



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 26th MAY 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Sunday 26th May **10.00am** **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
10.30am **Morning Worship** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
Theme: The Lord's Prayer: Introduction
Reading: Matthew 6:5-15, Philippians 4:4-7
Leader: Roy Stacey
Sermon: Justin Coldstream

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 27 th	No Prayer Meeting in Church today due to the Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday 29 th	9.30am Midweek Worship on Zoom
Thursday 30 th	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Church
Sunday 2 nd	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

There is lots to give thanks for after last weekend. The **PCC** enjoyed an encouraging **away day** last Saturday - spending time in worship, prayer, and thinking together about where we are as a church, our strengths and weaknesses, and also to beginning to think and pray about where we hope to be in five years' time. Then, on Sunday it was a joy to worship together as we celebrated **Pentecost**, both in the morning and in the evening when our sung worship was led by the young people.

This Sunday, we begin a new series of sermons on aspects of the prayer that Jesus gave us. In Luke 11:1 the disciples made this request of Jesus: **'Lord, teach us to pray'**. This is such a good prayer for us all to pray. Over the course of six Sundays we'll be looking at different lines in the **Lord's Prayer**, to see what they have to teach us about prayer and practically how they can help us in our own prayer lives. These sermons are also complemented by our current Connect Group studies on prayer in the Old Testament. If you are not in a Connect Group and would be interested in joining one, please do let me know.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for Trinity Sunday: Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for Geoff and Will Sherwood on their cycle ride across Europe in support of Christian Aid.
- Pray for the Spree South West youth weekend on 21st – 23rd June, that all who go (including our group from St Luke's) will encounter God, grow in their faith, and have loads of fun!
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Ben Cullis, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, Lorna Warburton.

This week we are praying for Kevin and Jen Cable in Israel (Copies of their latest letter are at the back of the church and also by their Mission noticeboard. Do take a copy)

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Kevin and Jen's safe return to Jaffa. Please restore Kevin to full health after his operation and as he continues to recuperate. We ask too for their ongoing protection and safety as they minister in Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Give Kevin and Jen supernatural wisdom and Your leading, as they make decisions about the next steps with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

NOTICES

Calling all those on the Welcomers, Sidespeople and Tea & Coffee rotas!

We are having an evening for everyone who serves on these rotas, and anyone else interested in joining them, on **Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in Church**. We'd like to gather you all together to talk through how best we can welcome people and run things smoothly on Sunday mornings. Please put the date in your diary - thank you.

The latest from Geoff and Will Sherwood:

"We progressed from Antalya via Myra and Patara to Fethiye, where we had a day off as there was no alternative ferry to Rhodes. Instead we have plotted a route on the mainland, firstly up to Miletos, and from there we pressed on to get to Ephesus a day early, so another 'rest' day doing a full tour of the ruins. Liz and her sister Jane return home tomorrow (Saturday), so we will be on our own again heading for Pergamon, and then Assos and Troas next week. Hello from us to St Luke's!"

Summer Fayre at Abbeyfield

To be held at Pennant House, 2 Spur Hill Avenue on Saturday 8th June at 2pm. Cakes, plants, Judy's jams, bric-a-brac, cream teas and more. Please come and support the residents. Enquiries to Denise 07464 545029.

Cream Tea

The 9th Parkstone Guides and Parkstone Rangers will be holding a delicious cream tea event at St Luke's Church Hall, Birchwood Road on Sunday 9th June, 2pm – 5pm. Proceeds will support residential opportunities for the Guides and Rangers. All welcome!

Help needed please - Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole-Wau Partnership

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sunday 23rd June between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. During the open garden we will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of the Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve the refreshments and provide homemade cakes will be gratefully received - please let Judy Hudson know if you can help - 01202 721919.

Last Wishes Form

Following on from the talk on The Importance of Making Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney last year, copies of the Last Wishes Form have been placed at the rear of the Church for use by Church members. Please take a copy for completion if you would like one.

Confirmations

We hope to have a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's later this year, in the Autumn term. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart. In readiness for this, Anna will be organising some Youth Alpha sessions for our young people, as preparation for confirmation, but also great for any young people wanting to grow in their faith.

Do you have a tent we could borrow?

We are taking a group of young people to Spree South West, a Christian youth camp in Devon on 21st - 23rd June. We need some more tents for our group, so if you have a tent we could borrow, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

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!

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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 27th May – Cover in the office: Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

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