



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

## SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31)

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	A church prioritising time with God
	Readings:	Matthew 11:28-30 & Mark 6:30-31
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Dan Washbrook
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Children's Rehearsal for Joseph Production</b> in Church Hall	
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Rehearsal for Joseph Production</b> in Church Hall	
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Youth Deeper</b> at The Vicarage	

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
	7.30pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> Speak Life 321
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> Mission Minded Living
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church Rooms (until 11.30am)
	1.00pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> The Belonging Course in Church Rooms
	8.00pm	<b>Spring Courses:</b> Parenting For Faith Course on Zoom
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>		(No Fab Friday due to Community Fun Day the following day)
	7.30pm	Youth Club bowling trip (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Church Rooms (due to Community Fun Day in Church)
	10.00am	St Luke's Community Fun Day (until 2pm)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rehearsal for Joseph Production in the Church Hall
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper at the Vicarage

#### Dear St Luke's family,

The Sabbath is a beautiful gift, not by chance. God doesn't rest because He is tired or needs restoration. He rests to show us that rest is truly good. Six days a week, we navigate the busyness of life, but on the Sabbath, we tune into the sacredness of time. We set aside our daily routine, not to retreat, but to celebrate and rejuvenate. Finding perfect rest is an art—how have you embraced this recently?

God bless, Dan

#### PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Third Sunday of Epiphany: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by war, conflict and natural disasters, for strength and comfort for all affected.
- Pray for the family and friends of Marian Laird, Virginia Stacey and Barbara Suffling and who have died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Colin West.

**This week we are praying to mark Holocaust Memorial Day** (The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz) Father, every year we remember the six million men, women and children who were displaced, mocked, abused and murdered by those who sought their total extermination, because they were Jews. We remember how the world was silent at such a time. Give us the understanding and courage to speak out against the rising tide of anti-semitism today. God of unfailing love and mercy, may Israel turn to you in these dangerous times and put her hope in you. God of righteousness and justice, we ask too, that the nations surrounding Israel will cry out to You, the living God. May the words and actions of world leaders be led by Your life-giving Word. We acknowledge that only through Your Son, Jesus Christ will there ever be true peace and healing in Israel and across the Middle East. We lift this prayer to You in His precious Name. Amen.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 10.00am	<b>St Luke's Community Fun Day</b> (until 2pm)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 4.00pm	<b>Safeguarding Reflective Space</b> in Church Rooms (until 5pm)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>St Luke's Gift Day</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Mothering Sunday All Age Service</b>

#### NOTICES

##### **Church heating update!**

**We are very pleased that the church heating is now working again, so our service is at church this Sunday.** Thank you to Richard and our heating engineers for all their hard work on this. However, the church heating system is old and the fabric team is continuing to explore options for its future replacement. We will keep you updated about this.

##### **St Luke's Community Fun Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 10am – 2pm**

Our Community Fun day is happening in less than a week! All are welcome to come and take part in our fun day, please invite your friends and neighbours, there are flyers at the back to hand out. If you can bake some cakes, or are available to help, especially after 12 noon, please let Anna know.

##### **Baptisms – coming soon!**

We are planning to have an opportunity for baptism by immersion, or for the renewal of baptismal faith, on a Sunday in the near future at St Luke's. If you have not been baptised and would be interested in being baptised, please speak to Stuart or Dan. We would love to talk this through with you.

##### **Speaker from the Samaritans**

For the first part of the pastoral team meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm in the Church Rooms we will be joined by a speaker from the Samaritans. You are invited to join us for this. It should last no more than 30 minutes.

##### **Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Virginia Stacey**

This will take place at St Luke's on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments in church. All welcome. If you would like to provide any refreshments for Virginia's remembrance tea, please sign the clipboard at the back of Church on Sunday.

##### **Funeral service for Marian Laird**

Marian's funeral will take place at St Luke's on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1pm. All are welcome.

##### **Safeguarding Reflective Space – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

As mentioned on Safeguarding Sunday, we are offering a time for anyone who would like to reflect on or talk about recent safeguarding issues in the wider Church of England, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 4pm-5pm in the Church Rooms.

##### **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>

##### **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.

##### **Bournemouth William Temple Association**

The next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.40pm at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Mr Michael Jones, Retired Theatre Producer. His talk is entitled "Worship as Theatre".

##### **Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat – Performance dates: 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Judy Hudson will be selling tickets for the production of Joseph after the 1030am service on Sundays at the back of the church. Please see Judy to purchase your tickets. For further details please contact Claire Storey at [clairestorey0204@gmail.com](mailto: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, Poole BH14 9LF

**Cover in the Church Office week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.**

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