



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

Sunday 28 th April	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel	
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom	
		Theme:	Resurrection: New Clothes (Living as God's chosen people)
		Reading:	Colossians 3:1-17, John 14:23-27
		Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
		Sermon:	Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 29 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 2 nd	7.00am	St Luke's Church in use as a Polling Station (until 10pm)
	9.15am	Prayer Meeting (in Church Rooms due to Polling Station in church)
Friday 3 rd	1.00pm	Worship Team Meeting at the Vicarage
	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.30pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9.00pm) – Year 7 and up
Sunday 5 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	1.00pm	Children and Families Picnic in Poole Park (until 3.00pm)

Dear St Luke's family,

Thank you to everyone who came and took part in our Annual Meeting and bring and share lunch last Sunday! It was good to reflect and give thanks to God for the past year, and also to look ahead to how we may hope to grow, inspired by the parable of the mustard seed. It was great to welcome our newly elected Churchwardens Kate Wyatt and Ben Counsell, and to thank our outgoing wardens Glenda Hammond and Virginia Stacey. It was also great to have Virginia and Roy in church to thank them for their ministries over many years, as they step down from being warden and LLM.

Looking ahead, the annual invitation to pray '**Thy Kingdom Come**' between Ascension and Pentecost is coming up soon. We will be starting this with a time of prayer and reflection on the evening of **Ascension Day** (Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm). And on **Pentecost Sunday** (19th May), as well as Messy Church and our usual morning service, we will also have a special Pentecost prayer gathering for our young people at 5pm run by Anna, followed by a time of prayer and worship for everyone at 6pm.

I am also excited that we are holding a **PCC away day** during this time. Please do pray for the PCC as we prepare to go away for the day on Saturday 18th May, to think and pray together. Thank you!

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our mission partners including Ken and Jen Cable currently back in the UK, and the Pains in Japan.
- Pray for all those in our church family or known to us who are unwell, including Virginia, George Palmer, Margaret Holst, Claire Storey's sister Gina, Geraldine Rodrigues and Ben Cullis.

This week we are praying for PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education)

"Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

Dear Father, Thank You for the work of PACE enabling children and teenagers to explore the Christian faith. Please open their eyes through Your Word and in these challenging times may they know that You are the way, the truth and the life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

NOTICES

Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole-Wau Partnership – Please visit today!

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public today (Sunday 28th April) between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. During the open garden we will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of the Poole Wau Partnership. If you are making a cake, please deliver it to the garden by 2.00pm or leave it in the church kitchen, from where it will be collected at 1.00pm. Please let Judy Hudson know if you can help - 01202 721919.

Cantabile - Requiem by Brahms

A Spring Concert is being held on Sunday 28th April at 6.30pm, at St Luke's Church. Tickets at the door £10 (cash or card) or at the Church Office, concessions for students £5.

Children and families picnic in Poole Park

Come along to Poole Park after church on Sunday 5th May and bring a picnic! We'll meet at 1pm by the children's play area near the Poole town centre end of the park. Contact Anna for more details.

Cycle Ride "In the footsteps of St Paul"

On May 6th, Geoff and William Sherwood will be starting a two-month, 3600 mile cycle ride from Paphos (Cyprus) to the UK. Across Cyprus, Turkey and Greece they will be following "in the footsteps of St Paul", thereafter following the 'Via Egnatia' and 'Via Francigena' pilgrimage routes via Rome back to Canterbury. They will be using their trip to raise money for Christian Aid's continuing work helping economic and emotional recovery of the millions impacted by the devastating 2023 Turkey/Syria earthquakes. You can find out more, and follow Geoff & Will's progress, via their 'JustGiving' web page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/g-sherwood-earthquake>

Thy Kingdom Come – praying from Ascension to Pentecost

We are invited to join with Christians around the world to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' from Ascension Day (Thursday 9th May) until Pentecost (Sunday 19th May). We will begin with a time of prayer and reflection on Ascension Day at 7.30pm in Church. We'll also have some Thy Kingdom Come resources available for you to take home to help you pray. Then, on Pentecost Sunday, in addition to Messy Church and an all age service at 10.30am, we will also have a special Pentecost prayer gathering for our young people at 5pm run by Anna, followed by a time of prayer and worship for everyone at 6pm.

New Wine Summer Festival: 25th - 30th July

New Wine is a gathering of thousands of Christians this summer, which is returning to Shepton Mallet in Somerset this year. It includes worship, Bible teaching, ministry, great groups for children and young people, seminars and lots more. We would love to invite you to join us at New Wine this summer. Speak to Stuart or Rachel for more details.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone



Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order. You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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 29th Apr – Cover in the office: Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm. Helen will be on leave on Monday, but messages will still be checked and responded to as far as possible.

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