

SUNDAY 31st MARCH & SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2024

EASTER DAY & SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Don’t be alarmed... You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” (Mark 16:6)

Please remember: the clocks spring forward one hour on the morning of Easter Day!

Sunday 31st March	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel	
	10.00am	Easter Breakfast available in Church before the service!	
	10.30am	Easter Day All Age Communion Service in Church and on Zoom.	
		Theme: Easter Day: Jesus is risen!	
		Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 & Mark 16:1-8	
		Leader: Stuart Cocksedge	Talk: John Parrett
Sunday 7th April	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in the Side Chapel	
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom.	
		Theme: Resurrection: A love stronger than death	
		Reading: John 11:17-44	
		Leader: Justin Coldstream	Talk: John Bassett

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 1 st	No Prayer Meeting today due to the Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd	9.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thursday 4 th	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 7 th	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am Morning Worship with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom
Monday 8 th	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Tuesday 9 th	10.10am Families First in the Church Rooms
Wednesday 10 th	9.30am Midweek Worship on Zoom
Thursday 11 th	9.15am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Saturday 13 th	9.30am Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
Sunday 14 th	9.00am Messy Church
	10.00am Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am Holy Communion with children’s groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke’s family,

I hope you are well and may have been able to find time this Holy Week to focus on **Jesus** and his great **love** for us shown at the cross where he died in our place. Now, as we come to **celebrate** Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Day, I pray that we will be amazed again by this good news. For Jesus’ followers on that first Easter morning, it was the most amazing **surprise**, and it changed everything for them. May it be the same for us.

Please note, this news sheet covers two Sundays. Please turn over for a reminder about our forthcoming annual meeting (APCM) and vacancies on our PCC. I wish you all a very **Happy Easter!**

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for Easter Day: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray that all who come to our Easter services will be touched by the good news of Jesus's death and resurrection.
- Pray for all those within our church family who are unwell and unable to worship with us in person, especially Margaret Holst, Virginia, Claire Storey's sister Gina and Tim and Cecile Lynes.

This week we are praying for Open Doors – Praying for Persecuted Women

"For as woman came from man, so also man is born of a woman. But everything comes from God." 1 Cor 11:12. In many parts of the Middle East, girls are often seen as inferior to boys. Women and girls are often denied education and career opportunities. Many women face violence and oppression while others struggle with feelings of worthlessness. Pray that they will discover their identity in Christ and know that they are valued by God. Pray for the safety of women who are at risk of losing everything because of their active Christian faith. Pray that those suffering persecution would be able to pray for and forgive their enemies (Matthew 5:44) Pray too that Christians would wake up to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith, around the world. Pray safety for them as they attend their Easter services in countries where hostility to Christians is rife.

NOTICES

Church office phone not working

Due to an issue with BT, the church office phone line is out of action until 10th April. In the meantime, please call 07921 018488 and leave a message. Helen will respond to any messages. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Good Friday - Open Air Service

To be held in Poole Town Square led by Rev Lucy Holt, St James' Church, Poole on 29th March at 10am. Music from the Poole Salvation Army Band. Refreshments after the service with Poole Methodists at The Spire. All welcome! A group from the churches in Parkstone will be walking into Poole to join the open air service. Please meet at 9am at Parkstone URC, where the walk will depart from.

Andy Hogg

"Gillian and Brian and their family wish to thank all those that helped in so many different ways with Andy's "Celebration of his life" and funeral service last Saturday, 23rd March. We were truly uplifted by the atmosphere and presence of our church family, many of whom wouldn't have known Andy that well, but were there to support us. Everything went so smoothly and we felt the overwhelming love of our Lord throughout the service. The meticulous care and attention by all concerned ensured that Andy was indeed blessed. Thank you."

Annual meeting (APCM) and vacancies on the PCC

Our APCM takes place on Sunday 21st April at 10.30am, as part of our morning service in church. Straight after the APCM, there will be the opportunity to enjoy time together as a church family with a bring and share lunch in church. Please do join us. This year, as well as electing two church wardens, we will have five vacancies to fill on the PCC, and one vacancy for a Deanery Synod rep. If you would be interested in standing for election to one of these positions, please speak to Stuart or the church wardens for more information. Nomination forms are available in church.

Request for help - Open Gardens and fundraising for Poole Wau Partnership

The gardens at 24A Western Avenue, Branksome Park will be open to the public on Sunday 28th April between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. During the open garden we will be providing refreshments and selling Judy's Jams in aid of the Poole Wau Partnership. Offers of help to serve the refreshments and provide homemade cakes will be gratefully received - please let Judy Hudson know if you can help - 01202 721919.

Third Wednesday of the Month

The Holy Communion Service held in the Church Rooms on the third Wednesday of each month, will commence at 11.30am and be followed by a light lunch. All are welcome to the next one on Wednesday 17th April.

Electoral Roll

If you are not on our St Luke's Electoral Roll and wish to be, please pick up a form from the back of church. The final date for forms is 1st April 2024. Speak to Roger Jones, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions.

Church Work Party

This takes place on Saturday 20th April, starting at 10.00am. Please put the date in your diary and join us if you can!



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 1st Apr - Cover in the office: Wed 9.00am – 4.30pm and Fri 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Week commencing 8th Apr: Mon 9.30am – 4.30pm, Wed 10.30am – 4.30pm and Fri 12.30pm – 4.30pm
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