



SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.'** (1 Corinthians 1:27)

Sunday 27th September	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	James - Avoid favouritism
	Readings:	James 2:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Justin Coldstream

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 28 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
	8.00pm	Kids & Youth Team Meeting at Vicarage
Thursday 1 st October	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church (until 11.30am)
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pennant House
	6.30pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms (until 8pm)
Friday 2 nd	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 5pm)
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at Vicarage

Dear St Luke's family,

It has been said that the gospel is the great leveller. Before God, we are all equal as sinners in need of a Saviour, and the **good news is that Jesus has paid the price** for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God. This puts James' practical teaching (in James 2:1-13) into perspective: may we be those who avoid showing favouritism, who love our neighbour, and who **show mercy to others, just as we have been shown mercy**.

We have received so much from God, and **Harvest** is a particular time to **give thanks** to him. Next Sunday (4th October) we celebrate Harvest at our 9am and 10.30am services. Please do bring gifts of non-perishable food items, which will be donated to **Poole Foodbank**.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer 17th Sunday after Trinity: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those living with the ongoing effects of war and conflict, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- Pray for all those working in local government in our area, for wise decision making and good use of resources.
- Pray for the St Luke's Safeguarding Team as they work to ensure our services and activities are as safe as possible.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to the 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 are praying for OMF and the Pains serving in Japan

- Pray for the ongoing work of the gospel in Japan, for enthusiasm and strength for those joining the mission field.
- As the Pains enter their last six months in Japan, pray that they may be able to prepare well for the huge transition awaiting them, and for the next stage of their life in the UK.
- Pray also that the new field directors, John & Emily Orme, would feel ready to take on their new role.
- Continue to pray for spiritual breakthrough, recognising that after 150 years of faithful missionary work on hard ground, despite many answered prayers, we are still waiting for the desert to bloom! 'See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.' (James 5:7b)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church
Sunday 4 th October 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage
Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Harvest Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Sunday 11 th October 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse
Saturday 31 st October 4pm	Light Up The Night (alternative to Halloween event for families) in Church
Sunday 1 st November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 15 th November	Safeguarding Sunday

NOTICES

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Juliet and Joe Scott on the safe arrival of their twin girls Elodie and Cleo, born on Tuesday 22nd September. Do pray for Juliet and Joe, and big sister Eve, as they get to know the new additions to their family!

Harvest Gifts – Sunday 4th October

We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Poole Foodbank to our services on Sunday 4th October, when we will be celebrating Harvest, giving thanks to God for his generosity to us, and thinking about how we can be generous to others in the ways we use our time.

Welcome Tea – Sunday 4th October 3.30pm

If you are new to St Luke's or haven't been to one of our welcome teas before, we would love to invite you to join us at the Vicarage (2 Wellington Road) for tea, coffee and cakes from 3.30pm until 5pm on Sunday 4th October. There will be time to get to know one another, ask questions and find out about getting more involved in church life at St Luke's. Please let Stuart or Rachel know if you will be coming. Email vicar@stlukesparkstone.org.uk or phone 01202 790987.

Seniors Harvest Hymns & Games Afternoon – Monday 5th October 2pm – 4.30pm

Join us at St Luke's for a Harvest-themed afternoon of games and fellowship. We'll also be singing some well-known Harvest hymns and enjoying tea and cake together. Please do invite friends to come along with you. Flyers available at the back of church. If you would like a lift please contact the church office on 01202 717268. We look forward to welcoming you.

PACE sponsored walk

PACE give thanks for those from local churches who joined them for their sponsored prayer walk from Shore Road to Hengistbury Head. This walk helps to raise essential funds for their vital work in our local schools. Donations and prayers are always welcome.

Lost property

There are various items of lost property in a box at the back of church. Please collect anything which belongs to you. Any lost property not claimed by the end of September will be recycled or disposed of as appropriate.

Bournemouth William Temple Association – Monday 5th October 7.40pm

The next meeting will be held at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. The speaker is Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chief Executive of Faithworks Wessex and his talk is entitled: "Bringing practical help, relational support and spiritual hope to people in hard times". All welcome!

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Dick Whittington Panto Rehearsals

St Luke's ACTS are planning to perform the Pantomime 'Dick Whittington' at the Church Hall on **5th to 7th March 2027**. If you are interested in taking part either on stage or backstage, please sign up using the sheet at the back of church and come along to a read through on **Sunday 4th October from 6pm** at the Church Hall in Birchwood Road. Please note that **the read through is for adults only**. Any children wanting to take part should sign up with parents' permission. **Children's rehearsals will start in January**. Adult rehearsals will be weekly on Sunday evenings with a break for Christmas. Please see Claire Storey for more information.

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 28th September: **Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed & Fri 9am-3pm**

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