

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> of Christmas

**10.30am All Age Worship in Church and via zoom** (join from 10.20)

Leader: Chris Strain Preacher: John Pattison

**5.00pm Evening Prayer via zoom**

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

## This week and next Sunday

- ✚ **Maggie Strain's House of Games this Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm.** See notice below.
- ✚ **PACE Prayer Meeting this Tuesday, 5<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**
- ✚ **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Morning Worship in church and on zoom** – led by Chris Strain

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

Alpha begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm with other churches online. Please

- Pray and ask God to bring people along
- Invite friends personally – A6 cards available
- Speak to Chris if you would like to be involved.

## 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 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.

## Standing Committee and PCC

These will be meeting virtually on 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please let Chris know if you have any agenda items. More assistance with church and hall teams would be greatly appreciated. Speak with the churchwardens or Chris.

## Maggie Strain's House of Games!

This **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**. Join Chris and Maggie on zoom (normal link) for some games. We would love to see you.

## 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 Earham Drive. Thank you. Contact: [jwghowes@gmail.com](mailto:jwghowes@gmail.com)

## Christmas 2020 and Early 2021

Thank you for all your Christmas greetings; to all who decorated the church building, arranged the tableaux and helped in any way. We shall continue to be led by the wider church and consult regarding the services we arrange over the coming weeks.

## Give thanks and thank you

Liz Howes would like to thank everyone for praying for Corin Baird. Give thanks that Corin is making very steady progress and that both he and his family very much appreciate all the prayers and support.

## PRAYERS

After the difficulties of 2020 pray that the Lord will continue to keep us, under the shadow of His mercy; sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low. As we enter 2021 pray for God's mercy and grace. Let us walk by faith into this new year, giving thanks to God for His compassion and righteousness, knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Special Prayer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas:** *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*

**Special Prayer for Epiphany:** *O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

### Please pray for:

- ✚ Our life as a Church in 2021; for deepening worship, growing discipleship and service; that others would come to know Jesus through our witness and outreach. Pray for Chris, the churchwardens, Glenda and Virginia and all who lead us at St. Luke's.
- ✚ Our Children and young people as the term starts; for Anna Counsell, all leaders and helpers; our local schools, the students, teachers and assistants during this difficult time. Pray also for all those returning to University.
- ✚ The Wau Diocese, South Sudan. Pray for Archbishop Moses and his family and for Christian roots to grow in fertile soil. Pray for all peace and reconciliation talks. Pray for protection for all from violence and disease and for God's peace to prevail.
- ✚ Ben and Anna Counsell, moving into their new home

We pray especially for Andy Hogg, Margaret B-J (friend of the Westfields), Angie Threadgold, Bobby Matthews, Claire Burgess, John Singer, Jean Northover, Joy Dale, the family of Diana Hanson (funeral on 11<sup>th</sup> January).

## 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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