

## SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**[Do not look] to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:4)**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel  
**10.30am Morning Worship** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom  
 Theme: Philippians  
 Readings: Philippians 2:5-18 and John 1:1-14  
 Leader: Stuart Cocksedge  
 Preacher: Dan Washbrook

#### SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	2.00pm	Connect Group Leaders Meeting
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in Church
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Fab Friday in Church Rooms (until 4.45pm) – Reception to Year 6
	7.00pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – Years 7 to 13
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Harvest All Age Service, in Church and on Zoom
	3.30pm	Welcome Tea at the Vicarage

**Dear St Luke's family,**

Last Sunday, I went to a celebration for 20 years of Faithworks. They started when a group received a legacy for a decent sum of money. When they looked at their bank account they had some small savings already. The elders prayed and decided to give the money to the council to provide support to local people. This year through Faithworks, 9,000 people used a food bank voucher, £400,000 of debt relief was found for people struggling, 24 people found a new secure home, and 2 people moved from homelessness into an apprenticeship with Sunseeker. In a society that so often asks "How can you prove you deserve our help?", or "How do I know I can trust you to earn this?" How wonderful that we instead know a God who tells us "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others", and that when we do so "such sacrifices are pleasing to God".

God bless, Dan

#### **PRAYERS**

Special Prayer for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: God, our judge and Saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, across the Middle East, in the Sudans and in Ukraine.
- Pray for God's healing, strength and comfort for those who are unwell including Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Virginia Stacey, Claire Storey's sister Gina, and Sara Turnbull's mother Alix.

#### **This week we are praying for PACE**

Give thanks to God for the recent PACE sponsored prayer walk, and for the money raised to help PACE's work in local schools. Pray for the work of PACE in schools this term, doing assemblies, lessons and lunchtime clubs, that they would be a blessing to the schools they serve, and that children would engage well on these occasions. In particular, please pray that God will be at work through the relaunched Big Questions lunchtime clubs in schools, and lessons on big questions taught in secondary schools. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2pm	<b>Connect Group Leaders Meeting</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30am	<b>Harvest Festival All Age Service</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm	<b>Welcome Tea</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm	<b>Prayer Gathering</b> at the end of the National Week of Prayer
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 4pm - 6pm	<b>The Light Trail</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 3pm	<b>St Luke's Annual Memorial Service</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 10.30am	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm	<b>Tearfund Big Quiz Night</b>

## NOTICES

### Songs on Sunday

We'll be singing a song on Sunday which may be unfamiliar to some. If you have time, you may like to listen to "The heavens declare the glory of God (Let us adore)" on YouTube prior to the service, to give you an idea of the tune.

### Gifts for Harvest – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Our Harvest service takes place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Poole Foodbank and Poole Waste Not Want Not, and for local people in urgent need. (If you know of any urgent needs locally, please let the church office know.) All donations of food items gratefully received, thank you! If you can lend a hand and help with the sorting of Harvest food gifts to go to Poole Foodbank and Waste Not Want Not, please come along to church at 10am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### Welcome Tea – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding a welcome tea at the vicarage on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm, particularly for anyone who is new to St Luke's, or who hasn't been to a tea at the vicarage before. Please speak to Stuart or Rachel if you would like to come. We look forward to getting to know you more.

### National Week of Prayer

We are joining in with the National Week of Prayer from 12<sup>th</sup> until 20<sup>th</sup> October. During the week, our prayer meetings will focus on this, and we will conclude the week with a special prayer gathering to pray for our nation, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Please do put the dates in your diaries. See [www.nationalweekofprayer.uk](http://www.nationalweekofprayer.uk) for details.

### Christmas Biscuits

Families First (MU) will be donating boxes of biscuits and children's booklets for Christmas to the Domestic Abuse Refuge as usual again this year. If anyone would like to donate £1 or so towards the cost of this, we would be very grateful. If you would like to donate any amount, please bring it to the next Families First Meeting or contact Virginia Stacey or Anne Roberts. Thank you.

### Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Casting for this production will take place at the church hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. Please come along if you are interested in a part. Rehearsals start on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 6pm at the hall. The show will be performed 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Further details from Claire Storey at [clairestorey0204@gmail.com](mailto:clairestorey0204@gmail.com) or 01202 733669.

### Message from Pennant House

We had a great afternoon for our charity Bingo and raised £350 for the friends of Dolphin the disabled boat. Residents and staff of Pennant House were very happy with the money raised, so we would like to thank our friends at St Luke's for helping to achieve this. Thank you, Denise Lomas.

### Roadworks near to St Luke's

Please be aware that roadworks at the junction of Sandecotes, Woodside and Kingsbridge Roads (to add a zebra crossing and junction improvements) have started. We understand that the section of Sandecotes Road between Kingsbridge Road and Belle Vue Road will be closed for up to 4 weeks.

### Collections on Sunday mornings

Please note that we will no longer be passing the collection plate around during normal Sunday services (although we will still do so at special services). Instead, those leading services will draw attention to the collection plate and contactless giving machine which will be at the back of church.

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



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 30<sup>th</sup> September – Cover in the office: Helen will be on holiday all week, but urgent emails/phone calls will still be dealt with as soon as possible.

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