



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

Sunday 28th September	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Christian Holiness: Living it Out
	Readings:	Ezekiel 36:26-27 and 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
	Leaders:	John Pattison and Stuart Cocksedge
		Preacher: Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 29 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms
Wednesday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion in <u>Church Rooms</u> followed by coffee
	10.30am	Bournemouth Collegiate Prep School Harvest Service in Church
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms
Thursday 2 nd	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
Friday 3 rd	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
Sunday 5 th	9.00am	Harvest Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

This Sunday, and on several others this term, we will be sharing stories and encouragements from members of our Connect Groups during our Sunday services. If you're not yet in a Connect Group we'd love to encourage you to try one out, so please do get in touch. Details of our Connect Groups are on the website and at the back of church.

And as we continue through the apostle Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, I hope you are finding our sermons and Connect Group studies helpful. Do let us know how these are going! As we come to chapter 4 this Sunday, Paul gives a heartfelt encouragement to live in a way that pleases God, urging us to continue growing in holiness, love, and integrity. May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit live in such a way that our faith is shown not just by what we say, but also in how we live our lives, love one another, and serve our community.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for 15th Sunday after Trinity: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for all who work behind the scenes to keep our church and church hall clean, tidy and well maintained.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden (nephew of Trevor and Lorraine Muddimer), Jane Diggle, Toby Hill, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for Bible Society

Almighty God, thank you for Your Word - the Bible. Thank you for the ongoing work of Bible Society supplying Bibles to many countries in the language of those desperate for your help and comfort. Thank you that more than 1.5 million Bibles have been handed out in Ukraine since the war began and pray that many more can be sent. We pray that this work continues so that Your love can be spread to exhausted, desperate people in need. In Your name we ask. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5 th October 10.30am	Harvest All Age Service
Sunday 12 th October 3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage (until 5pm)
Friday 17 th October 7pm	Q & A with our local MP Neil Duncan-Jordan in Church (until 8pm)
Saturday 18 th October 11am	Autumn Fair at the Church Hall (until 2pm)
Friday 31 st October 4pm	The Light Trail in Church (alternative to Halloween event for families)
Sunday 2 nd November 3pm	Annual Memorial Service & Tea in Church
Sunday 23 rd November 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening in Church (until 8pm)

NOTICES

Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes

This term we are exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in our Sunday sermons and in Connect Groups. Copies of the study notes for Connect Groups are available at the back of church. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one, or find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Talk on changes at Poole Hospital – Monday 29th September, 1.30pm

Please come to the Church Rooms (for the first part of the Pastoral Team Meeting) to hear important information about changes planned for Poole Hospital in the coming months. There will be a time for questions. All welcome.

Men's Walk – Tuesday 30th September

The first of our Autumn walks will be on Tuesday 30th September taking the X8 bus at 9.50am from Poole Bus Station to Sturminster Marshall (20 minutes). We will then walk to Wimborne (about two hours) followed by refreshments and then bus back to Poole (there are four an hour). Please speak to Steve Blight and join our WhatsApp group.

Men's Curry Night – Thursday 2nd October, 7.30pm

This time, the men are heading to the Taj Mahal in Westbourne. If you would like to join us please let Stuart or Ben know ASAP. Thank you!

Thank you message from Jean Snow

Richard, Jean and Toby's family would like to thank everyone for their loving support and prayers for Toby over recent months. Toby is in remission and gradually returning to school. We thank God for his faithfulness.

New Wine Festival 2026!

A few weeks ago, it was great to hear stories and feedback from those who went to New Wine this summer. Bookings are now open for next year's festival, which takes place from 28th July until 2nd August 2026. Book by the end of September for the cheaper early-bird rate! More details here: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/>

Lecture by Julia Doxat-Purser – Wednesday 8th October, 7pm – 9pm

Come along to hear Julia Doxat-Purser speak on 'Threats to Religious Liberty, and how to respond' at St Edward's School, Dale Valley Road, Poole BH15 3HY. This is a remarkable and genuinely unique opportunity to hear Julia, who has never lectured in England before. Reserve a place by emailing deacons@bucklandroadbaptist.church or phoning 01202 716214. Places will be confirmed by email or phone. There is no cost.

Welcome Tea at the Vicarage – Sunday 12th October, 3.30pm – 5pm

If you have joined us at St Luke's in recent months, we would love to invite you to the Vicarage for tea, coffee and cake and time to chat and get to know you more. All are welcome. If you can contact the church office (details below) to let us know you are coming, that would be much appreciated, thank you!

Light Up Dorset – Sunday 12th October, 6.30pm

Join churches from across Dorset for an evening with Andrew Palau. Hear powerful stories, vision and the hope of Jesus, at St Mary's Church, Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2JD. Doors open at 5.30pm for 6.30pm start. All welcome!

Autumn Fair at the Church Hall – Saturday 18th October, 11am – 2pm

To help raise money for St Luke's, the hall team are holding a fair at the Church Hall on Saturday 18th October, 11am – 2pm. We are a small team so we would need some help manning stalls on the day please. If you could bake a cake or donate items to sell please let us know. Stalls will include toys, books, cakes, tombola, etc. Thank you. Anne Roberts, Liz Cotterell, Frank Westfield and Claire Storey.

Poole-Wau Partnership: Teaching on Luke's Gospel – Saturday 18th October

This teaching event on Luke's Gospel is on Saturday 18th October at St Michael's Church, Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole BH18 4HR, 10.30am – 3pm (arrive from 10am). A free event with a retiring collection (card machine available). Free tea and coffee, bring your own lunch (but hot soup available). Please e-mail mark.rathbone@phonecoop.coop if you are going, to help with catering numbers. For more details: <https://www.poolewaupartnership.com/events.html>

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Or please send a cheque payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours: week commencing 29th September 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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