



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)

Sunday 25th May	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	The Holy Spirit – our guide
	Readings:	John 14:15-17, 25-27 and 1 Corinthians 2:11-16
	Leader:	Andrew Cullis
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 26 th	(No Prayer Meeting due to Spring Bank Holiday)
Wednesday 28 th	9.30am Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 29 th	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel (No St Luke's Toddlers this week due to half term holiday)
Friday 30 th	(No Fab Friday or Youth Club this week due to half term holiday)
Sunday 1 st	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel 10.30am All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

Beginning this week, in our Sunday sermons we'll be focusing on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, as we head towards Pentecost, which we'll celebrate on Sunday 8th June. While he was still with his disciples, Jesus spoke to them about the Holy Spirit. Jesus was returning to the Father, and he would ask the Father to send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who would draw alongside them, and be with them always, to guide, comfort and empower them. And the promised gift of the Spirit is for us today just as much as it was for the first followers of Jesus. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us and empower us as we seek to live for God day by day – we can't do it in our own strength. So let's not just seek to know about the Holy Spirit, but also to pray for and experience more of his presence and power in our lives.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the Washbrook family as they move to Kinson, and for Dan in his new role as Rector of St Andrew's Kinson.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's pastoral team as they give their time and energy to support and care for others.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Anne (Marianne Mutlow's sister), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Lisa Taylor, Tina, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Joyce Ward and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for Routes to Roots

Please pray for the work of Routes to Roots supporting the homeless in the Poole area through drop-ins, providing basic necessities, such as showers, hot food, clothing and sleeping bags, and offering outreach access to the Poole addictions team, mental health workers, Poole rough sleeper outreach team and housing advisers. Pray for their staff and volunteers as they provide practical help and offer hope to those in need in our community. Give thanks to God for the Genesis Centre, the permanent base for Routes to Roots, and pray for the provision of more volunteers to support their work. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 th June 10.30am	Pentecost Sunday Service
Wednesday 11 th June 7pm for 7.30pm	Deanery Synod at St Luke's Parkstone
Thursday 12 th – Saturday 14 th June	Churches Together Outreach BBQs in Falkland Square, Poole
Wednesday 25 th June 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Friday 27 th – Sunday 29 th June	Spree South West Youth Weekend in Devon
Sunday 6 th July	St Luke's Summer BBQ after the morning service
Sunday 13 th July 10.30am	Mission Partnerships Service
Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th August	Heroes Academy Holiday Club for primary school age children
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service

NOTICES

Holy Communion – Wednesday 28th May, 9.30am – Celebrating the Ascension

This coming Thursday is Ascension Day, and in the 'olden days' it was sometimes a day off school! Always on a Thursday, the Ascension can get overlooked, but it is a really important event. It marks the end of the earthbound ministry of Jesus; includes the words of Jesus' commission to His disciples; and prepares the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We will be celebrating the Ascension at this Wednesday's 9.30am Holy Communion service.

Connect Group Bible Study Guides

If you don't yet have a copy of the Ruth Bible study guide, which is this term's theme in Connect Groups, copies are available in the office or on Sunday. A reminder that we are asking for a contribution of £4 per copy please.

Work Morning at Church

We would appreciate help in tidying the gardens, hedges and cleaning the inside of the Church on Saturday June 7th at 10am. We would also like some help to provide coffee, tea, biscuits etc. Please speak to Alan Cotterell or call him on 01202 745003 with any queries. Thank you!

Churches Together – Outreach BBQs

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with these BBQs to be held in Falkland Square in Poole town centre on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June. The organisers would like to find more volunteers, especially singers and musicians. Please email paulhockley76@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Dan Washbrook's licencing service

Dan's licencing service at St Andrew's Kinson will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend, and please keep the Washbrooks in your prayers.

Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

Thank you very much to all those who have responded to our recent Gift Day. The total given so far is around £15,000 (one-off gifts). The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead. We encourage you to give by monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Contact PGS on **0333 002 1271**, scan the **QR code**, or visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. Speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge for more details.



Poole-Wau Partnership – Holes Bay Walk

The Holes Bay Walk will be taking place on Saturday 12th July. A more detailed Walk Information Leaflet and a Sponsor Form can be downloaded from the Events page of the website: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html>

Mission Partnerships Service – Sunday 13th July

Our annual Mission Partnerships Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13th July. Our guest speaker will be Mark Rathbone, who was part of the team from Poole who travelled to Wau, South Sudan recently. There will also be opportunities to hear brief updates from other mission partners, and to give financially to support their work.

New Wine Festival

New Wine summer festival takes place at Shepton Mallet on 30th July – 4th August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. Please speak to them if you would like to find out more, to book for New Wine, or to visit for a day. For more info see: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

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

Please note new date! 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

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Church Office opening hours: week commencing 26th May 2025 – Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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