



SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

ADVENT SUNDAY

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Sunday 30th November	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	The God of all comfort
	Readings:	Psalm 23 and 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
	Leader:	Justin Coldstream
	Preacher:	Stuart Cocksedge

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 1 st	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Wednesday 3 rd	9.30am	Holy Communion in Church Rooms, followed by coffee
	6.00pm	Youth Deeper in Church Rooms
Thursday 4 th	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 5 th	3.30pm	Fab Friday Kids Club in Church (until 4.45pm) (for Reception to Year 6)
	6.30pm	Carol service practice in Church Rooms
Saturday 6 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Prayer Time in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Christingle Service in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

This week we have been taking in the incredibly sad news of the unexpected death of Nick Giles, a very dear and long standing member of our church family. We may have a range of thoughts and emotions – disbelief, sadness, grief, numbness, questioning why. One of the themes of Advent (which begins this Sunday) is waiting and hoping, and ultimately we wait for the promised return of Jesus, for the day when God 'will wipe every tear from our eyes' (Revelation 21:4). Waiting is hard, especially at a time like this, but 'the God of all comfort' (2 Corinthians 1:3) comes to meet us in our waiting and to share in our grieving. May all who grieve know his love and comfort at this sad time.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Pray for peace in troubled parts of the world, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, and the Sudans.
- Pray for God's comfort for Kate, Arrietty and James Giles, Anne and Richard Roberts, and the wider family, following the very sad and unexpected death of Nick Giles.
- Pray for St Luke's Fabric Team who use their time and expertise to care for our church building and grounds.
- Pray for God's healing and comfort for those who are unwell, including Ashden, Jane Diggle, Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Cecile & Tim Lynes and wider family (following the death of Cecile's mother), Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Sid Wells, Ian Wilson and Jake Wilson.

This week we are praying for the ministry and mission of CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as CPAS develops new ways to support churches in mission and evangelism, the success of specific initiatives, such as the goal to equip 1,000 ordained and lay ministers in the next five years, the success of Ventures and Falcons holidays, for the children and young people who attend and the leaders who run them, and the many parishes and ministers who are part of CPAS patronage churches (including St Luke's).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6 th December 3.30pm	Families First Christmas Party at Church Hall (until 6pm)
Sunday 7 th December 10.30am	All Age Christingle Service in Church
Saturday 13 th December 2pm	A Taste of Christmas in Church
Sunday 14 th December 6.30pm	Cantabile Christmas Concert in Church
Friday 19 th December 5pm & 6pm	Carol Singing at Penn Hill
Sunday 21 st December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 3pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Service in Church
Wednesday 24 th December 11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion in Church
Thursday 25 th December 10am	Christmas Day All Age Communion in Church (please note new time)

NOTICES

Christmas is coming

Thank you to everyone who has already delivered Christmas leaflets around the parish. There are still some bundles in church to be delivered to local streets – all help gratefully received! Please do pray about who you could invite to our Christmas services and events. Click here for more details: [Events - St Luke's Parkstone - A Church Near You](#)

Kids, Youth & Families Work – Prayer Updates

We'd love to keep you updated so that you can be praying regularly for our kids, youth and families activities. Please email Anna at kidsandyouth@stlukesparkstone.org.uk if you would like to receive weekly email updates. Thank you!

Church Locking Up Rota for 2026

We are seeking additional volunteers to join the small team who lock the church at around 5pm each day from Monday to Saturday. There may also be limited occasions when you are asked to unlock the church by 9am each day. For further info please speak to Richard Hudson (01202 721919) or Stuart Cocksedge. Thank you.

Poole-Wau Prayer Meeting – Monday 1st December

All welcome to join the next meeting at St John's Church, Macaulay Road, Broadstone, BH18 8AR on Monday 1st December from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start.

PACE Carol Service – Thursday 4th December

PACE invite you to join them for their carol service on Thursday 4th December, 7pm – 9pm at St Paul's Throop. A great opportunity to hear stories of impact, and some of what the PACE team have been doing in our local schools.

Families First Christmas Party – Saturday 6th December, 3.30pm

If you think you should have received an invitation to the Families First Christmas Party and would like to come, please contact Val Wilson. All are welcome.

A Taste of Christmas – Saturday 13th December, 2pm

Join the team: If you would like to volunteer as part of the team at this year's event, please let Anna know.

Bake a cake: If you are able to provide a cake, flapjacks, tray bake or some mince pies for A Taste of Christmas please let Kate Wyatt know (katewyatt17@gmail.com) what you are able to provide. Thank you!

Choir rehearsals for Carols by Candlelight

If you would like to join our carol service choir, please come along to rehearsals on Friday at 6.30pm in the Church Rooms. The service is on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm, with a rehearsal in the afternoon.

Cantabile Christmas Concert – Sunday 14th December, 6.30pm

All are welcome to this year's Christmas concert. Tickets available on the door (adults £10, student concessions).

Gifts and support for those in need this Christmas

This year, we will be supporting the following good causes, through a mixture of gifts and financial donations:

- SMILE Christmas Toy Appeal: We are partnering with SMILE, a local community project run by Faithworks, supporting lone parent families. At Christmas they give gifts to local families, and as a church we'd like to provide some gifts. On Sunday 7th December please bring a new toy or monetary gift to church. Thank you.

- Tearfund: We will be supporting our mission partner Tearfund this Christmas as they share God's love in practical ways around the world where the need is greatest. Tearfund will double your donation to their Christmas appeal. Click here for details: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christmas-appeal>

- Poole Foodbank: We are once again inviting you to donate non-perishable foods items to help local people in need. Please see the Foodbank box and leaflets at the back of church for details of what to give.

- Winter Clothing Project: Liz Howes is once again running the Winter Clothing Project for the homeless in Parkstone, with Parkstone United Reformed Church. Donations of men's clothing socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, etc would be much appreciated. Please place any items in the plastic box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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 payable to 'St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC' to the Church Office, Wellington Road, Poole BH14 9LF

Church Office opening hours week commencing 1st December 2025: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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