



SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

‘This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.’ (1 John 3:16)

Sunday 30th August	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Jesus is greater
	Readings:	1 Corinthians 1:22-25 and Matthew 12:38-42
	Leader:	Stuart Cocksedge
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS

Monday 31 st	No Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel due to Summer Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church followed by coffee
Thursday 3 rd	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pennant House
	No St Luke's Toddlers due to Summer Break	
	No Youth Deeper due to Summer Break	
	7.30pm	Men's Curry Night at the 29029 (see notice for details)
Friday 4 th	No Fab Friday due to Summer Break	
Sunday 6 th	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

What a fantastic week we've had at our **'Under the Sea' Holiday Club**, welcoming **over 100 children** through our doors! It's been a week full of **songs, Bible stories, crafts, games, Lego and lots of fun**, as we've explored the story of Jonah and discovered more about God's love for us. Most importantly, we wanted to share the **love of Jesus with the children and their families**. Each day we explored a different truth about God:

God has a plan for my life – I can follow Him.

God is bigger than anything – I can worship Him.

God is a rescuer – I can ask Him for help.

God forgives – I can say sorry and be His friend.

It has been a real joy to share these wonderful truths with the children, while also seeing them have fun, make new friends and enjoy everything the Holiday Club had to offer.

A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped make the week so special. We're incredibly grateful for **everyone** who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm. What a wonderful week **'Under the Sea'** has been!

God bless, Anna

PRAYERS

Prayer for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Pray for all those affected by the devastating floods in Nepal and Tibet, for protection for the vulnerable and strength for the emergency services as they respond.
- Pray for those who in business and commerce locally, for God's blessing on their work, and for wise and godly decision making for the good of the community.
- Pray for our Kids and Youth Team who work hard to encourage and share the love of God with kids, young people and families.
- Pray for God's healing for those who are unwell, including Jane Diggle 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 are praying for PACE

Please pray for the work of PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education) as it partners with local churches to serve our schools and bring the knowledge and love of Jesus to young people. Pray that PACE will:

- Help young people searching for a hope and a purpose and that seeds sown will continue to grow.
- Enable young people to explore what it means to have a relationship with God through Jesus.
- Have wisdom and creativity as they prepare new lessons and activities and that doors will be open to new schools.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 th – Sunday 13 th September	Global Week of 24-7 Prayer with prayer room in Side Chapel (see below)
Wednesday 9 th September 7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Rooms
Saturday 12 th September 10am	Cleaning and Gardening Work Party at Church
Saturday 12 th September	Ride & Stride (fundraising for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)
Sunday 13 th September 6pm	Prayer & Worship Gathering in Church
Sunday 4 th October 10.30am	All Age Harvest Service in Church
Monday 5 th October 2pm	Seniors Games and Hymns Afternoon in Church
Saturday 17 th October 7pm	Light Up Dorset Vision, Worship & Prayer Night at the Lighthouse

NOTICES

Prayer Walking – Sunday 30th August (after the morning service)

A message from Andrew Cullis: We are planning a prayer walk around some of the roads of the parish after this morning's service. If you are willing and able to join with this prayer, grab a coffee or tea (as per your normal custom), and then assemble in the Chancel where we will give a few instructions, allot the roads, and pray. The aim is to be prayer walking for 30 minutes before returning to church for a short debrief. In the event of rain (!) we shall stay in the Chancel and pray for the roads without venturing out.

Men's Curry Night – Thursday 3rd September 7.30pm

Join us at the 29029 in Ashley Cross on Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm. Please let Ben or Stuart know if you'd like to join us!

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer – Monday 7th to Sunday 13th September

Churches around the world are encouraged to join in with the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer this year on 7th – 13th September. In the words of 24-7 Prayer: **'As we pray together, we want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. We're seeking to encounter this beauty and power, and carry Jesus into our towns, cities and nations.'** We plan to set up a prayer room in the side chapel, as a space in which to pray throughout the week. We encourage you to sign up for hourly prayer slots using the sign up sheet at the back of church. The week will conclude with a special, extended monthly **Prayer & Worship Gathering** at 6pm on Sunday 13th September. Please join us!

Cleaning and gardening work party – Saturday 12th September 10am – 12 noon

If you can lend a hand please join us for an hour or two of cleaning or gardening, to help us keep St Luke's looking smart. Whether you can come for a short while or the whole morning, all help is gratefully received. Please speak to Alan Cotterell for more details. Thank you!

Ride & Stride – Saturday 12th September

Ride & Stride is the annual fundraising event for Dorset Historic Church Trust. People are encouraged to do sponsored walks or cycle rides to churches across the county. This year, Bishop Karen is spending the day walking across Poole, taking in many of the churches in our deanery, including St Luke's, and Stuart will be joining her for part of this walk. You can sponsor Bishop Karen on her JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/karen-gorham-poole20>

Poole-Wau Partnership sponsored walk – thank you!

Thank you to those who sponsored our enjoyable (and hot!) walk around Upton last month. £605 sponsorship money has been passed on to the Poole-Wau Partnership, supporting Wau diocese in South Sudan. The charity will claim an additional £117 in gift aid.

Mission Partnerships Sunday – thank you!

It was encouraging to hear about the work of Bible Society at our recent Mission Partnerships service. Thank you to all those who have already given gifts to support our various mission partners. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, we encourage you to do so soon. Leaflets are still available at the back of church with details of how you can give. Please bring your gifts to church on Sunday or drop them into the church office (see below for office opening hours.)

Light Up Dorset – Vision, Worship & Prayer Night – Saturday 17th October 7pm

Churches across Dorset are invited to come together at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole to hear about and pray for the vision for the Light Up Dorset mission planned for 2027. Get tickets and find out more at <http://lightupdorset.com/>.

Giving to support the work of St Luke's Parkstone

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

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