

## SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)**

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Pre-Service Prayers</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship inc. APCM</b> with Children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	We are the light of the world
	Reading:	Matthew 5:13-16
	Service Leader:	Dan Washbrook
	APCM Chair:	Stuart Cocksedge
	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Bring and share lunch</b> in Church

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Church Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	2.00pm	Open Gardens in aid of Poole Wau Partnership – see notice (until 5.00pm)
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

**Dear St Luke's family,**

This Sunday, as part of our worship, we gather for our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), followed by a **bring and share lunch** to which all are welcome. If you haven't already had a chance to do so, please take some time to read through our **Annual Reports** which can be found here: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/645/Annual-Reports>

I am excited that we have received nominations for Ben Counsell and Alan Cotterell to be our **Churchwardens**, and really pleased that they will be assisted by Elaine Browning and Charlotte Mutton who have both offered to serve in an informal capacity as **Assistant Churchwardens**. We have received nominations for Richard Browning, Lis Cullis, Paul Gilbert and Kate Giles to serve as lay members of the **PCC**, and for Trevor Muddimer to serve as a Deanery Synod rep. I also want to thank those who are stepping down this year, including Kate Wyatt who has served as Churchwarden for the past year and a half (initially covering for Virginia Stacey during her illness), and to John Bassett, Brian Finch, Christine Gilbert and Carole Schouten who are stepping down or finishing their terms on the PCC (although Christine will continue as PCC Secretary). Please do keep our Churchwardens and PCC in your prayers.

God bless, Stuart

#### **PRAYERS**

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

- Pray for peace in all places affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and Sudan. Pray for protection of the innocent and vulnerable, for success for those negotiating for peace, and for wisdom for world leaders.
- Pray for Roman Catholics around the world mourning the death of Pope Francis, and for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for those involved in choosing the next Pope.
- Pray for the Lynes family following the death of Tim's father Philip.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.

## This week we are praying for the Bible Society

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Bible Society and its work around the world. Also, for the encouraging news that the Bible is being read by more young people (especially boys!) in our own country. We pray that more people may have the chance to know you personally and be willing to share the good news of the gospel with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10.30am	<b>Pentecost Sunday Service</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 12 noon	<b>Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day</b> after the morning service
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Churches Together Outreach BBQs</b> in Falkland Square, Poole
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Spree Youth Weekend</b> in Devon
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am	<b>Mission Partnerships Service</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Heroes Academy Holiday Club</b> for primary school age children

### NOTICES

#### Saying goodbye to the Washbrooks

As announced recently in church, our Curate Dan Washbrook has been appointed Rector of St Andrew's Kinson. This is an exciting move for Dan, Becky, Alice and Percy, but we will be very sad to lose them! Their last Sunday with us at St Luke's will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May and we will have tea and cake after the service as we say farewell. Dan's licencing service at St Andrew's Kinson will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Please let the church office know if you would like to attend, and please keep the Washbrooks in your prayers as they prepare to move.

#### Urgent request for help – Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole Wau Partnership – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm until 5pm. Admission to the gardens is £7. We will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve refreshments and provide homemade cakes will be gratefully received. Please contact Judy Hudson as soon as possible on 01202 721919 if you can help. Thanks!

#### Find out more about the work of PACE in our local schools

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am, Dave Pegg from the PACE Christian schools work team will be our speaker. He will share a version of a lesson for secondary schools about the Bible, giving an insight into what PACE do in schools across BCP, as well as bringing us some Bible teaching. Do come along to hear more about the work of PACE.

#### 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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for PGS Parish Code **340634268**. Speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge for more details.



#### Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to get 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 8<sup>th</sup> June. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The organisers would like to find more volunteers, especially singers and musicians. Please email [paulhockley76@gmail.com](mailto:paulhockley76@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you.

#### SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon. We are taking a group again this year on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you're interested in going, please speak to Anna.

#### Mission Partnerships Service – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Our annual Mission Partnerships Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August. Stuart, Rachel and family are going. If you would like to join them, or come for a day, please let them know. More info: <http://www.new-wine.org/events/>

#### Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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

Or please send a cheque payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours: week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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