

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021 – 18TH AFTER TRINITY – HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We welcome everyone to our Harvest Festival Service today.

10.30 am **Harvest Thanksgiving – All Age Service** - Church and Zoom

Theme: Seed-time and Harvest Readings: Mark 4:3-9, 13-20

Leader: Chris Strain Talk: Anna Counsell

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

5.00 pm **Holy Communion** – in Chancel – come and draw near to God

Forthcoming weekday events

Monday 4 th	12.30 pm	Poole Wau South Sudan Prayer – Zoom link from Sue Walkden
	2.00 pm	Bournemouth Collegiate School Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday 5 th	11.00 am	Funeral of Gerald Hanson
Wednesday 6 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion - in Chancel
	5.00pm	Prayer Half-Hour by Zoom (usual Zoom link)
Thursday 7 th	10.00 am	Parents and Toddlers in Church (until 11.30 am)
	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod
Friday 8 th	7.30 pm	Youth Club in Hall (until 9pm) – year 6 and up
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	Morning Worship in church and on Zoom
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – in Church Rooms

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

 **A Harvest prayer from Tearfund:**

Better is one day in your presence Lord, than a week in our favourite place, with our closest friends.

Better is one day understanding your will for your church, Lord, than a month following our own direction.

Better is one day doing your work – as your church – Lord, than a year labouring alone.

Better is one day fulfilling your call, showing mercy to the poor, Lord, than a decade living for ourselves.

Better is one day seeing potential released, and poor communities given hope, Lord,

than a lifetime lived without the fire of your mercy drawing us to act.

And so we ask, this day, as we enter your presence, for more than a day Lord, far more.

We ask a lifetime in your presence, Lord, bring healing where there is need, knowledge of you where there is none.

We ask for a broken spirit, Lord, that in the ashes of our own will, you will grow a spirit that longs for justice.

We ask that from these ashes will grow a desire to end poverty, Lord, as we work with churches around the world.

Better is one day in your presence, Lord, so let us today remain at your feet. Amen.

Harvest Thanksgiving

This Sunday we celebrate God's faithfulness, love and generosity to us in our Harvest Thanksgiving and give Him our joyful thanks and praise. The 10.30 am service includes some traditional hymns! This year any food and marked financial gifts will go to Poole Food Bank. All tinned and boxed gifts are gratefully received. You may also consider a gift to Tearfund directly or through the church (duly marked). Thank you greatly to all those who have decorated the church for Harvest.

CMS Mission Partners – Bennetts Farewell and Cables Welcome

The Bennetts have been wonderful CMS partners with us over the last four or five years. As you may know they are settling back in Scotland from Rwanda. They have put together a 9 minute video for us and others. Do click on the link, watch, give thanks and pray for them. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/y0o5e9w2yb09acl/Bennetts%20Farewell.mp4?dl=0>



The PCC and Mission Team have agreed that we should now partner with **Kevin and Jen Cable** working in Jaffa (Joppa) in Israel. They have been called to re-open an historic Anglican Church in Jaffa and strengthen the presence of Christ in the Middle East. To read more about them pick up a letter and see the CMS noticeboard in church (top right board). Andy Roberts and Jo Haslam-Jones are our CMS reps at St Luke's.

"Families First" is back

Families First will be meeting again at 10.30 on Tuesday 12th October in the Church Rooms for coffee and cake. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after what has been such a long break.

Confirmation Group

Chris will be beginning a Confirmation Group on Sunday 7th November at 3.30 pm. All over 12's are welcome. Please speak to Chris if you are interested.

A thank you from Fiona and James Attenborough

"We wanted to pass on our thanks, as a family, for all of the hard work by Chris and so many of the members of St Luke's that made Rachael and Max's wedding day so special. We received so many compliments by many of our guests to say what a lovely service it was and how beautiful the Church looked with all the stunning floral arrangements." *Fiona & James Attenborough*

Generous Giving – Transforming our giving in respond to God's generosity

We are joining with all in the Diocese of Salisbury in the "Generous Giving" programme. We are encouraging everyone to consider afresh the loving generosity of God to us and our response as generous grateful people. How might we offer our time, talents and finances at this challenging time so that we can grow God's Kingdom? Please pick up a copy of the Diocesan leaflet and also read our Giving to Grow leaflet. Thank you.

PRAYERS

We give thanks for the Harvest and God's rich generosity and goodness, and pray we would not forget his provision. We pray that we would care for the environment and take urgent steps to change our ways. Pray for the forthcoming COP26 Conference.

Please pray for: Derek Lee in Drumconner Nursing Home and his family, Mary and John Wartnaby, Marian Laird, and Michael James (Claire Storey's father). Continue to remember others previously mentioned.

Special Prayer for the 18th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Special Prayer for Harvest: *Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

Church Finances and Giving

Thank you for your commitment to maintain and grow our church life. **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.



NOTICES FOR NEWSHEET NEED TO BE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE BY FRIDAY 9AM PLEASE

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