



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.
Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?
"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:14-16)**

Sunday 25th August 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel
10.30am Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
Theme: Esther – Saying yes to God
Reading: Esther 4:1-17
Leader: Stuart Cocksedge
Talk: Andrew Cullis

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 26 th	No Prayer Meeting due to the Summer Bank Holiday
Tuesday 27 th	9.30am Build It! Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
Wednesday 28 th	9.30am Build It! Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm) 9.30am Holy Communion in Church Rooms
Thursday 29 th	9.30am Build It! Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm) (No Thursday prayer meetings during August)
Friday 30 th	9.30am Build It! Holiday Club in Church (until 12.30pm)
Saturday 31 st	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 1 st	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel 10.30am Holiday Club All Age Service, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

We are deeply loved by God, and all that we do can be only a response to this love. First that we act because God loves us, and then that all that we do is driven forward that we may more deeply love our neighbours. It starts with listening to God and ends with hearing Him - and like any good conversation, we must respond. The value of our work lies not in the task itself but in the One who calls us. On Sunday, Justin reminded us of the importance of deeply listening to God. The passage this week has prompted me to consider how we respond to this act of prayerful listening. Let's ask: What is God calling us to do next?

God bless, Dan

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our Build It! Holiday Club, that all the children who take part would have lots of fun and discover lots about Jesus and how to follow Him.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

This week we are praying for Routes to Roots

There are many in our town who are still sleeping rough. They need to be housed and they want to be housed but often there is simply nowhere to house them, even though a recent newspaper report suggested otherwise.

St Paul said: *'Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God'*

PRAY for the homeless, PRAY for Routes to Roots and PRAY that together, and with the power of God's Holy Spirit within us, we really will be able to do immeasurably more than we have ever hoped or imagined.

NOTICES

Some important dates for your diary!

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August – Build It! Holiday Club

Wednesday 11th September 7.30pm – Prayer ministry Team Meeting and Training

Saturday 21st September 5pm – Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen

Monday 30th September 2pm – Connect Group Leaders Meeting

Sunday 6th October 10.30am – Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 3rd November 3pm – St Luke's Annual Memorial Service

Saturday 16th November 7pm – Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Build it! Holiday Club

Build it! Holiday club is happening this week Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August 9.30am – 12.30pm. We have around 50 children signed up over the week with a great team of volunteers. We would value your prayers over the week.

- Pray for the children who are attending Build it! this week. Pray they will come to know Jesus as their friend and saviour.
- Pray for the team, that they will work well together and they have an enjoyable week.
- Pray that the children will have fun and be kept safe.
- Pray for energy for the team.
- Pray for Anna, Stuart and Dan as they lead and teach the children this week.

Prayer meetings during August

During this quieter summer period, we will pause our Thursday morning prayer meetings for the rest of August.

Prayers at 9.30am on Mondays and alternate Saturdays will continue as usual. Prayers at 9.15am on Thursdays will resume on 5th September.

Confirmation service – Saturday 21st September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's on **Saturday 21st September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Job Vacancies

St Mary's Ferndown is looking for a new Children & Families Minister and a part-time Office Administrator. Further details of the vacancies may be found by following the link: <https://www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk/vacancies>

Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3rd Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

Found Property

We have a number of umbrellas and other items that have been left in church recently - if you have lost anything, please would you check at the back of church and claim your item if it is there. Thanks very much, Richard Hudson.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you for your donations. 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!

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or please send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 26th August – Cover in the office: Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 10.30am – 4.30pm

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