

SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY

“And being found in appearance as a man, Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:8)

10.00am **Pre-Service Prayers** in the Side Chapel

10.30am **Palm Sunday Morning Worship** with children's groups, in Church and on Zoom.

Theme: Palm Sunday

Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 & Mark 11:1-11

Leader/Talk: Stuart Cocksedge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Monday 25 th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	2.00pm	Pastoral Meeting in Church Rooms
	7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection (until 7.30pm)
Tuesday 26 th	10.30am	Bournemouth Collegiate School Easter Service
	7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection (until 7.30pm)
Wednesday 27 th	7.00pm	Holy Week Reflection (until 7.30pm)
Thursday 28 th	9.15am	Prayer Meeting in Side Chapel
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service in Church
Friday 29 th	10.00am	Messy Easter (until 12.00pm)
	2.00pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	Pre-service Prayers in Side Chapel
	10.30am	All Age Easter Communion in Church and on Zoom

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour

Dear St Luke's family,

You are invited to join with us as we journey through the events of Holy Week and Easter. From Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we then have Holy Week Reflections for half an hour each evening at 7pm (Monday - Wednesday), and a service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 7pm. Then on Good Friday we have Messy Easter at 10am (a family friendly event with crafts, games, refreshments, songs and a short talk) and we mark the Last Hour at the Cross at 2pm (a quiet, reflective service). Finally, on Easter Day we gather to celebrate the amazing good news that Jesus is alive, with an All Age Easter Communion service at 10.30am (and don't forget that the clocks go forward in the early hours of Easter Day). Please do join us for breakfast before this service (bacon or sausage baps or a vegetarian alternative) - sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we have an idea of numbers.

And please turn over for more details of our forthcoming APCM (annual meeting) and vacancies on our PCC.

God bless, Stuart

PRAYERS

Special Prayer for the Palm Sunday: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Please:

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land, and for the Cables in Israel.
- Pray for our forthcoming Easter services, that all who come will hear and 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.
- Pray for Anna as she recovers at home from her recent operation.

This week we are praying for CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Please pray for all the 700 CPAS Patronage church leaders, together with the leaders of the children's Venture and Falcon camps, to be held later this year. Lord as they go about their daily work, provide them with Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Wisdom and Tenacity both in their public activities and reflecting who they are in private. Amen. "Ephesians 3:14-21"

NOTICES

Giving Weekend – March 2024

'Thank you to all who have responded to our Gift Days recently. We have received pledges of an extra £700+ per month on standing orders, and one-off gifts or pledges of over £9,000. This will help greatly with meeting our expected costs and mission this year. More responses to Gift Weekend are welcome at any time.

With thanks - Steve Blight, Honorary Treasurer'

Annual meeting (APCM) and vacancies on the PCC

As mentioned last week, our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) takes place on Sunday 21st April at 10.30am, as part of our morning service in church. This is an important occasion to give thanks as we look back at 2023, and to look ahead to what God may do in and through us in the future at St Luke's. 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 will be available in church.

Winter Clothing Project

A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the Winter Clothing Project. The items have been greatly appreciated by all those who are homeless in Parkstone. Thank you all.

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.

Easter Eggs

Families First are collecting money to buy Real Easter eggs, which tell the Christian story of Easter. These eggs will be given to all the children living at the Refuge in Poole. If you would like to donate £5 for an egg, please give it to Liz Howes or Anne Roberts.

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.

Easter Services

Who could you invite to our Easter services? Let them know about our services by sending them this link to our "A Church Near You" site: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9407/service-and-events/easter/>

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!

Church Work Party

We will be holding a work party 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

Thank you in advance for your donations in 2024. The majority of our income is from regular monthly giving by standing order.



You can also give using cash and cheques, and through our contactless card reader and this QR code (we pay a percentage fee for these methods). If you pay enough income tax, we can claim 25% of your donations back from HMRC (most people have completed the necessary form in the past, but if you are unsure whether we have your details up to date please ask Steve Blight for a new form). We also claim tax relief on all money in the collection plate at our Sunday services using the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme introduced in 2013. This has been a very welcome boost to our income. Thank you!

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

Week commencing 25th Mar - Cover in the office: Mon 9.30am – 4.30pm and Wed 10.30am – 4.30pm

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