



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands. (Judges 4:7)**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**    **10.00am**    **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel  
                          **10.30am**    **Morning Worship** in Church and on Zoom  
                          Theme:     Deborah – Leading in God's Way  
                          Readings:  Judges 4:1-24  
                          Leaders:    Dan Washbrook  
                          Sermon:     John Bassett

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Morning Worship in Church
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom

**Dear St Luke's family,**

One of the wonderful things about this passage we have this Sunday is the incredible irony. Sisera, the general, is depicted as strong and unbeatable with thousands of soldiers at his disposal. Yet the honor goes to Jael, who follows the word of God over the compromise her husband had made with ruling powers.

In Judges 4, there is not a single 'hero', instead the instigator is the word of God, heard and portrayed through the prophetess Deborah, who works through the ordinary person who chose the side of the Lord. What a wonderful reminder of the power of being attentive to God's voice, asking constantly in prayer his will for us, and keeping our eyes open to what God is doing in our community, perhaps even where we least expect it?

Perhaps this might look like taking a glance at the mission giving leaflets, or offering some time (or Lego!) for the holiday club. Maybe something else entirely! Whatever God is calling you to, perhaps we can pray that this may be the day that the Lord might place it into our hands.

God bless, Dan

**PRAYERS**

Special Prayer for The Ninth Sunday after Trinity: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in Sudan and in Ukraine.
- Pray for our newly elected government, for wisdom and vision as they take up their new roles.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Ben Cullis, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina and Sidney Wells.

**This week we are praying for Tearfund**

Father God, we pray for Tearfund's work around the world, through local churches, seeking to transform lives and make a difference where the need is greatest. We thank you for all who give to support Tearfund's work, and pray for a generous response to their fundraising campaigns. In particular, we pray for their work in South Sudan, through local church partners, seeking to help those affected by conflict and climate change. Through these efforts, may many people be lifted out of extreme poverty. We also pray for Tearfund's Middle East emergency appeal, supporting local church partners to respond to the crisis in Gaza and Israel. May those working on the ground be protected and may they reach those who are most in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## NOTICES

### Mission giving forms

A reminder - if you would like to make a donation to support our mission partners, please complete the form in the Partnering in Mission leaflet and return it to the church office by the end of July. Thank you for your support!

### Some important dates for your diary!

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Built It! Holiday Club

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 5pm - Confirmation Service with Bishop Karen

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am - Harvest Festival Service

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - Tearfund Big Quiz Night

### Message from Glenda

Dear Church Family, firstly, my heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers, love and support during my time as Church Warden and particularly over the last few years when we were in an interregnum. Thank you also for the lovely card, flowers and gift voucher which you gave me recently. They were very much appreciated. With love and blessings  
Glenda

### Holes Bay Walk for the Poole-Wau Partnership

A big thank you to all who generously sponsored on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We raised the sum of £845 and when gift aid is added it will be around £1000. Praise the Lord. Maureen Honeyman

### Wednesday mornings have changed!

All our Wednesday morning services will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom. This will give us the opportunity to share in a Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 9.30am (for approx 45 minutes), apart from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month when Holy Communion is at 11.30am followed by a light lunch. All are welcome.

### Build it! Holiday Club

We are getting ready for our Build it! holiday club that is happening Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am – 12.30am for Reception - Year 6. Join us for a week of building, creating and modelling as we share together how we can build our relationship with God and learn stories from the Bible. We will also be playing games, doing craft, eating lots of biscuits and singing songs. Please contact Anna if you wish to book your child/ren into this year's holiday club.

### Lego Needed Please!

If you have any spare Lego or Duplo that you no longer need, and would be willing to donate it to St Luke's for use at holiday club, please speak to Anna. Thank you!

### Volunteers Needed Please!

Our Holiday Clubs only happen because of our amazing volunteers, if you would like to help out this year with admin, craft prep, being a team leader, being a team helper, helping with refreshments, being in the drama, leading songs/actions, leading games/craft, or being in the background please sign up at the back of church or speak to Anna.

### Confirmation service – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

We will be hosting a confirmation service with Bishop Karen at St Luke's on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at 5pm. If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to find out more, please speak to Stuart.

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



Thank you for your donations. 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 29<sup>th</sup> July – Cover in the office: Monday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm & Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

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