see below)
Sunday 7 th June 2.30pm	Cream teas served by Guides and Rangers at the Church Hall (until 5.30pm)
Thursday 11 th June 2pm	Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors at the Vicarage (until 4pm)
Thursday 11 th June 7.30pm	Hope Explored course begins at the Vicarage (see below)
Sunday 14 th June 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Friday 26 th – Sunday 28 th June	Spree South West 2026 Youth Weekend at Westpoint, Exeter
Sunday 12 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Sunday in Church
Tuesday 28 th July – Sunday 2 nd August	New Wine Festival at Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club for primary age children in Church

NOTICES

Guest speaker from PACE – Sunday 31st May 10.30am

We are looking forward to welcoming Dave Pegg, Secondary Schools Worker at PACE, to speak at our service on Sunday 31st May. You may remember Dave joining us about a year ago to speak about the work of PACE in our local schools. This time, Dave will be sharing a lesson he delivers in schools on the theme of forgiveness. Do join us for this!

Watoto Children's Choir Concert – Wednesday 3rd June 6.30pm

The Watoto concert is fast approaching! Thank you to everyone who is helping with this exciting outreach event. It is a great opportunity to invite friends to. **The concert is free to attend, but to help us keep track of numbers, please book tickets using the link below, or via the church office.** Click here to book your tickets:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator

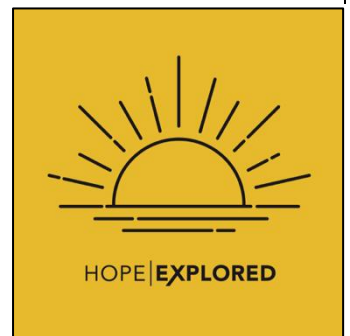
Hope Explored – beginning on Thursday 11th June 7.30pm

As a follow up to the Watoto concert, we are going to run the Hope Explored course.

What is it? Over three sessions, Hope Explored presents the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and provides an opportunity to discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: the longing for hope, peace, and purpose.

When is it? 7.30pm at the Vicarage on Thursdays 11th, 18th and 25th June.

How can I get involved? If you would like to know more about Hope Explored, invite a friend, or offer to help on the course, please speak to Stuart or email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk.



Guides & Rangers Cream Teas – Sunday 7th June 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Please join the Guides and Rangers for a delicious cream tea at the Church Hall on Sunday 7th June 2026, 2.30pm – 5.30pm. All welcome. Proceeds to support the residential opportunities offered to the Guides and Rangers.

Strawberry Cream Tea for Seniors – Thursday 11th June 2pm – 4pm

An afternoon at the Vicarage for older members of our church community to enjoy good company and good food in the form of a strawberry cream tea! If you would like to come, please let the church office know. We look forward to welcoming you.

PACE Cream Tea – Saturday 13th June 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Taking place at St Paul's Throop, this will be a great opportunity hear about PACE's work in our local schools, as well as enjoying a lovely cream tea. There will be outdoor games for children.

Mission partner update – The Pain family in Japan

The Pains have been working with OMF in Japan for nearly twenty years. We encourage you to sign up for their newsletter by sending an email to Kesia on kesia.pain@omfmail.com letting her know that you are from St Luke's.

New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28th July until Sunday 2nd August. Follow this link for more info or to buy tickets: 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 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 25th May 2026: Wed 9.30am-3pm, Fri 9.30am-3pm

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