

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2025

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Sunday 31st August	10.00am	Pre-Service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Service in Church and on Zoom
	Theme:	Heroes Academy Holiday Club Celebration Service
	Readings:	1 Timothy 1:15, John 15:13-15, Luke 1:30-33
	Leader:	Anna Counsell
	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 followed by coffee
Thursday 4 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Pennant House (No St Luke's Toddlers due to school summer holiday)
Friday 5 th	10.30am	MyChurchSuite drop-in (until 12.30pm)
		(No Fab Friday or Youth Club due to school summer holiday)
Saturday 6 th	12.30pm	Wedding of Hope Stevenson and Jamie Plumb in Church
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	Holy Communion in Church
	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom

Dear St Luke's family,

This week at Heroes Academy Holiday Club we've played superhero games, we've explored the lives of some heroes of the Bible, and we've learned about Jesus himself, God's Son who came into the world to save us. In films and on TV, fictional superheroes use their powers to help and rescue people from physical danger. But once the crisis is over and the people are safe, the superhero tends to be gone. In contrast, the Bible reveals God's rescue plan for humankind. Because of his great love for us, God sent Jesus into the world to save us from sin and death. And our Saviour Jesus doesn't leave us on our own. When we turn to him, he promises to forgive us, to help us, and to be with us always. God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Prayer for Eleventh Sunday After Trinity: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Pray for peace in areas affected by war and conflict, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudans.
- Pray for the work of the St Luke's Pastoral Team as they offer care, support and practical help, especially to those who are elderly or isolated.
- Pray for Hope Stevenson and Jamie Plumb who will be married at St Luke's on Saturday 6th September.
- 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), Margaret Holst, Lisa, Louise, Matthew, George Palmer, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sue Rushton, Tina, and Sid Wells.

This week we are praying for Families First (MU) (who have been raising money to bring hope to DR Congo)

Lord, we entrust the people and the nation of the Democratic Republic of Congo into your loving hands. May your peace overcome every conflict, and may your mercy usher in a new season of sustainable development for this land. Strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and let your light shine in the darkness. We go forward as brothers and sisters in Christ trusting in your power and love. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5 th Sept 10.30am – 12.30pm	MyChurchSuite Drop-in in the Church Office
Saturday 13 th September 10am	St Luke's Work Morning (until 1pm)
Sunday 14 th September	Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day after the morning service
Sunday 21 st September 6pm	St Luke's Prayer Evening (until 8pm) (more details to follow)
Monday 29 th September 1.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting in Church Rooms (including a talk on changes to local NHS services – all are welcome to this part of the meeting)

NOTICES

Heroes Academy Holiday Club – Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone on our amazing Holiday Club team! Over the past week they have done a brilliant job of welcoming the children, encouraging them to get to know each other and have fun, and helping them discover more of Jesus through songs, crafts, Bible stories, and games.

Autumn Term sermon series and Connect Group study notes

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we'll be exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in our Sunday sermons and in Connect Groups. Copies of the study notes for Connect Groups are available at the back of church. If you aren't currently in a Connect Group and would like to join one, or find out more, please speak to Stuart.

Poole Wau Partnership Prayer Meeting

Join others to pray for Wau on Monday 1st September at 12.15pm at St James' Church, Church Street, Poole BH15 1JP.

Sad news

Some of you will remember Val Offer and her daughter Laura. Sadly, Laura died recently. This was very suddenly, after she was diagnosed with leukemia only a few days earlier. This has been devastating for Val, please do pray for her.

Laura's funeral will be at Harbour View on Saturday 27th September at 10.30am.

Funeral of John Singer

This will be held at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 17th September at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. We would also like to express thanks to all the staff at Pennant House who have cared for John over the last 4 years.

Reorganisation at the back of church

We have reorganised the area at the back of church, to clear and declutter the space. Hymn books and Bibles are now in the shelves on the right as you come into church, and we are creating a new library area in the corner beside the creche room (this will be ready in a few weeks' time). The pigeonholes are now in the corner nearer to the toilets. We will also be refreshing information on some of the noticeboards. If you have any questions or feedback do let us know.

Job Opportunity: Faithworks is seeking an inspiring Christian to lead Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank

Poole Lifecentre & Foodbank supported over 1,250 individuals and families last year, providing urgent practical help around food, housing, debt and isolation, and walking alongside people, giving confidence and tools to rebuild their lives. Faithworks is a faith-driven charity committed to generosity, integrity, and grace. Please pray, and direct anyone interested to: <https://faith-works.org.uk/get-involved/job-vacancies/> Closing date: Monday 8th September, 12 noon.

Pattern of Saturday prayer meetings

Please note that our fortnightly Saturday morning prayer meetings at 9.30am now take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. We hope this makes it easier to keep track of when they are happening.

Helping you with MyChurchSuite – Friday 5th September

Many of you are now using MyChurchSuite to keep your details up to date and check when you are serving on rotas, which is great. We are aware that not everyone finds technology easy, so we have another drop-in session in the church office on **Friday 5th September** between 10.30am and 12.30pm. We can help with: how to get set up on your phone or computer, how to update your personal details, how to provide your unavailability, and more. All welcome!

Monthly 9am Holy Communion Service – Starting in September

Starting on Sunday 7th September, we will trial holding a simple service of Holy Communion at 9am on the first Sunday of the month. This will be a quiet service with hymns on the piano, lasting just under an hour. All are welcome.

Kids and Youth Ministry Team Day – Sunday 14th September, 12 noon – 3pm

This will be a time for everyone involved in children's and youth ministry at St Luke's to come together as a team for some training and to think about our vision and plans going forward. We'll meet after the morning service and lunch will be provided. Please put the date in your diary and join us on Sunday 14th September.

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 September 2025 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 3pm

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