

SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 10.30 am **Morning Worship** - Church and Zoom with childrens groups
 Leading: Chris Strain Talk: John Bassett Readings: Mark 4:34-39, Psalm 102 Theme: "Jesus, Son of Man"
 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81070235778?pwd=TWxDcXpGSjQ4REVGNHlrRjRkU3Vpdz09>
 Zoom Meeting ID:810 7023 5778 Password: 187264. To phone in, ring 0203 4815237 and use same info
- 3.30 pm Confirmation Group – at the Vicarage
- 5.00 pm **Evening Prayer** – Zoom only

Events this week

Wednesday 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Chapel
	5.00 pm	Prayer Half-Hour by Zoom (usual Zoom link) – with the Cables from Jaffa
	7.00 pm	Ladies Christmas Crafts – in Church
Thursday 2 nd	10.00 am	Parents and Toddlers in Church
Friday 3 rd	6.30 pm	Christmas Choir practice – Church Rooms
	7.30 pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – year 6 and up
Sunday 5 th	10.30 am	All Age Worship - in church and on Zoom
	3.30 pm	Confirmation Group – in the Vicarage
	5.00 pm	Holy Communion – Church Rooms

The church is usually open for private prayer during the day.

Events

A Taste of Christmas – Saturday 11th December, 2pm to 4pm

A free family event – come along for an afternoon of festive fun for the whole family, with crafts, activities, food, carols and a talk to get you ready for Christmas. No need to book. Speak to Anna for more information.

Cantabile Christmas Concert

Jean Holt is conducting the Cantabile Christmas Concert here at St Luke's on Sunday 12th December at 6.30 pm. Tickets £10 on the door. Concessions for students. Do come and enjoy this event in which many of our members are singing.

Journey of the Magi – St Peter's, Parkstone

Tickets are on sale for Journey of the Magi - a spectacular Christmas show for all ages at St Peter's, Parkstone - 7pm on Saturday 18th December. Children £3 (0-15yrs), and adults £5. A sparkling production of dance, theatre, song and poetry brought to you by @SpringsDanceCompany. To book tickets: <https://buytickets.at/stpeterschurchparkstone/609981>

PACE Carol Service

PACE are holding their Carol Service on Thursday 9th December 7-8.30pm at St Paul's Church, Throop. Followed by refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies. Book your place by emailing office@pacetrust.org.uk or call 07375 672098. All are welcome.

Prayers

Special Prayer for 1st Sunday of Advent: *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Pray for Evangelical Alliance: We pray for the work of the Evangelical Alliance, of which St Luke's is a member. Pray that the Evangelical Alliance would witness to the Gospel and its values in our nation in times of cultural change.

Pray for local schools facing increased Covid cases and all in education. Remember and pray for those St Luke's members who are unwell.

Notices

Creation Care Board

A "Creation Care Board" has been set up at the back of the church with your suggestions on it from two weeks ago. Please continue to consider how we as a church can work together on this issue. If we are to progress we need everyone to own the idea. There is a suggestion box for your ongoing thoughts by the board. Thank you - *Tuesday Lunchtime Connect group*.

Revd Ben Strain

"We are delighted to let you know that Ben has been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity Sydenham and Forest Hill in the Diocese of Southwark. Ben and Lydia, along with Tilly and Beatrice, will move from St Paul's Ealing in December. The licensing will probably be on Sunday 9th January in the evening. Thanks to the St Luke's Church family for your prayers and support of Ben, Anna and Helen over the years." Chris and Maggie

Church Security and Locking Up Rota – New volunteers required

We are looking for additional volunteers to join the small team who check and lock the church at the end of the afternoon on weekdays and Saturdays. Duties will also involve occasionally opening the church in the morning on those days and other security matters. Currently the volunteers are on duty once in every 7 weeks but additional volunteers would reduce the number of duties per year. For further information please speak to Richard Hudson.

Flowers

The flowers in the church this week are from Sidney Wells in memory of his wife Ann, who passed away 27th November 2013.

Church Office

Lesley has now been released from Jury Service. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for the Food Bank

Roger and Linda Jones have delivered the first car-load of food to the Food Bank following St Luke's Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal. Our church family have been very generous and caring in the donations that they have made, and St Clements, who co-ordinates donations, were very appreciative and wanted to pass on their thanks to St Luke's. If you wanted to be involved, there is still time, just pick up a Reverse Advent Calendar from the back of church.

Thank you

Astrid and the family would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind messages of sympathy following the death of Malcolm.

Supporting St Luke's financially

Our income continues to be under budget and we would encourage all members to support us financially please. For BACS payments or to set up a standing order our bank details are: *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. Thank you.

Advent Reflection Booklet

Our Deanery has produced its own special booklet for Advent. Please do take and use a copy (available from the back of church). Feel able to take a couple more for friends, family, neighbours, etc. Booklets are free.

St Luke's Christmas Cards for distribution

Our Christmas Card with details of services will be available for distribution from Wednesday 1st December. Please could those who are able take a marked envelope (or several) and deliver over the next two weeks. Hope magazines are also available to use more selectively. Thank you.

Covid – continue to take care

With increasing cases of Covid we would continue to ask everyone to take care, wash hands, wear face coverings, open windows and socially distance where possible. Please also be conscious of others' sensitivities. We would ask people not to leave Christmas Cards at church this year as huddling around a table does not seem sensible. Do, of course, feel able to send or pass cards to others if you wish.



Week commencing 29th Nov, the office will open Mon and Wed 9am to 12.30 pm and Thursday 9am to 5pm

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