

St Luke's Church Parkstone

A community of whole-life disciples of Jesus Christ committed to worship, growth, partnership & mission

Sunday 2nd May 2021 5th of Easter

10.30am All Age Worship in church and by zoom

Theme: 'Readjusting our Gaze'

Leader: Chris Strain Preacher: Anna Counsell

Readings: Psalm 86, Mark 4: 35-41 and Hebrews 12: 2

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81070235778?pwd=TWxDcXpGSjQ4REVGNHlrRjRkU3Vpdz09>

5.00pm Holy Communion in the chancel and via Zoom

Worship and Events this coming week and next Sunday

Tuesday 4th	3.30pm	Tea for six at the Vicarage - phone Chris to book in!
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Morning Worship followed by coffee time at 10am (usual Zoom link)
	5.00pm	Prayer Half-Hour by Zoom (usual link)
Thursday 6th	7.00am	Police & Crime Commissioner Elections – in church until 10pm
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Morning Worship
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in church and by Zoom
Thursday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion for Ascension Day

 **Pray this week for the work of Tearfund:** *Tearfund are focusing their prayers on India this week. Pray that the aid including oxygen reaches those in need it, that the situation calms down and the vaccine program progresses quickly.*

Get Involved in Christian Aid Week: 10th - 16th May

This year the focus of Christian Aid Week will be the global climate crisis we currently find ourselves in and the effects it is having on the worlds poorest. Information on how to get involved is within the newsheet emailed out or you can pick up a flyer from the church. If you are able to deliver envelopes to a road or two during the week (no collection necessary) please get in touch with Becky Hebditch: rebeccahebditch@outlook.com or see directory.

Three ways you can give a bit extra to church funds

- Give as you live - pays a small percentage of your online purchasing to St Luke's - download the app.
- Also give directly (including gift aid) from the Give as You Live button on our website
- Ecclesiastical Insurance Company - they are offering £130 to St Luke's for every new policy taken out.

Please ask Steve for more information.

A note to weekly envelope givers - As you have hardly been able to use weekly envelopes in the 2020-21 tax year, please use them this year and change the date on them. I have still got some from last April at church, so please ask me for them if needed. Thank you for your donations so far, however given. Many thanks Steve Blight

Accessing Services online

Our Services are available to view from links on our web site: <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/> Click on "Talks" which brings you to a page where you can select the service you want <https://stlukesparkstone.org.uk/71/Talks>

"Thy Kingdom Come"

The Church throughout the world is praying together **"Thy Kingdom Come" from Ascension Day 13th May to Pentecost 23rd May**. Do join in. Free "Prayer Journals" for each person have been placed on chairs and at back of church today, and will be available next Sunday. If you would like one to be delivered or posted to you, please ask Christine and we will be pleased to let you have a copy. We also have Family Prayer Maps. Also go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for more information and maybe subscribe.

Retreat Reflections "Crossing an Unknown Sea"

Can we again commend to you the excellent Lee Abbey retreat video reflections by David Runcorn with supporting material. The link for the one which relates to today's service is [Two – Don't You Care We Are Perishing – Lee Abbey Devon](#) . or go to the Lee Abbey web site. Do explore the themes within this on your own or with others.

PRAYERS

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for

- The people of India as they struggle to cope with a second wave of Covid 19. Pray for the International response; that aid will reach those who need it; for the sick and bereaved and for all hospital staff.
- Joy Dale (operation on Wednesday), Marian Laird (now at home) and Derek Lee (in Drumconner Care Home) Margaret and David B-J (friends of the Westfields)

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Special Prayer for the 5th Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Church Finances and Giving

We appreciate your commitment going forwards to enable us 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. Thank you



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Psalm 86

A prayer of David.

¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do marvellous deeds;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.