

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024
CHRIST THE KING**I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)**

Sunday 24th November	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Philippians
	Readings:	Philippians 4:10-23 & Matthew 6:1-4
	Leader:	Dan Washbrook
	Preacher:	John Bassett
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph production in the Church Hall

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
Thursday 28 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 29 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
Sunday 1 st	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Christingle All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage
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Dear St Luke's family,

This Sunday, we come to the end of our sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians. How has God spoken to you through our studies in Philippians on Sundays or in Connect Groups? If something in particular has struck you, why not share it with someone else. The letter ends on personal note with Paul thanking the Philippians for the gifts they have sent him, generously providing for him in times of need. And Paul remains confident that "my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). May we also have thankful hearts and a renewed confidence in God, who generously provides for us and gives us strength.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for Christ the King: 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.

Please:

- Pray for protection and support for all who struggle in this cold weather, including the homeless and the elderly.
- Pray for Claire Storey and all the family following the death of Gina recently.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Marian Laird, Wendy Lockwood, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix and Lorna Warburton.

This week we are praying for PACE - Making Jesus known to our children and young people

Heavenly Father, thank you for this local ministry, so faithfully reaching out to the schools in the BCP area. Thank you for the work of PACE this term, bringing vibrant and exciting lessons to schools across BCP about Christian beliefs and the way their lives are impacted through faith in Jesus. Please bless and prosper their work in primary and secondary schools across the area. May the seeds sown bear fruit in children's and young peoples' lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 st December 10.30am	Christingle All Age Service
Friday 6 th December 6pm	Carols Around The Firepit – at St Edward’s School
Saturday 14 th December 2pm – 5pm	A Taste of Christmas – a fun, family-friendly Christmas event
Sunday 15 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert – tickets £10 (concessions £5)
Saturday 21 st December 4pm	Campfire Carols
Sunday 22 nd December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 th December 3pm	Nativity Service
Tuesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 th December 10.30am	Christmas Day All Age Communion

NOTICES

Flowers

The flowers in Church this week have kindly been donated by Sid Wells, in memory of his beloved wife Ann.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated to the shoe box appeal this year. 58 shoeboxes were provided from St Luke’s Parkstone.

Putting forward your views on the assisted dying debate

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which would legalize assisted dying in England and Wales, is to be debated and voted on in the House of Commons on 29th November. However, the bill would need to go through further debates and votes before becoming law. You may wish to contact your MP about this. Visit the CARE website at <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide> to email your MP using their form. Or contact your MP directly, giving your full name and address. The CARE website contains some good material from a Christian viewpoint. You could comment under headings such as: political, medical, vulnerable groups, cultural, palliative care.

Gift for John Parrett

After many years of involvement in leading youth work at St Luke’s on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings, John Parrett has stepped down recently. We are very grateful to John for all he has done. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for John, please give donations to Helen in the church office by the end of November. Thank you.

St Luke’s Men’s Walk – Tuesday 26th November

We will be travelling on the 40 bus at 10.34am from Poole bus station to Wareham for a walk of about 4 miles – weather permitting! If you would like to join us, and/or join our WhatsApp group, please speak to Duncan or Steve.

Pigeonholes

Please check the pigeonholes at the back of church for Mother’s Union Christmas Party invites!

Church Locking Up Rota for 2025

We are looking for additional volunteers to join the small team who lock the church at around 1700 each day from Monday to Saturday. There may also be limited occasions when you are asked to unlock the church by 0900 each day. For further info please speak to Richard Hudson (01202 721919) or any member of the current team. Thank you.

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>

Reverse Advent Calendar – supporting the Foodbank

To donate to this very important cause, please bring food items to Church from Sunday 17th November until Sunday 15th December. Donations will be distributed to needy people and families. Any queries contact Linda or Roger Jones.

Christmas Toy appeal for SMILE

At Christmas, SMILE give gifts to lone parent families they support. As a church we’re helping to provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we’d like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift.

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.

Choir for Carols by Candlelight

Rehearsals start on Friday 22nd November at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. Join us if you would like to be in the choir.

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

For further details from Claire Storey at clairestorey0204@gmail.com or 01202 733669.

Giving to support the work of St Luke’s Parkstone



Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Luke’s Church, Parkstone PCC 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 Parkstone BH14 9LF
Week commencing 24th November
Cover in the office: Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am-4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.
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