

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024

LENT 2

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44)

- 10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
10.30 am **Morning Worship** with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom.
Theme: Stewardship: Our Gratitude
Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 & Matthew 13:44-46
Leader: Stuart Cocksedge
Talk: John Bassett

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 26 th	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 28 th	9.30 am	Midweek Worship on Zoom
Thursday 29 th	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	St Luke’s Toddlers in Church
Friday 1 st	7.30 pm	Youth Club in the Church Rooms (including sleepover)
Saturday 2 nd	9.30 am	Gift day - Prayer, Praise and Provision (until 1.00 pm) (see below)
Sunday 3 rd	9.00 am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30 am	Gift day - Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke’s family,

Thank you to everyone who has filled in our **questionnaire**. We have received over 80 responses, which is great! If you haven’t yet done so, please fill one in this Sunday, or return completed questionnaires to the office on Monday.

Over the past week, it has been good to welcome folks to the communion service and soup lunch on Wednesday, toddler group on Thursday, and with Fab Friday kids club and youth club on Friday, there is lots going on.

This Sunday, as part of our focus on **stewardship**, there will be a letter available to all with more details on our church finances and how we can give. Also, we’ll have Philip Bingham from CMS with us to update us on **Kevin and Jen Cable**.

As part of our gift days, on **Saturday 2nd March** we will have a morning of **Prayer, Praise and Provision**. Beginning with our prayer meeting at 9.30am, this will be followed by coffee, then a time of worship around 11am to praise and thank God for his goodness and provision to us. There will be time to find out more about what’s happening in our children’s and youth work, plus one or two other things. A simple lunch will be served at 12 noon, and we’ll finish at 1pm. Please join us for as long or as little as you can. All are welcome!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for King Charles III for healing and strength as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Justin Coldstream who father has recently died.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst who is in hospital with a broken ankle, Virginia, Andy Hogg and Claire Storey’s sister Gina.

This week we are praying for Christian Aid

Please pray for the work of Christian Aid partners in Gaza as they help to provide medical relief and community-led initiatives such as food, shelter and sanitation during the conflict. It is extremely dangerous to move around, and supplies of essentials are running perilously low. Pray also for Christian Aid partner Zochrot, who are working to provide trauma-based psychological assistance to Israelis who have been affected by the escalation of violent conflict. Amen.

NOTICES

Gift Weekend – Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March

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Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

On Wednesday this week, another successful soup lunch was enjoyed by many, after the 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 20th March.

Winter Clothing Project

Liz Howes is continuing to collect for the Winter Clothing Project for the Homeless in Parkstone, supported by the United Reformed Church. Donations of Men's clothing, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers etc. would be very appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the Church for collection. Many thanks.

Mothering Sunday – 10th March

This year why not support the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal' by giving your mother a gift that supports other mothers. These gifts can also be dedicated in memory of a loved one. The gifts start from just £11 and details are on the Families First noticeboard or speak to Anne Roberts.

PACE Quiz

Pace are holding a quiz evening on Saturday 16th March 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm at St Paul's Church, Throop BH8 0NY. Come as a team of six or make up a team on the night. £5 per person (pay on the door). Drinks and nibbles provided. To book a place email office@pacetrust.org.uk or call 07375 672 098.

Renew, Reuse, Recycle

An Eco Fair will take place at St George's Church, Darby's Lane, Poole BH15 3EU on Saturday 16th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Guest stalls include: A Rocha UK, FairTrade, Lush, Poole Men's Sheds and many more. Also: seed, plant and tool swap table, Our PlanetZero Van – with nuts, seeds, pulses and cereals (bring your own tubs) and buy a home-made shopping bag. Refreshments available. Contact 01202 660612 for more information. All welcome!

An Evening of Worship!

On Saturday 16th March from 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm there will be an evening event taking place at the Lansdowne Church, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth BH1 1SB. Enjoy your favourite songs and hear stories from Philippa and Lou about their dedication to seeing children released from poverty in Jesus' name. All welcome – please copy and paste the link below to your usual browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-worship-with-philippa-hanna-and-lou-fellingham-tickets-778181571027?aff=oddtcreator>



Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

Our bank details are: 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 26th Feb - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Wed 10.30 am – 4.30 pm and Fri 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm
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