



SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2026
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Luke 10:2)

Sunday 26th July	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Mission in Luke's gospel - Sent out by Jesus - Part 2
	Readings:	Numbers 11:16-25 and Luke 10:1-12
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Speaker:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 27 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 30 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
		(No St Luke's Toddlers due to school Summer Holiday)
		(No Youth Deeper due to school Summer Holiday)
Friday 31 st		(No Fab Friday due to school Summer Holiday)
Sunday 2 nd	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

I hope you are coping in the continuing hot weather. With schools having broken up, this is a quieter period at church for now, but we are looking forward to our Seniors afternoon on 20th August, and to welcoming over 100 local children to our Under the Sea Holiday Club on 25th – 28th August. Meanwhile, members of St Luke's will be serving at Studland Camps and going New Wine, among other things. Please pray that these will all be encouraging and fruitful times!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Eighth Sunday after Trinity: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for wisdom and strength for our new Prime Minister and Cabinet as they take up their new responsibilities.
- Pray for our summer holiday club in August, that all the children who come may experience God's love for them as we explore our theme based on the book of Jonah, through songs, Bible talks, prayers, crafts and games.
- Pray for our Pastoral Team, that they may be a blessing to all those they serve and support, in the church family and wider community.
- Pray for all those who work in the education sector in our local community, for rest and refreshment for teachers over the summer break, and for fresh vision and energy for the new school year when it begins in September.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggle, Tim Lynes and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to this prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

This week we are praying for Faithworks

Please pray for Faithworks, an inspiring local Christian charity working alongside people when life is hard:

- Pray that the practical projects they run (including foodbanks, debt counselling, tackling homelessness, and supporting lone parents) may help to build hope and resilience for all those in need across the BCP area.
- Pray for vision, wisdom, and the resources needed, as they work towards their audacious goals of ending homelessness, food poverty, and loneliness, in the areas they serve.
- Pray that we as a church may be able to support and contribute towards this work, through practical help and financial giving. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28 th July – Sunday 2 nd August	New Wine Festival at Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet
Thursday 20 th August 2pm – 4pm	Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon in Church
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th August	'Under the Sea' Holiday Club for primary age children in Church
Wednesday 9 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Sunday 13 th September 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church

NOTICES

Mission Partnerships Sunday – Thank You!

It was encouraging to hear about the work of Bible Society at our recent Mission Partnerships service. Thank you to all those who have already given gifts to support our various mission partners. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so soon. Leaflets are still available at the back of church with details of how you can give. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday, or drop them into the church office (see below for office opening hours.)

New Wine Festival 2026 – Tuesday 28th July to Sunday 2nd August

Day tickets are now available, so why not join us there for the day. Follow this link for more details and to buy tickets: www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now

Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon – Thursday 20th August 2pm

Following on from the cream tea we held in June, our next outreach event for older people is our Seniors Games & Craft Afternoon on Thursday 20th August, 2pm – 4pm, in Church. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon to chat over tea, coffee and cake, play board games, do jigsaw puzzles, and get involved in some craft activities. Feel free to invite friends along. If you need a lift to church, please do contact the church office or the Pastoral Team. We look forward to welcoming you!

'Under the Sea' Holiday Club – Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th August

We are excited to be welcoming over 100 children to our holiday club at the end of August.

Please pray for holiday club! Nearer the time we will invite you to sign up for hourly prayer slots, in the same we did for Spree a few weeks ago. Watch this space.

500ml plastic bottles needed! If you have spare 500ml plastic drinks bottles, please bring them to church in time for holiday club. Thank you.

Beacon Project – key points from the update given on Sunday 19th July

1. Project launched in April 2026
2. Funding so far **(thank you!)**:
 - From congregation £41,500 (unrestricted)
 - From congregation £1,500 (restricted)
 - Diocese quick win grant £9,000
 - From Development Fund £20,000
 - Total £72,000
3. Recent progress:
 - Appointed Mabey Francis (Consulting Engineers) to develop approved concept design for heating and lighting
 - Appointed RLM Architects to undertake project management and architectural services
4. Intended next steps:
 - Kick off meeting and lighting demo - July
 - Sound system improvements – Summer (TBC)
 - Heating faculty - October/November
 - Lighting approval & installation - Autumn/Winter (TBC)
 - Heating installation - Spring 2027
 - AV improvements - Later in 2027
5. Prayer points:
 - Give thanks for funds raised so far
 - Pray for God's provision through individuals' giving and grant applications
 - Pray for approvals process
 - Pray for the Fabric Team as they progress these things

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

To set up regular giving, please go www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details **CAF Bank Limited** Name **St Lukes Church** Account No **00008836** Sort Code **40-52-40**

Office opening hours week commencing 27th July: **Mon 10am-12pm & 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed 9am-3pm & Fri 9am-3pm**

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