

# St Luke's Church Parkstone

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

## Verse for 2021

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 1<sup>st</sup> of Epiphany

**9.30am Children's Group via zoom** led by Anna Counsell [annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com](mailto:annastainer.stlukes@gmail.com)

Usual link as per email. Do join in - please bring, pens, paper, scissors and glue if you can

**10.30am Worship by zoom and option to attend in person at Church**

Theme: 'Baptism and Joy' Leader and Preacher: Chris Strain Reading: Mark 1:4-11

We welcome Abigail and James Norris and their families for their Baptism today.

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

**5.00pm Evening Prayer via zoom only** - Led by Carole Schouten

Usual link each week for both services with password – see above, email or the website (just click)

## This week and next Sunday

- ✚ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon Funeral of Diana Hanson** - St. Luke's
- ✚ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – Pastoral Team Meeting** via zoom
- ✚ **PACE Prayer Meeting this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon via zoom.** Let Chris know if you would like the link.
- ✚ **Wednesday worship is at 9.30am** by zoom (*usual link*) followed by virtual Coffee Morning at **10am**
- ✚ **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm – World Church and Mission Team** via zoom
- ✚ **Friend International Evening on Youtube** – see notice below
- ✚ **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Morning Worship on zoom and in church** – led by John Pattison

## Services during Lockdown

- ✚ We are living through challenging times and need wisdom in all our thinking. All local churches are having to make hard decisions about worship taking into account Government directives, national, diocesan and local church advice and individual contexts and thinking. Your PCC Standing Committee has been leading on service patterns and met last Wednesday. It was agreed that for this and next Sunday morning we would lead a service principally on zoom from the church building with all being encouraged to attend by zoom rather than physically, but with the option to be present in the building should individuals take that personal decision and wish to be present for whatever reason. The heating will be on but we would counsel people to consider staying at home and joining us on Zoom as the preferred option at this difficult time. We shall review the situation at the PCC on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding. Do keep safe.
- ✚ There will be a children's 40 minute zoom group led by Anna at 9.30am with no provision for children in church at 10.30am. The PCC will discuss this further on 18<sup>th</sup> January with a view to continuing or varying this plan. In any event, please watch out for services We shall continue with worship at 5pm on Sundays and 9.30am on Wednesdays by zoom only
- ✚ In accordance with government regulations the Church is not open for private prayer at this time.

**ALPHA 2021** [www.alpha.org/try-alpha/](http://www.alpha.org/try-alpha/) [info@poolealpha.co.uk](mailto:info@poolealpha.co.uk)

Got plans for 2021? Alpha is your opportunity to ask the big questions about life, faith and meaning in a friendly, open & relaxed way. Connect with others across Poole online to watch a series of short films about the Christian faith and discuss. You can join online, from home, with no expectations or commitment. And it's free. **Alpha begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm.**

## Join a Connect Group in 2021

Connect Groups are a great way of learning & growing in faith in a small group a good way to get to know and support each other. Groups are continuing to meet via zoom. Do speak with Chris if you would like to join a daytime or evening group.

## Verse for 2021

Do pick up a verse card (or several) and allow it to speak to you. See also verses for the last 10 years, sent out by email and maybe print off.

## Friends International Evening on Youtube – next Friday 15th January at 8pm

You are invited to Join an evening of celebration of the work of Friends International serving international students by going to [Looking Up, Moving Forward | Friends International](#)

## Winter Clothing Project

Good condition donations of scarfs, hats, coats, jumpers or socks for MEN wanted. To remain Covid safe donations can be left in the driveway of Liz Howes, 5 Earlham Drive. Thank you. Contact: [jwghowes@gmail.com](mailto:jwghowes@gmail.com)

## Jean Northover

We all extend our deep sympathy to Christine and Linda and their families following the passing of Jean last Sunday. They are all very much in our prayers, especially at this difficult time. The funeral, which has to be by invitation only, is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. Chris on behalf of the St Luke's family.

## PRAYERS

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

### Please pray for:

- ✚ The Alpha Course, starting online on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Pray for a good uptake, for those who are leading; that those taking part will be open to learn about faith and life.
- ✚ The Work of Open Doors - Give thanks for the provision in 2020 for so many Christians who suffer because of their faith, remembering particularly 60,000 North Korean believers who received food and medical aid through Chinese networks and 2,180 Syrian believers who received support for a year through donations to Open Doors. Pray that we enlarge our hearts to pray and to give as persecution increases, knowing that 1 in 8 Christians suffer persecution and 2,983 were murdered last year. We pray for God's protection and covering over these precious souls. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, Margaret B-J (friend of the Westfields), Bobby Matthews, Claire Burgess, Joy Dale and for all those who grieve:

- ✚ The family of Diana Hanson (funeral tomorrow).
- ✚ The family and friends of Angie Threadgold who died on Sunday,
- ✚ Linda, Christine and family following the death of their mother, Jean Northover

**Special Prayer for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany:** *Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

**Special Prayer from last Sunday – (note the 'Joy'):** *Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

## Church Finances and Giving

Thank you on behalf of one another for your support. We are grateful. We appreciate your commitment going forwards to enable us to maintain and grow our church life. **Our bank details are: Account No: 00008836 Sort Code: 40-52-40 CAF Bank Limited St Luke's Church, Parkstone PCC.** You can also send a cheque to St Luke's Church Parkstone PCC to the Church Office Wellington Road Parkstone BH14 9LF

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