

## SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024

### EPIPHANY 4

**Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. (Psalm 66:1-2)**

- 10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel
- 10.30 am **Morning Worship** with children's groups in Church and on Zoom.  
 Theme: Encounters with Jesus in Mark's Gospel: the demon-possessed man  
 Readings: Psalm 66:1-4, 16-20 & Mark 5:1-20  
 Leader: Glenda Hammond                      Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	Fabric Committee Meeting in Church Rooms
	2.00 pm	Connect Group Leaders' Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Midweek Worship on Zoom
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15 am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00 am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
	8.00 pm	Alpha Course at the Vicarage
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Youth Club at the Church Hall
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church Rooms (due to Fun Day)
	10.00 am	St Luke's Community Fun Day (until 2.00 pm)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service of Wholeness and Healing with children's groups in Church and on Zoom

### PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: God of heaven, you send the Gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land.
- Pray for the Cables in Israel, giving thanks for God's protection and provision, praying for strength and safety, for Kevin's health, and for the restarting of their ministry in Jaffa and discerning God's priorities there.
- Pray for Liz Cotterell whose mother has recently died.
- Pray for Daniel following his recent serious accident, his family and all involved in his recovery (Daniel is related to a good friend of the Hudson's). Following a 10 hour operation, he is now stabilized and may be home soon. Give thanks for the surgeons.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Virginia, Margaret Holst, Andy Hogg and Claire Storey's sister Gina.

**This week we are praying for HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - 27th January** - The 79th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz – Birkenau "Your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground..." (Genesis 4:10-11)

Our Father in Heaven, You heard the cries of the six million Jewish men, women and children who were murdered so brutally in the Holocaust simply because they were Jewish. You know the names of every mother, father, brother, sister, daughter and son who suffered such horrific premeditated cruelty. Forgive us, where, with the same indifference that was shown over 79 years ago, we have allowed anti-Semitism to again rear its ugly head. We pray for the families and friends who grieve the savage murder (less than four months ago) of 1,200 Jewish men, women and children - young and old: the most appalling atrocity since the Holocaust. Father, only You can change hearts filled

with such hatred and violence towards Jewish people. May we honour the memory of Holocaust victims and those killed on October 7th, through our prayers, love and support for Your people. Please overshadow and deliver the hostages held in nightmarish conditions. Comfort their anguished families and friends. Bring the deliverance, restoration and peace that can only be found through salvation in Jesus (Yeshua). Thank You Sovereign God. In the Name of our Messiah - the Lord Jesus. Amen.

## NOTICES

### Updates from the Cables

Copies of Kevin and Jen Cables' January update are available at the back of church. They have had an understandably quieter Christmas than usual, and are thankful for God's continuing provision and protection. Their work at Christ Church in Jerusalem is drawing to a close and they plan to return to Jaffa soon. They also ask for prayer for Kevin's health and for the process of obtaining visas. On Sunday 25th February, Philip Bingham, Mission Personnel Manager at CMS, will be with us at St Luke's to give an update on the Cables. Please keep them in your prayers.

### St Luke's Community Fun Day!

We will be holding a **Community Fun Day** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. This will be a family-friendly event – see flyers and posters for more details.

### Next Sunday 4th February Service at 10.30am

The 10.30 am Service next Sunday will be a "Service of Wholeness and Healing." Last year we held similar services, and it was very good to know that God's blessing came to many who asked for prayer. During the service, we shall invite the congregation to come forward (as usual) to take communion and then (if you wish) to go into the chancel area where a prayer team will be ready to pray with you.

There are many reasons to ask for prayer: for a general blessing; for spiritual strength; for physical or emotional healing; for the mending of relationships. It is an occasion for the whole church family, and it is especially good to pray for children as well as adults. If you have any questions, do get in touch: Andrew Cullis (revacullis@gmail.com)

### Job Opportunities at Poole Foodbank

Two important vacancies at Poole Foodbank are currently being advertised, which are both exciting and rewarding jobs. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 pm. The link for the vacancies can be found at <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/>

### Third Wednesday of the Month - Holy Communion and soup lunch

On the third Wednesday of each month, we are holding an 11.30 am Holy Communion service in the Church Rooms, followed by a soup lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Safeguarding training

A Safeguarding training session will take place in the Church Rooms, on Saturday 24th February 2024, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm – coffee from 9.30 am. Please contact Helen in the Church Office, if you would like to attend.

### WhatsApp group for 'St Luke's Families'

There is a WhatsApp group for families at St Luke's. Information about regular and one-off events are communicated on this platform. If you have a child aged between 0-18 and would like to be added to the WhatsApp, group please speak to Anna – her updated phone number is 07354714294.

### Calling all First Aiders!

We would like to compile an up-to-date list of those in our congregation who are first aid trained or medically trained. If you have current first aid training or medical training, and would be willing to be available to administer first aid should the need arise during church services or activities, please could you email the church office with details of your training. Thank you very much.

### Vacancy - Church Office Administrator (part-time)

St John's Church Wimborne are seeking an experienced administrator to work around 12-15 hours in the church office. The role would be ideal for someone with a heart for Christian ministry, a caring, kind and patient nature and whose experience includes working on a wide variety of tasks in a busy office. If this is of interest to you or someone you know, please contact Paula in the church office (paula@stjhns Wimborne.org.uk) in the first instance.

### Winter Clothing Project

Liz Howes continues to collect for 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 greatly appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

### Church Finances and Giving

Thank you for your commitment to maintain and grow our church life. **Our bank details are: 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 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Wed 10.30 am – 4.30 pm and Fri 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm  
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