

St Luke's Church Parkstone

A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

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

Sunday 20th and 27th December 2020

Welcome to our services, in church or on zoom. We rejoice with all our hearts today at the wonderful truth that Jesus came to earth, the Light of the World, to show God's love, save us from sin and reconcile us to our Father in heaven.

Christmas Services this week and next in the building + by Zoom

The Zoom Link Is One Click on Our Web Site stlukesparkstone.org.uk

Sunday 20th	10.30	Christingle Service (see notice below)
	17.00	Carol Service - 'Comfort and Joy'
Monday 21st	18.00	Carol Singing outside St Luke's
Tuesday 22 nd	18.00	Carol Singing starting at Hall
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30	Worship by zoom (<i>usual link</i>) followed by virtual Coffee at 10am
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.30	Christmas Praise + Communion
Sunday 27 th	10.30	Morning Worship
Wednesday 29 th	9.30	Worship by zoom (<i>usual link</i>) followed by virtual Coffee at 10am

*The church will be open from 10.00 – 12 noon from 21st – 24th for visiting /prayer
Help in being in attendance appreciated – see wardens*

Christingle Service this Sunday 20th December at 10.30am

Do join us in person or via zoom for our **Christingle Service** this Sunday. Either prepare a Christingle in advance and bring it with you, or bring what you need to make one during the service. You will need: 1 orange, (with a hole at the top in which to insert you candle!) 4 cocktail sticks, some dried fruit or small sweets, a piece of red ribbon or tape and a candle. If you prefer, just bring a candle! We look forward to seeing you!

Some Services and Links to visit this Christmas

- ✚ **Christmas** nativity by St James You Tube. This is now on line. It is excellent. Well done St James' <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7RedrHhXL3dQp91OCyWjgw>
- ✚ **PACE** Christmas Assemblies / Presentations for children
- ✚ **Holy Trinity Brompton** Christmas Services www.htb.org
- ✚ **Visit Salisbury and other Cathedrals** for special services
- ✚ **Lectio365** app
- ✚ **St Luke's web site** for TALKs and maybe even on Youtube – watch out!

Christmas Offering

Our special Christmas offering this year will go to Tearfund. Should you like to give, then St Luke's can receive and send on your donation. Gifts can be by cash, cheque or BACS – *just make sure you identify it as for Tearfund*. Other gifts will go to our own ministry and mission (which we would be delighted if you supported too –details at foot of newsheet!). Or go to the Tearfund web site. Thank you.

Happy Christmas from - Chris & Maggie and their family.

Thank you to everyone for their best wishes and cards etc. We do pray that each will know the love, peace and joy of Jesus at Christmas and into 2021

Christmas Cards

We regret that due to the Covid 19 Pandemic Christmas cards cannot this year be left at the church for collection. We are sorry but we must minimise contact. Thank you for your understanding. Do find other ways to show love and care for one another

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

Thank you

- ✚ To all those who have worked so hard to make the Church inside and out look so lovely for Christmas. Do take some time to look at the Nativity scene in the porch
- ✚ To all those who have donated shoe boxes this year. Over 30 have been collected. Thank you also to the person who knitted hats and to Julie Murphy for organising the collection.

Church Office

The office will be open Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th December and then closed until **Thursday 31st December**.

PRAYERS

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember those for whom Christmas can be a difficult and lonely time and pray for our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

Please pray for:

- Our life as a Church in 2021 after what has been a very difficult and different year for us all. Pray for deepening worship, growing discipleship and service; that others would come to know Jesus through our witness and outreach.
- For the work of Tearfund. This year's Christmas collection will be donated to Tearfund who tackle poverty, respond to disasters and challenge injustice throughout the world.

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.

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, Margaret B-J (friend of the Westfields), Angie Threadgold, Bobby Matthews, Claire Burgess, John Singer, Jean Northover, Corin Baird, Joy Dale.

Special Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Advent *God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Special Prayer for Christmas Day: *Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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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