

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024
LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. (Philippians 3:7)

Sunday 27th October *A reminder that the clocks go back on the morning of 27th October!*

10.00am Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel

10.30am Morning Worship with children's group, in Church and on Zoom

Theme: Philippians

Reading: Philippians 3:1-11 & Matthew 13:44-46

Leader: Dan Washbrook

Preacher: John Pattison

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 30 th	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 31 st	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	4.00pm	The Light Trail (until 6.00pm)
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	3.00pm	Memorial Service

Dear St Luke's family,

As the clocks change this weekend and the nights continue to draw in, we are also coming to the time when various shops, pubs and houses are decorated for Halloween. Whilst some of this may be harmless fun, there can be a darker side to it. As Christians, we want to be those who celebrate God's light, rather than the darkness. And even in dark or difficult times we can be confident, because God has the ultimate victory over evil, sin and darkness. The Light Trail at St Luke's on 31st October is a great, family-friendly opportunity to focus on how God's light has come into the world in the person of his Son Jesus, and how we are called to shine as lights in the world through the way we live our lives.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Last Sunday after Trinity: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for the Holy Land and the Middle East, for de-escalation of the conflict and the protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for all those affected by the recent tragedy in Swanage.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Marian Laird, Wendy Lockwood, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

This week we are praying for Evangelical Alliance

Father God, we thank you for the work of the Evangelical Alliance across the UK. Bless them as seek to promote unity and to strengthen the church in our nation. Help them as they provide resources to equip churches to engage with contemporary issues and culture from a biblical perspective. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 31st October 4pm - 6pm

The Light Trail

Sunday 3rd November 3pm

St Luke's Annual Memorial Service

Wednesday 6th November 7pm

Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride by Geoff Sherwood

Sunday 10th November 10.30am

Remembrance Sunday Service

Saturday 16th November 7pm

Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Sunday 1st December 10.30am

Christingle All Age Service

NOTICES

The Light Trail

Come along on Thursday 31st October 4pm - 6pm for some crafts, activities, games, fire pit, marshmallows, hot dogs, hot chocolate and treats at our Light Tail. All welcome, but please note children must be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to invite others. Let Anna know if you're able to help.

St Luke's Memorial Service

A reminder that our annual memorial service - a quiet, reflective service to remember loved ones who have died, will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm. Refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome.

Thank you from Routes to Roots

We have received a message of thanks from Routes to Roots for the amount raised by St Luke's as part of the recent Parkstone Jumble Trail. Thank you once again to everyone who helped and donated.

Improving the Audio-Visual provision at our services

We recently set up temporary TV screens in church to help people in the side aisles see the words displayed on the screen more easily. Following this trial, the PCC have approved a small project to provide two new TV screens on mobile TV stands. We believe these will be a great help in improving accessibility at our services. Any contributions towards the cost would be very gratefully received. Please speak to Stuart or Dan for more details. Thank you.

Christmas Biscuits

Families First will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge again this year. If you would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost, we would be very grateful. Please give donations (of any amount) to Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

Christmas Toy appeal

There are people in our local communities who won't have much to unwrap on Christmas morning. We are partnering with SMILE, a community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to families they support, and as a church we'd like to help provide some gifts. On Sunday 1st December at our Christingle service, we'd like to encourage you to bring in a toy or a monetary gift.

Bournemouth William Temple Association

The next meeting is on Monday 4th November at the Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth, at 7.40pm (optional dinner beforehand at 6.30pm). The speaker is Dr Chris Sinkinson, Retired Lecturer in Old Testament, Moorlands College, former archaeologist and author of "Time Travel to the Old Testament". His talk is entitled "Traces of the Temple: New Discoveries From the Holy Land". Further information from John Newbold on 01202 761749.

Talk on Paphos to Canterbury Cycle Ride – Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in church

Geoff Sherwood will be giving a talk about his experiences cycling, with his son William, 3500 miles from Cyprus to the UK, following a route in the footsteps of St Paul through Turkey, Greece and Italy to Rome, and then of Archbishop Sigeric "the Serious" from Rome back to Canterbury. There will be a break, during which refreshments will be served.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night – Saturday 16th November at 7pm in church

Join us for a fun and very worthwhile evening to raise money for our mission partner Tearfund! Get together a quiz team, bring your friends, or come by yourself and we'll make sure you can join a team. Refreshments will be served.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts for children again this year. Thank you for the 70 we were able to send from St Luke's last year. Ready-made boxes are available at church for a £1 donation. If you would like to give towards the contents of a box, Julie Murphy is happy to make one on your behalf. All boxes should be returned by Sunday 10th November. Please ensure to only put in the gifts suggested on the leaflet. Thank you in anticipation.

Winter Clothing Project

As the colder weather commences, Liz Howes is re-starting the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone supported by the United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers etc would be very appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of church for collection. Many thanks.

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Children's rehearsals are on **Sundays** in the **Church Rooms** following the **Sunday morning service**. The show will be performed **7th – 9th March 2025**. Further details from Claire Storey at 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 Parkstone BH14 9LF

Week commencing 28th October – Cover in the office:

Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

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