

Please remember:  
Clocks go forward  
one hour this  
Sunday morning!



## SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 PALM SUNDAY

**'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'**  
(Luke 19:38)

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Prayer Time</b> in Side Chapel
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Lent series – With Jesus in the crowd
	Readings:	Psalm 118:19-29 and Luke 19:28-40
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	John Pattison

### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	6.30pm	Easter Reflection - Like a Lamb to the Slaughter: Prayers for the Persecuted Church in Church (until 7.30pm)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church, followed by coffee
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel (No St Luke's Toddlers this week due to school Easter holidays)
	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Messy Easter in Church (until 12.00pm)
	2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross in Church
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Funeral of David Halderthay in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Easter Holy Communion
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Easter Communion in Church and on Zoom
	6.00pm	Easter Prayer and Worship Gathering

### Dear St Luke's family,

On Palm Sunday we focus on Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, arriving as a king, yet with humility. Luke's gospel tells us that the crowd of disciples joyfully praised God for all the miracles they'd seen, whilst the Pharisees wanted to rebuke them. How can we cultivate a sense of joy and celebration, continuing to praise God, even when those around us do not know Jesus, or may even be opposed to him? Keeping a journal or record of God's promises and answered prayers is a great way of reminding and prompting yourself to praise and thank God, even when the going is tough.

God bless, Stuart

### PRAYERS

Prayer for Palm Sunday: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

- Pray for peace and de-escalation of the conflict in the Middle East, for protection and relief for all those affected.
- Pray for our church vision process, that we will be guided by God in discerning his vision for St Luke's.
- Pray for the St Luke's Prayer Ministry Team as they minister in the power of the Spirit at our services.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Julie Murphy and Iain Wilson.

To add a name to this prayer list, please let the church office know and we will add it for four weeks. At the end of this time, please let us know if you would like the name to stay on the list, otherwise we will take it off. Thank you.

### This week we are praying for Routes to Roots

Please pray for our local homelessness charity Routes to Roots. Their vision is for a community where no one sleeps rough or feels forgotten, where everyone has a place to call home, access to support, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. Pray that they will be effective in their work of offering compassion, practical help and long-term support to rough sleepers, vulnerably housed, and newly housed adults in Poole. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm	<b>Easter Reflection - Like a Lamb to the Slaughter: Prayers for the Persecuted Church</b> in Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 6.30pm (Maundy Th.)	<b>Maundy Thursday Holy Communion</b> in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 10am (Good Friday)	<b>Messy Easter</b> in Church
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2pm (Good Friday)	<b>Last Hour at the Cross Reflective Service</b> in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 9am (Easter Day)	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b> in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am (Easter Day)	<b>Easter All Age Communion</b> in Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 6pm (Easter Day)	<b>Prayer &amp; Worship Gathering</b> (Easter Prayer & Worship)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm	<b>Spring Cantabile Concert</b> in Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10.30am	<b>Annual Meeting (APCM)</b> in Church as part of morning service
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm	<b>Watoto Concert</b> in Church (see below)

## NOTICES

### Easter Services Leaflets

These are now available in church. Please do take some, pass them on, and invite your friends along at Easter.

### St Luke's Men's Walk – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

For our next men's walking group walk, join us at Poole bus station to catch bus 9 at 10.10am (stand G) to walk from St Dunstan's Church into Upton Country Park and round Holes Bay back to Poole. Refreshment stop in the park.

### Good Friday Messy Easter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am

At Messy Easter there will be crafts, refreshments, worship and an Easter Egg hunt. All are welcome, so invite friends and family to this great morning celebrating Easter. If you are available to help, please let Anna know.

### Good Friday Walk of Witness – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am

This takes place in Poole town, organized by Churches Together in Poole. The event includes a service in the town square near Sainsbury's, with processions starting from St George's Oakdale and Parkstone URC. All are welcome.

### Upcoming PCC Vacancies

Our Annual Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, and this year we will have 4 vacancies on the PCC and 3 vacancies for Deanery Synod reps. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to stand. Do speak to Stuart or the wardens if you'd like to discuss this further. Nomination forms available from the office. Thank you.

### Revision of Electoral Roll

This year's revision enables those who are not currently on our roll to join. The current list is on the noticeboard in the north aisle. Forms and the box for their return are at the back of church. All forms need to be received by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions, please ask Roger Jones or contact the office. Thank you.

### Pure Gold at the church library

Free for you to take are copies of 'Pure Gold' booklets on the shelf below the creche. With Scripture alone, these beautiful, tiny booklets give the hope of the gospel. Take one for yourself and why not give a copy to someone this Easter? Also, your library has many great books to read. Do browse the catalogue and choose a book to read this Lent.

### Spring Cantabile Concert – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm

The Spring Concert takes place at St Luke's. Tickets on the door: £12 (cash or card) or £6 concessions for students.

### Open Garden at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 5pm

The garden at 24A Western Avenue will be open on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm to 5pm, with refreshments during the afternoon and Judy selling her preserves. All proceeds from refreshments and sales go to the Poole-Wau Partnership. Admission charge payable. If you are able to help please speak to Richard or Judy Hudson or phone 01202 721919.

### Watoto Children's Choir coming to St Luke's – host families wanted please!

We are very excited to have the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda coming to St Luke's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A great opportunity to invite friends to. **If you would be able to help by providing accommodation for choir members** for two nights (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June) please let the church office know. Thank you!

### Watoto Children's Choir – click on the link below to book your tickets for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June!

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2026-tickets-1979974652485?aff=oddtcreator)

### New Wine Festival 2026

Tickets are now available for the New Wine Festival which takes place from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Follow this link for more info or to buy tickets: [www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now](http://www.festival.new-wine.org/book-now)

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

To set up regular giving, please go [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for St Luke's Parkstone or scan this QR code:

Bank details CAF Bank Limited Name St Lukes Church Account No 00008836 Sort Code 40-52-40

Office opening hours week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026: **Mon 1.30pm-3.30pm, Wed 9.30am-3pm**

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