



Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY 30TH MARCH 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT & MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

Sunday 30th March	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Mothering Sunday
	Readings:	Colossians 3:12-17
	Leader:	Anna Counsell & Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 31 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 1 st	1.00pm	Spring Courses: The Prayer Course in Church Rooms
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am	Morning Worship in <u>Church Rooms</u>
	7.30pm	Spring Courses: Growing on the Frontline in Church Rooms
Thursday 3 rd	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	10.00am	St Luke's Toddlers in <u>Church</u> (until 11.30am)
Friday 4 th	No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to Easter school holidays	
Sunday 6 th	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom
	6.30pm	Cantabile Spring Concert

Dear St Luke's family,

Thank you to all those who have responded on our Gift Day last Sunday, and as we have spoken about our financial challenges at St Luke's recently. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, please can I encourage you to do so – see our [giving leaflet](#) and more details over the page.

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and we'll be thinking about what it means to be **“God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved”** (Colossians 3:12). This, the apostle Paul reminds us, is our identity as Christians, so we should take off the things of our old selves and put on the virtues of our new selves – clothing ourselves with **“compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience”**. May God's Spirit be at work in us, growing more of this good fruit in our lives.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Mothering Sunday: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for peace in all places devastated by conflict, and for world leaders to speak and act with wisdom and integrity.
- Pray for the family and friends of Colin West who died recently.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle, Toby Hill and his family (grandson of Jean & Richard Snow), Louise, Margaret Holst, Matthew, Olivia Norris, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton (whose husband Bob has died recently), Sara Turnbull's mother Alix, Lorna Warburton and Joyce Ward.

This week we are praying for the Families First (Mothers' Union)

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of mothers and caregivers—those who nurture, guide, and love with patience and wisdom. We celebrate the peace they bring into our homes, creating safe spaces for growth and love. Bless all the women who care for us, whether through motherhood or other acts of kindness. May they feel Your peace in their hearts and experience Your strength each day. We also pray for the work of the Mothers' Union, as they support families and communities in the name of Your love. May their efforts continue to spread Your peace and hope in the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8 th April 10.10am	Families First in <u>Church</u> (theme: Hope and all that Jazz)
Mon 14 th – Wed 16 th April 7.30pm	Holy Week Reflections
Thursday 17 th April 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Friday 18 th April 10am	Messy Easter (family-friendly Easter crafts, refreshments and worship)
Friday 18 th April 2pm	Good Friday Reflective Service – Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 20 th April 10.30am	Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service
Sunday 20 th April 6pm	Easter Sunday Evening Celebration Service
Sunday 27 th April 10.30am	Annual Meeting (APCM) during Morning Worship, then bring and share lunch

NOTICES

Giving to St Luke's Parkstone

Please read our giving leaflet: **Growing Together: Investing in our vision 2025**

The best way to give is by regular monthly giving, which helps us to budget and plan ahead.

Please join with us by giving generously in one of the following ways:

- **Set up a monthly direct debit using the Parish Giving Scheme.** This takes care of the admin and gift aid, protects your privacy, and gives the option of an annual increase in line with inflation. You can phone the **Parish Giving Scheme** on **0333 002 1271**, or scan the **QR code**, or go to **www.parishgiving.org.uk** and search for:

Church: **Parkstone St Luke** PGS Parish Code: **340634268**

- If you already give by standing order or envelopes, please consider moving to the **Parish Giving Scheme** if possible.
- One-off gifts can be given to: Account name: **St Luke's Church** Sort code: **40-52-40** Account number: **00008836**

If you have questions or would like more information please speak to Steve Blight or Stuart Cocksedge.

Jesus said, **'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'** (Matthew 6:21). We have a vital message of hope in Jesus to share with a troubled world. Let's invest in that which will have lasting significance. Thank you!

Messy Easter – Friday 18th April, 10am

Messy Easter is on Good Friday at 10am. There will be craft, refreshments, worship and an Easter egg hunt. All are welcome, so please invite friends and family for what will be a great morning celebrating Easter. If you are available to help for this event, please let Anna know.

Preparation of new Electoral Roll

This year we are required to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll. **Every person** who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is on the present Roll or not, is required to apply for enrolment. Forms are available at the back of the Church. **Completed forms must be received no later than Sunday 30th March.**

Parking near to St Luke's

We realise it can be difficult to park near to church, but please be mindful of our neighbours when parking for services or events. In particular, please do not block driveways or park on yellow lines. Thank you for your understanding.

Cantabile Spring Concert – Sunday 6th April, 6.30pm

Join us on Sunday 6th April at 6.30pm at St Luke's. Tickets on the door or from the office £10 (student concession £5).

Families First (Mothers' Union) – Tuesday 8th April, 10.10am

This month's speaker is Craig Hudson who will be speaking, singing and playing "Hope and all that Jazz". All welcome!

Annual Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 27th April, 10.30am

The meeting will form part of our morning service. We will look back on the past year, giving thanks for what God has done, and looking forward to the future. And please do stay around for the **bring and share lunch** after the service.

There are currently **four vacancies on the PCC for three years** and **one vacancy on the Deanery Synod for one year.**

Anyone on the church Electoral Roll can be nominated to stand for the PCC or Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please do prayerfully consider nominating someone or standing yourself. The Annual reports and accounts will be sent out electronically before the meeting and a copy of the accounts will be on the notice board in the North Aisle. Paper copies available on request.

SPREE Youth Weekend!

Last year our young people had a great time at the SPREE Christian youth weekend in Devon. We are taking a group again this year on 27th – 29th June. If you're interested in going please speak to Anna. If you would like to sponsor the young people for their 10km sponsored walk raising money for SPREE, please also speak to Anna. Thank you!

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

Bank details: CAF Bank Limited, Name: St Lukes Church 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, Poole BH14 9LF

Cover in the Church Office week commencing 31st March 2025 – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 3pm.

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