



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. (Psalm 116:1)

Sunday 24th August	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Psalms – A psalm of thanksgiving
	Readings:	Psalm 116
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 th	(No Prayer Meeting in due to Summer Bank Holiday)	
Tuesday 26 th	9.30am	Heroes Academy Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
Wednesday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in <u>Church Rooms</u>
	9.30am	Heroes Academy Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
Thursday 28 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in <u>Church Rooms</u>
	9.30am	Heroes Academy Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
	(No St Luke's Toddlers due to school summer holiday)	
Friday 29 th	9.30am	Heroes Academy Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
	(No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to school summer holiday)	
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

Our psalm this Sunday is a wonderful response to God's goodness and faithfulness, even in times of trouble. Psalm 116 begins, "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice," reminding us that our prayers never go unnoticed by our heavenly Father who loves us. The psalm encourages us to respond to God's goodness with gratitude, trust, and a renewed commitment to walk in his ways. May that be our response, as individuals and as a church family, in good times and in tough times. May we be bold in sharing and speaking out our praises and our thankfulness to Jesus our Lord and King. God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Tenth Sunday After Trinity: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for our Heroes Academy Holiday Club on 26th – 29th August, that the children who come will experience the love of God through the activities and input each day, and for God's blessing on our amazing holiday club team.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's Fabric Team, using their time, skills and energy to care for our church building.
- Pray for the family and friends of John Singer, a long standing member of St Luke's who 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, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for the Tearfund

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work of Tearfund and their commitment to bringing hope, justice, and restoration to communities in need around the world. Bless their efforts to serve the poor, respond to crises, and speak out against injustice. Strengthen and protect their staff and partners as they work in challenging places. May your love be made known in every act of compassion and every word of truth they share. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 13th September 10am

Sunday 14th September

Sunday 21st September 6pm

Monday 29th September 1.30pm

MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office

St Luke's Work Morning (until 1pm)

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm) (more details to follow)

Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms (including a talk on changes to local NHS services – all are welcome to this part of the meeting)

NOTICES

Heroes Academy Holiday Club

Please do pray for our holiday club which begins on Tuesday! We are looking forward to welcoming around 70 children to St Luke's for four mornings of fun activities, songs, Bible stories and crafts exploring heroes of the Bible. Please note that for the week of Monday 25th – Friday 29th August the church will not be open as usual to visitors, and our Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion service and Thursday 9.15am prayer meeting will be held in the Church Rooms.

Heroes Academy Holiday Club – we need your junk please!

At holiday club we are doing junk modelling. If you have any clean cardboard or plastic packaging that you can donate, please put it in the box at the back of church. Thank you, Anna.

Sad news

Some of you will remember Val Offer and her daughter Laura. Sadly, Laura died suddenly last week, having been diagnosed with leukemia early in the week, within two days she developed a clot on her heart and died. This has been devastating for Val, please do pray for her and all who knew Laura.

Funeral of John Singer

This will be held at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. We would also like to express thanks to all the staff at Pennant House who have cared for John over the last 4 years.

Reorganisation at the back of church

We have reorganised the area at the back of church, to clear and declutter the space. Hymn books and Bibles are now in the shelves on the right as you come into church, and we are creating a new library area in the corner beside the creche room (this will be ready in a few weeks' time). The pigeonholes are now in the corner nearer to the toilets. We will also be refreshing information on some of the noticeboards. If you have any questions or feedback do let us know.

Job Opportunity: Faithworks is seeking an inspiring Christian to lead Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank

Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank supported over 1,250 individuals and families last year, providing urgent practical help around food, housing, debt and isolation, and walking alongside people, giving confidence and tools to rebuild their lives. Faithworks is a faith-driven charity committed to generosity, integrity, and grace. Please pray, and direct anyone interested to: <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/> Closing date: Monday 8th September, 12 noon.

Dementia Friendly Church

"Just a reminder that at St Luke's we are a Dementia Friendly Church, and everyone is welcome and included in our congregation. I have both professional and personal experience of supporting people living with Dementia and am happy to chat or share information with any family needing support. Many thanks, Liz"

Pattern of Saturday prayer meetings

Please note that from August onwards, our fortnightly Saturday morning prayer meetings at 9.30am will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. We hope this will make it easier to keep track of when they are happening.

Helping you with MyChurchSuite – Friday 5th September

Many of you are now using MyChurchSuite to keep your details up to date and check when you are serving on rotas, which is great. We are aware that not everyone finds technology easy, so we have another drop-in session in the church office on **Friday 5th September** between 10.30am and 12.30pm. We can help with: how to get set up on your phone or computer, how to update your personal details, how to provide your unavailability, and more. All welcome!

Monthly 9am Holy Communion Service – Starting in September

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we will trial holding a simple service of Holy Communion at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. This will be a quiet service with hymns on the piano, lasting just under an hour. All are welcome.

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

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 25th August 2025 – Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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